

HOLDEN R-III
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
August 10, 2020
7:00 P.M.

- Tax Rate Hearing:** Dr. Hough conducted the tax rate hearing. He reported the assessed valuation between Johnson and Cass Counties is \$107,855,656, which is approximately \$1.9 million higher than 2019. The tax rates will remain at \$3.75 for operating and \$0.84 for debt service for a total of \$4.59.
- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Tonyea Inglis at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School library.
- Roll Call:** All seven members were present.
- Board Norms:** The Board reviewed their norms.
- Agenda:** A motion by Georgia Jarman, second by Sam Thomason to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
- Consent Agenda:** A motion by Sarah Abel, second by Ray Briscoe to approve the consent agenda which included: 1) Minutes from the June 25th meeting; 2) Payment of Bills; and 3) Sub List Changes. Motion carried 7-0.
- Communications:** None.
- Reports:**
1. **Early Childhood Report**—Sarah Burks shared the Early Childhood report with board members. She reported that the District offers the following early childhood programs: Early Childhood Special Education, Eagles Nest Preschool, and Parent’s as Teachers. (Report attached to minutes)
 2. **Superintendent’s Report**—Dr. Hough shared:
 - a) **MSBA August video highlighting challenges schools are facing with reopening, federal laws regarding staff leave for COVID-19 reasons, and virtual education last spring versus virtual education this fall.** He also shared the MSBA Fall conference will be held virtually in September.
 - b) **Reopening of School in 2020-2021 update**—Dr. Hough reported that families have completed the online registration for 2020-21, approximately 82% have chosen in-person classes, 17% chose virtual, with the remainder not completing the registration process yet. He reported that in surveying District families about 91.4% indicated they have internet access. He also shared that face masks have been ordered for each student and teachers will allow them “mask breaks” throughout the day. Maintenance staff have been building clear dividers for desks/tables in classrooms in order for students to work at their desks without having to wear a mask. Staff members will also be provided with a mask, 2 face shields and SPED and lower Elementary grade teachers will also be provided a clear mask. The staff professional development schedule before school starts has also changed to include a grab n’ go breakfast for the 1st work day back, no staff group pictures or large group meetings with ALL staff. Teachers will still be offered the opportunity to hear a guest speaker on Aug. 13th, with wide physical spacing in the HS gymnasium.
 - c) **Facilities Updates**—Dr. Hough shared that the safety entrances are nearing completion with the safety glass and 2nd set of entry doors being delivered and installed soon. The H.S. chemistry lab case work is ordered and will be installed soon. Roof and HVAC roof work has been completed with some warranty issues being addressed by the companies. The M.S. roof drains that been problematic have been assessed and are being addressed with a remedy to that issue.
- Old Business:**
1. None.
- New Business:**
1. **Set Tax Rates**—A motion by Ray Briscoe, second by Sam Thomason to set the tax rates at \$3.75 for operating and \$0.84 in debt service, for a total of \$4.59 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

New Business:
(Cont.)

2. **ASBR Approval**—A motion by Ray Briscoe, second by Sarah Abel to approve the Annual Secretary of Board report as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
3. **Surplus Items**—A motion by Ray Briscoe, second by Georgia Jarman to approve the surplus list as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Policy Review:

1. **Section A Policy Review**—The board reviewed section A of the board policies. No action taken.
2. **Readopt Board Policy BBFA**—A motion by Sam Thomason, second by Georgia Jarman to readopt board policy BBFA as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Miscellaneous:

1. **Board President Updates**—A board facility tour will begin on Sept. 14th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Elementary office, proceed through the H.S., then the M.S.
The September 14th board meeting agenda will include:
Reports—Annual Food Service, Professional Development, Annual Transportation, and Supt. Updates
New Business—Professional Dev. Plan, IDEA Compliance, District Affiliated Groups, Transportation Routes, Board perpetual calendar
Policy Review—Review Section B, MSBA Policy Updates
2. **MSBA Annual Conference** will be held virtually from Sept. 24-27

Executive Session:

A motion by Sarah Abel, second by Georgia Jarman to hold an executive session as per section 610.022 following the Sept. 14th, 2020 meeting. After roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

A motion by Sarah Abel, second by Georgia Jarman to hold an executive session as per section 610.021 (3) hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting particular employees. After roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment:

A motion by Kevin Coleman, second by Sam Thomason to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Patricia Raker, Secretary

Tonyea Inglis, President