

**HOLDEN R-III**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**  
**August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**6:57 P.M.**

- Tax Rate Hearing:** Dr. Hough conducted the tax rate hearing. He shared the combined reports from Johnson and Cass counties shows \$115,715,626 in assessed valuation for 2021-22. He stated the tax rate total would remain constant at a total of \$4.5900, with \$3.4806 in incidental fund, \$0.9094 in debt service, and \$0.2000 in the capital projects fund. No questions or concerns were voiced from the public.
- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Tonyea Inglis at 6:57 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 Alex Haun 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 29<sup>th</sup> meeting; and 2) Payment of Bills and Financial Statement. Motion carried 7-0.
- Communications:** None.
- Reports:**
1. **Early Childhood Report**—Sarah Burks shared the Early Childhood report with board members. She highlighted the plans to offer Early Childhood Special Education, Eagles Nest Pre-School, an expanded P.A.T. program and partnering with Head Start to expand the PK program. Head Start will employ their own personnel and conduct screenings to eligible students. They are hopeful to start with 10 students, but are licensed for 20 students at this time. The District will provide the space for the program. Mrs. Burks also shared Kindergarten screening results of the 65 students that attended the screening last spring. (Report attached to minutes).
  2. **Curriculum Review Report**—Jennifer Mann, Curriculum/MOSIS Director, shared the curriculum work that has been conducted over the summer. She highlighted that Priority Standards are the current focus of the curriculum writing. She also explained how priority standards benefit our students and support our teachers. Mrs. Mann shared the curriculum timelines and gave board members a copy of the District ELO's. (Report attached to minutes).
  3. **Superintendent's Report**—Dr. Hough shared:
    - a) **MSBA August video** discussed internet access for MO students, teacher shortages, and upcoming conference reminders.
    - b) **Strong Start: Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan**—Dr. Hough reminded board members that the plan is on the website and will be updated as needed. He stated that while the plan is procedural, he would ask for board approval under New Business to satisfy the ESSER-3 requirement. No questions or concerns were expressed from board members.
    - c) **ESSER-3**—Updated board members on the District's estimated \$1.4 million allocation for the ESSER-3 money. He informed the Board that the District could request the funds over the next several years, through Sept. 2024, but at least 20% had to address learning loss due to the pandemic. Plans for the rest of the allocation include maintaining staffing and programs. A task force of students, parents, stakeholders, teachers, administrators, and board members is being formed to meet Thursday, August 19, at 5:00 p.m. at the H.S. cafeteria to discuss the plan. Tonyea Inglis and Georgia Jarman volunteered to serve on the task force.
    - d) **Critical Race Theory (CRT)**—Dr. Hough explained what CRT is and that it has been mainly used as an analytical tool in post-secondary educational courses. He wanted to update the Board since this has been in the news lately the administration has received a few inquiries from parents regarding the teaching of CRT. He stated the District uses the MO Learning Standards (which do not include CRT) to guide our curriculum writing and the social studies curriculum is not scheduled to be updated this year.

- Old Business:**
1. None.
- New Business:**
1. **2021-22 Tax Rates--**A motion by Georgia Jarman, second by Tonyea Inglis to approve the tax rates of \$3.4806 incidental fund, \$0.9094 debt service fund, and \$0.2000 capital projects fund—for a total tax levy of \$4.5900. Motion carried 7-0.
  2. **Strong Start: Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan—**A motion by Ray Briscoe, second by Tonyea Inglis to approve the Strong Start: Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
  3. **Strategic Plan—**A motion by Ray Briscoe, second by Kevin Coleman to approve the Strategic Plan as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
  4. **ASBR Approval—**A motion by Kevin Coleman, second by Georgia Jarman to approve the Annual Secretary of the Board report as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
  5. **IDEA Compliance—**A motion by Ray Briscoe, second by Georgia Jarman to approve the IDEA Compliance Plan as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
  6. **Designation of Coordinator—**A motion by Sarah Abel, second by Tonyea Inglis to designate Buffie McConville, SPED Director, as ADA, Non-Discrimination & Grievance Officer, and Section 504 Coordinator. Motion carried 6-0-1, Bobby Zimmer abstained.
  7. **MSBA Advocacy Position Consideration—**Board members discussed a MSBA advocacy position proposal presented by Ray Briscoe. After discussion, no action was taken.
- Policy Review:**
1. **MSBA Board Policy & Procedure Updates 2021A and 2021B—**A motion by Alex Haun, second by Georgia Jarman to approve the MSBA policy and procedure updates 2021A and 2021B as presented with a change on Board Policy IGBCA, designating the District Liaison for Homeless Students as the District Social Worker, 1901 S. Main St., Holden, MO 64040, 816-850-4444, ext. 7171 and on Board Policy AC, updating the Compliance Officer’s email address to [bmccconville@holdenschools.org](mailto:bmccconville@holdenschools.org). Motion carried 7-0.
  2. **Section A Review—**Board member reviewed Policy Section A. No action taken.
- Miscellaneous:**
1. **Board President Updates—**The September 13<sup>th</sup> agenda will include:  
Board Facilities Tour—Beginning at the Elem. at 5:30 p.m.  
Reports—Professional Development, Food Service, Transportation, and Supt. Updates;  
New Business—Professional Development Plan, Affiliated Group List, Transportation Route Approval, and Perpetual Calendar.
- Executive Session:** A motion by Georgia Jarman, second by Ray Briscoe to hold an executive session as per section 610.022 following the September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting. After roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.
- Adjournment:** A motion by Georgia Jarman, second by Sarah Abel to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.