

HOLDEN R-III
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
November 8th, 2021
7:00 P.M.

- 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:** Six members were present at the time of roll call, Kevin Coleman arrived at 7:40 p.m. during the Student Achievement reports.
- Board Norms:** The Board reviewed their norms.
- Agenda:** A motion by Ray Briscoe, second by Alex Haun to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
- Consent Agenda:** A motion by Georgia Jarman, second by Sarah Abel to approve the consent agenda which included: 1) Minutes from the October 11th meeting; 2) Payment of Bills and Financial Statement; and 3) Sub List Changes. Motion carried 6-0.
- Communications:**
1. **Parent Request to Address Board—Dillon Zavadil—**Mr. Zavadil shared his concerns on the following 3 items:
 - a) expressed his desire for the District to change the Strong Start plan back to the original version in which masks were optional; b) vaccination discrimination, expressed that he felt the district treats vaccinated and unvaccinated students differently; and 3) social distancing guidelines. Mr. Zavadil shared research he had on mask effectiveness, differences in mask types, and comparisons between COVID-19 and flu illnesses. He stated his solution to his concerns was to revert to the original “Strong Start” plan that was in effect at the beginning of the school year in which masks were optional.
- Reports:**
1. **Summer School Report—**Grant Guevel, Summer School Administrator, shared the 2021 summer school report with board members. He reported that 378 students attended the split summer school in June and July, 2021. He highlighted that the student’s average daily attendance was 301.91, summer school consisted of 168 program hours, and OPAA served 12,692 meals for summer school students. He also shared pre and post-test results and credit recovery data for H.S. students. (Report attached to minutes).
 2. **Student Achievement Reports—**Elementary Principal, Sarah Burks; M.S. Principal, Chris Lake; and H.S. Principal, Joe Parkhurst shared their building student achievement reports with board members. They reported on their building SMART goals, ELA & Math IReady and assessment progress reports, and instruction monitoring. (Reports attached to minutes.)
 3. **Superintendent’s Report—**Dr. Hough shared the following:
 - a) **Johnson County Economic Development—**Tracy Brantner, Jo.Co. Economic Development Chairperson, shared information about the county economic development group with board members.
 - b) **Wes Townsend and Brad Wegmen, L.J. Hart & Co.,** shared information regarding the refinancing of the 2015 & 2017 Series bonds that will result in a savings to the District and have the potential for another no-tax increase bond issue for the April ballot.
 - c) **MSBA November video** reviewed the continued impact of COVID-19 on public schools, discussion about teacher shortage in MO, and MSBA’s priorities for new legislation.
 - d) **MAP and EOC data** was also shared with board members.
 - e) **MSBA Conference Reports—**Board member, Georgia Jarman, shared her presentation and research on Charter vs. Public schools in MO with other board members. She noted that \$880,596,000 of taxpayer money has been wasted on charter schools that have failed or were given start-up money, but failed to start. She also shared that she had attended a presentation on competency-based assessments to replace the MAP assessments. Board member, Ray Briscoe, reported that most of the delegate assembly discussion was on accrediting non-public schools and open enrollment transfer legislation.

- Old Business:**
1. **Strong Start, Safe Return to In Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan Revision**—A motion by Tonyea Inglis, second by Georgia Jarman to approve the revision to the Strong Start plan as follows on Page 3, Bullet #4, to read after the 3rd sentence, “A one-day drop below 93% in a two-week consecutive period will not cause the tracking of improved attendance to start over. However, a second day below 93% will cause the two-week tracking to begin again. Thanksgiving Break, Holiday Break, Spring Break and the weekends following each of those breaks will not be included in the two consecutive weeks of attendance tracking metric.”. Motion carried 6-0-1, Bobby Zimmer abstained.

- New Business:**
1. **Resolution Authorizing the Issuance & Sale of Series 2021 General Obligation Refunding Bonds with L.J. Hart & Co.**—A motion by Ray Briscoe, second by Tonyea Inglis to authorize and direct the issuance and delivery of not to exceed \$3,495,000 principal amount of general obligation refunding bonds, Series 2021 (MO Direct Deposit Program), of Holden R-III School District of Johnson County, MO for the purpose of, together with other available district funds, redeeming an aggregate \$3,495,000 principal amount of the District’s general obligation refunding bonds, Series 2017 (MO Direct Deposit Program); prescribing the form and details of said bonds; providing for the levy and collection of an annual tax for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the bonds as they become due; authorizing the district to participate in a direct deposit program administered by the Health and Educational Facilities Authority of the State of MO to support payment of the bonds; authorizing the establishment of a final terms committee (consisting of the Superintendent, Board President, and L.J. Hart & Co.)and fixing the time when this resolution shall become effective as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
 2. **Approve Filing Notice for Board Candidates**—A motion by Ray Briscoe, second by Alex Haun to approve the filing notice for the board candidates for the April 5, 2022 election as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
 3. **Discussion of Board Self-Evaluation Results, Board Goals, Practices, and Norm updates**—After discussion of the board self-evaluation results and proposed revisions to the board goals, practices and norms in the board packet, Tonyea Inglis suggested that a revision to Board Goals #1 proposal read “Board members will receive reminders for attendance at special events (referenced in Board Practices #4) via Misc. items on the prior month’s board agenda and Friday memos.” She also suggested that board members make suggestions to Patty Raker for Board Goals #2 for additional topics they would like to cover in board refresher trainings throughout the year. A motion by Ray Briscoe, second by Georgia Jarman to approve the proposed revisions for the board goals, practices and norms as presented with the change to Board Goals as suggested by Tonyea Inglis. Motion carried 7-0.

- Policy Review:**
1. **Policy Section D Review**—Board member reviewed Policy Section D. No action taken.
 2. **MSBA 2021C Board Policy & Procedures Updates**—1st reading, no action taken.

- Miscellaneous:**
1. **Board President Updates**—The December 13th agenda will include:
Reports—Fall Activities Report and Supt. Updates;
New Business—Audit Approval
Policy Review—Section E Review, MSBA 2021C Policy & Procedures-2nd reading
 2. **H.S. National Honor Society Induction and Academic Awards, Jan. 27th, 6 p.m., H.S. Gym**

Executive Session: A motion by Ray Briscoe, second by Georgia Jarman to hold an executive session as per section 610.022 following the December 13th, 2021 meeting. After roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

A motion by Ray Briscoe, second by Georgia Jarman to hold an executive session as per section 610.021 following tonight’s meeting as per section 601.021 (3) hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting particular employees. After roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment: **A motion by Ray Briscoe, second by Alex Haun to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.**

Patricia Raker, Secretary

Tonyea Inglis, President