

GALENA USD 499
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, October 13, 2025
News Notes

The board voted to approve the following items during the regular meeting:

- Resignation of board member Josh Reed
- Moving the Superintendent evaluation to December of each year
- Hiring Josh Reed, part-time bus driver
- Resignation of Ashley Gifford, MS assistant girl basketball coach
- Hiring Matt Meyr (Head) and Ross Bailey (assistant) MS girls basketball coaches
- Resignation of Lisa Botkin from two supplemental positions, KESA and Intervention Coordinator
- Hiring Jacoby Martin, Intervention Coordinator
- Hiring John Van Nieuwenhuyse, KESA

Mr. VanCleave shared with the board a letter from Randy Watson the Kansas Commissioner of Education

The Kansans Can Star Recognition Program recognizes district success in the outcome measures Kansans told us they value, and it is clear that Galena and other Kansas districts like yours are moving us closer to achieving the state's vision. KSDE and the State Board are pleased to present Galena the following recognition for 2025: Academically Prepared for Postsecondary

Mr. VanCleave gave a bond update: Sheet rock is going up in the new special education classroom, the new roof is finished and two new HVAC units are set.



The next regular scheduled Board of Education meeting is Monday, November 10, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.