HOLDEN R-III
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
April 13, 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 physically present.**
Board Norms:	**The Board reviewed their norms.**
Agenda:	**A motion by Alex Haun, second by Bobby Zimmer to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.**
Consent Agenda:	**A motion by Alex Haun, second by Bobby Zimmer to approve the consent agenda which included: 1) Minutes from the March 16th meeting; 2) Payment of Bills and Financial Statement; and 3) Sub List Changes. Motion carried 7-0.**
Student Recognition:	**Members of the Holden Boys and Girls Wrestling team were honored with plaques for their qualification and participation at the State level. Ron Franklin, Girls Wrestling Coach, introduced Haley Brooks, Macey Greene and Adasyn Yoder. Zachary Kroah, Boys Wrestling Coach, introduced Kaleb Catron and Hudson Gregg.** **Members of the Holden Scrapheads Robotics team were honored with plaques for their qualification and participation at the State level. Mendy Brewington, Robotics Sponsor, introduced Spencer Anstine, Sawyer Brewington, Callie Cates, Cami Cates, Calian Groves, Avery Ferguson, James Long, Liam Claxton, Mason Doll, Patrick Guinn, Ryan Mosser, Trevor Snively, Neil Tebbenkamp and Luke Tebbenkamp.**
Communications:	**None.**
Board Adjourn Sine Die:	**A motion by Alex Haun, second by Bobby Zimmer to adjourn sine die at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.**
Recognize Outgoing Board Members:	**The board presented outgoing board members with a plaques for years of service to the district: Tonyea Inglis – 9 years of service, Alex Haun – 6 years of service and Matt Ferguson – 3 years of service. The district appreciates the time and dedication they have given during their years of service.**
Call to Order of New Board:	**Dr. Mike Hough called the meeting of the new board to order at 7:12 p.m.**
Swearing in of New Board:	**Tracy Shumate, Board Secretary, swore in the new board members: Georgia Jarman, Debbie Doney and Jaime Schutte.**
Roll Call:	**All seven members were present.**
Election of Officers:	**President – Dr. Hough called for nominations for Board President. Sarah Abel nominated Ann Cates. A vote was taken and passed 7-0 for Ann Cates as President.** **Vice President – Ann Cates called for nominations for Board Vice President. Georgia Jarman nominated Sarah Abel. A vote was taken and passed 7-0 for Sarah Abel as Vice President.** **Treasurer – Ann Cates called for nominations for Board Treasurer. Ann Cates nominated Bobby Zimmer. A vote was taken and passed 7-0 for Bobby Zimmer as Treasurer.** **Secretary - Ann Cates called for nominations for the appointment of Board Secretary. Sarah Abel nominated Tracy Shumate. A vote was taken and passed 7-0 to appoint Tracy Shumate as Board Secretary**

Policy Review: **Board Policy BBF Review – Board members reviewed Board Policy BBF and signed the Board ethics agreement. Signed agreements were turned in to Tracy Shumate to be included in the board minutes manual.**

Reports:

1. **Community Relations Report— Bekki Currier, District Communications Coordinator, shared the community relations report with board members. She highlighted the purpose of the communications department, the input that community members, advisory groups and staff provide, professional development and survey results. She shared engagement platforms used by the district and showed how each building connects with parents, staff and the community. (Report attached to minutes.)**

2. **Elementary Student Achievement Report – Paige Farmer, Elementary School Principal, shared the mission and vision for the district. Topics covered also included collective commitments, leadership team members, district strategic and smart goals for ELA and Math and results from the March data. (Report attached to minutes.)**

3. **Winter Activities Report - Dr. Hough briefly highlighted the winter sports activities which included basketball and wrestling. He also shared the MSHSAA sponsored activities the district participates in. (Report attached to minutes.)**

4. **School Climate Report – Dr. Hough shared details of the Climate and Culture Survey results. He included results from prior years and reviewed the strengths and opportunities for improvements. (Report attached to minutes.)**

5. **Facility & Grounds Report – Dr. Hough shared potential plans for an upcoming no-tax levy increase bond issue.**

6. **Superintendent's Report—Dr. Hough shared the following items in his report:**

    a) **MSBA Board Report Video – Due to time constrains, board members were encouraged to view the board report video at a later time.**
    b) **District Financial History Review – Dr Hough reviewed the 4 funds and what area each are dedicated to as well as a district financial history review**

Old Business: **None.**

New Business:

1. **Appoint New Board Delegate/Alternate/Foundation – A motion by Nathan Haun, second Sarah Abel to appoint Georgia Jarman as MSBA Board Delegate, Sarah Abel as Board Alternate and Bobby Zimmer as Foundation Representative. Motion carried 7-0.**

2. **Set Date/Time/Place for Board Meetings. A motion by Bobby Zimmer, second by Sarah Able to set the regular board meetings as the 2nd Monday of each month, at 6:00 p.m., in the Middle School Library. Motion carried 7-0. Starting in May, the meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m.**

3. **2025-26 Budget Amendment Approval – A motion by Bobby Zimmer, second Sarah Abel to approve the 2025-26 budget amendments (# 3) as presented. Motion carried 7-0.**

4. **Scrap Tire Grant Application Approval – A motion by Sarah Abel, second by Debbie Doney to complete the application for the Playground Scrap Tire Surface Material Grant to put a pour-in-place surface in the small playground on the north side of the elementary school as presented. Motion carried 7-0**

5. **AFLAC Supplemental Insurance Approval – A motion by Jaime Schutte, second Nathan Haun to provide employees with an opportunity to enroll in Aflac Dental and Vision supplemental insurance as presented. Motion carried 7-0.**

6. **One-To-One Chromebook Bid – A motion by Sarah Abel, second by Nathan Haun to accept the bid from Heartland Business Systems to purchase 330 new Dell student chrome books for $116,153.40 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.**

7. **Career Ladder Plan for 2026-27 – A motion by Nathan Haun, second by Sarah Abel to approve the Career Ladder Plan as presented. The plan is the same as being utilized this year. Motion carried 7-0.**

Policy Review: **MSBA Board Policy Review – Section J. No action required.**

Miscellaneous:

1. **Board President Updates— Board President Ann Cates updated the Board on the May 11th agenda which include Health Services, Safety, Grants, CTE and Superintendent's reports. Other items possibly on the agenda are salary schedules, setting sub rates, MSBA service agreement approval and policy reviews.**

2. **Holden High School Graduation Ceremony is May 17, 2026**
3. **MSBA Summer Summit, June 14-16, 2026, Osage Beach**
4. **MSBA Annual Conference, October 22-24, Kansas City, MO**
   Board members can contact Tracy Shumate for registration

Executive Session: **A motion by Jaime Schutte, second by Bobby Zimmer to hold an executive session as per section 610.022 following the May 11th meeting. After roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.**

A motion by Bobby Zimmer, second by Sarah Abel 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 Sarah Abel to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.**

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Tracy Shumate, Secretary Ann Cates, President