

GALENA USD 499
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, June 8, 2026
News Notes

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

- Building handbooks
- Substance Abuse policy
- Needs Assessment
- Hiring Kris Williams, part-time title teacher
- Hiring Ken Cook, head MS football coach
- Hiring Ross Bailey, asst MS football coach
- Hiring Jacoby Martin, Head HS boys golf coach
- Hiring Allison Henderson, asst HS volleyball coach
- Hiring Randy Brooks, asst HS football coach

Douglas E Holbert Jr. provided a report to the Board on the progress of the district's summer projects. The Liberty remodel is progressing well, and construction of the new preschool building remains on schedule. Mr. Holbert noted that his staff is doing an outstanding job on the district's summer projects and preparing facilities for the 2026–27 school year.

Shelli VanCleave reported on the first week of the district's summer program. The program currently has 126 students enrolled. During the first week, students participated in reading and math activities, visited the swimming pool, and created art projects with Mr. Cruse in her new classroom. Students also learned basic cooking skills and took part in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. The week concluded with a trip to Joplin, where students visited the World Street Painting Festival and viewed the impressive 3D street art displays.

The Board approved an action directing Mr. VanCleave to work with the middle school principals to review and modify the schedule for the 2026–27 school year.

The next regular scheduled Board of Education meeting is Monday, July 13, 2026 at 6:30 P.M.

