

**AVILLA R-XIII SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**  
**April 16, 2025**

- I. The meeting of the Avilla R-XIII School Board was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Collier Downing, President. School Board members present were: Tracy Artym, Savannah Charleston, Collier Downing, Austin Harshaw, Sam Hegwer, Chance Lee, and Adam Thompson. Staff members present were: Russ Cruzan, Superintendent, Chuck Wolfe, Connie Rees, and Sarah Calvin. Community members present were: Faith Calvin.
  
- II. A motion to accept the board agenda as written was made by Adam Thompson. The motion was seconded by Chance Lee.  
7 yes, 0 no
  
- III. Board Reorganization  
Board President, Collier Downing stated that there was no election pursuant to RSMo. 115.124. Board Secretary, Connie Rees gave the oath of office to Savannah Charleston and Austin Harshaw.  
  
Mr. Cruzan began the annual reorganization of the Board of Education by asking for nominations for Board President and Vice-President.  
  
Adam Thompson nominated Collier Downing for Board President. Chance Lee seconded.  
6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstained  
  
Adam Thompson nominated Sam Hegwer for Vice-President. Chance Lee seconded.  
6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstained  
  
Collier Downing as President, asked for nominations for Secretary and Treasurer.  
  
Adam Thompson nominated Connie Rees for Secretary. Savannah Charleston seconded.  
7 yes, 0 no  
  
Chance Lee nominated Adam Thompson for Treasurer. Tracy Artym seconded.  
6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstained
  
- IV. Adjourn Sine Die

- V. A motion was made by Adam Thompson to approve the consent agenda items. The motion was seconded by Savannah Charleston.  
7 yes, 0 no
- A. Approve Minutes of March 12, 2025
  - B. Financial Summary and Report
  - C. Approve Payment of Bills
- VI. Communication/Commendations  
Faith Calvin gave a practice speech regarding Alpha Gal. Faith will be going to the State Competition to represent Lockwood FFA.
- VII. Superintendent Reports  
A. Report given on March 2025 Attendance
- VIII. New Business
- A. Mrs. Calvin gave a report on Technology.
  - B. A motion was made by Tracy Artym and seconded by Sam Hegwer to approve the Career Ladder plan as recommend for the 2025-2026 School Year.  
7 yes, 0 no
  - C. A motion was made by Savannah Charleston and seconded by Sam Hegwer to continue membership with Missouri School Board Association for the 2025-2026 School Year.  
7 yes, 0 no
  - D. A motion was made by Tracy Artym and seconded by Adam Thompson to move the May 2025 board meeting from May 21st, 2025 to May 14th, 2025.  
7 yes, 0 no
- IX. At 7:39 pm a motion was made by Chance Lee and seconded by Adam Thompson to enter into executive session according to Missouri State Statute 610.021 (3). Roll call: Approve – Tracy Artym, Savannah Charleston, Collier Downing, Austin Harshaw, Sam Hegwer, Chance Lee, and Adam Thompson. 0 no

The Board returned to open session.

- X. At 7:56 pm a motion was made by Adam Thompson and seconded by Sam Hegwer to adjourn the meeting of the Avilla R-VIII School Board.  
7 approve, 0 no

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

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