HOLDEN R-III
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
February 9, 2026
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Nathan Haun at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School library.

Roll Call: Seven members were present.

Board Norms: The Board reviewed their norms.

Agenda: A motion by Alex Haun, second by Matt Ferguson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Consent Agenda: A motion by Alex Haun, second by Sarah Abel to approve the consent agenda which included: 1) Minutes from the January 12th meeting; 2) Payment of Bills and Financial Statement; and 3) Sub List Changes. Motion carried 7-0.

Student Recognition: Softball members Adalyn Campbell, Lily Kephart, Isabella Haggard, Olivia Wooster, Macey Greene and Haley Brooks were recognized by the board for their All-State team accomplishments.

Communications: The Johnson County 4-H club sent an invitation to the board for their benefit dinner.

Reports:

1. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Hough shared the following items in his report:
   - The Holden Scrapheads 21485 Robotics team, along with their coach, Mendy Brewington, gave a brief introduction of each member and the role they hold on the team. They gave an overview of the program and the different activities they are involved in. The Scrapheads have qualified for the upcoming State competition in Rolla, MO. (Report attached to minutes.)
   - Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) – Five students presented to the board information about FBLA and the community service projects they are involved in. Each student shared their Cap Stone projects, conference details and the importance of giving back to the community.
   - Lindsey McDaniels, SAVVAS Learning Company, gave a presentation to the board on K-5, MS & HS curriculum materials. Key points included resources of phonics, fluency and vocabulary.
   - Budget Priorities Survey Results – Dr. Hough went over the board budget survey results. He gave an overview of the areas of focus from the past 3 years.
   - MSBA Board Report Video – Board members were encouraged to view the February Board Report video for important information.
2. Library/Media Report – Robin Eissler, Elementary Librarian, and Abby Weber, HS Librarian, presented the K-12 library/media services report to board members. They highlighted services each building provides, Book Fair updates and what's new in each building. Three students were on hand to share with board members. Avery Edgar read a chapter of the book she wrote; Lane Smith handed out copies of the book he had published and Wyatt Taylor shared a poem he wrote. (Report attached to minutes.)
3. Technology Report – Tyler Jolly, Technology Director, shared the Technology report. He introduced Ben Anderson and Ben Nienhuser and shared their roles. Mr. Jolly highlighted digital citizenship, work order processes and ongoing projects. (Report attached to minutes.)
4. A+ Report – April Placht, HS Assistant Principal, presented the A+ program report to the board. She highlighted details of the program, program requirements and enrollment. Mrs Placht also shared the goals for program. (Report attached to minutes.)
5. Special Education Report –Aileen Hephner, Special Education Director, shared the details of the SPED program, district numbers and fiscal responsibilities of the program. She highlighted the past and future events that students participate in and also the work in progress to become a National Unified Champion School. (Report attached to minutes.)

Old Business: **None.**

New Business:

1. **Budget Amendment Approval – A motion by Alex Haun, second Bobby Zimmer to approve the budget adjustments as presented. Motion carried 7-0.**

2. **Adopt School Calendar for 2026-27 School Year. A motion by Matt Ferguson, second by Ann Cates to adopt the 2026-27 School Year calendar, Option #2 as presented with 2 contingencies: (1) Board approval of the teacher salary schedule increase to cover the proposed 169 day calendar (2) approval of the DESE waiver request made for an earlier start date. The board was informed that a school calendar update could be revisited at a later time due to these contingencies. Motion carried 7-0.**

3. **Set Graduation Date – A motion by Nathan Haun, second Alex Haun to set the graduation date of May 23, 2027 for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried 7-0.**

4. **Approval of the Operation of Summer School – A motion by Nathan Haun, second by Alex Haun to set the dates for Summer School as May 26- Teacher Work Day; Session May 28-June 12 and Session 2 July 6-July 21 as presented. Motion carried 7-0**

5. **CTE Grant Proposal Approval – A motion by Alex Haun, second Sarah Abel to accept the CTE Grant proposal, which included the areas of BioMedical, Agriculture, FACS and MS PLTW as presented by Dr. Chris Lake. Motion carried 7-0.**

6. **Technology Quotes for Classroom Interactive Panels – A motion by Ann Cates, second by Matt Ferguson to accept the bid from BLUMM USA, Inc. for the amount of $ 79,625.00 for (35) 75" Q Pro Series 4K LED Multi Touch display and (35) TRUTOUCH mobile stands as presented. Motion carried 7-0.**

Policy Review: **MSBA Board Policy Review – Section G – No action required**
MSBA Board Policy Update 2025E - Second Reading, no action required

Miscellaneous:

1. **Board President Updates— Board President Nathan Haun updated the Board on the March meeting agenda items; MSBA Board Policy Update 2025E, board reports and items for executive agenda. He also reminded board members of refresher training, lunch & learn opportunities and school safety conference dates.**
2. **Board Leadership Training – March 2, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at Central Office.**
3. **March Board meeting has been rescheduled to March 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**
4. **MSBA Advocacy Day, March 10, Jefferson City, MO**
5. **MSBA Summer Summit, June 14-16, 2026, Osage Beach, MO**
6. **MSBA Annual Conference, October 22-24, Kansas City, MO**

Executive Session: **A motion by Bobby Zimmer, second by Alex Haun to hold an executive session as per section 610.022 following the March 16th meeting. After roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.**

A motion by Bobby Zimmer, second by Alex Haun to hold an executive session as per section 610.021 following tonight's meeting regarding (3) hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting particular employees. After roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment: **A motion by Bobby Zimmer, second by Alex Haun to adjourn the meeting at9:06 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.**

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Tracy Shumate, Secretary Nathan Haun, President