HOLDEN R-III
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
June 8, 2026
6:00 P.M.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Ann Cates at 6:00 p.m. in the Middle School library.

Roll Call: Six members were present. Jaime Schutte was not present.

Board Norms: The Board reviewed their norms.

Agenda: A motion by Nathan Haun, second by Sarah Abel to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Consent Agenda: A motion by Sarah Abel, second by Nathan Haun to approve the consent agenda which included: 1) Minutes from the May11th meeting; and 2) Payment of Bills and Financial Statement; There were no Sub List Changes. Motion carried 6-0.

Retiree Recognition: Retirees from the Holden R-III School District were recognized by the board: Anita Callender, Trina Davidson, Kathy Kilgore, Chris Hertzog, Robyn Sisk, Charlie Castle, Cindy Keller, Jenny Whitehead and Mike Hough.

Student Recognition: The State FFA members were honored with plaques for their qualification and participation at the State level in Forestry. Those students were Sean Anstine, Matthew Hull and Kyler Davidson.

Communications: None.

Reports:

1. Superintendent's Report—Dr. Harrison encouraged board members to view the MSBA Board Report video online.

   A representative from OASIS presented a K-3 tutoring program that will be implemented in October 2026 at the Elementary building. This program encourages community involvement as volunteers to meet with students during the school day for tutoring.

   Summer School Update: Tyler Narron, Assistant Principal, gave an update on the enrollment numbers of 218 for Elementary, 86 for MS and 54 for High School along with details of the lessons and activities happening during Summer School 2026.

   Bobby Zimmer, board member and Foundation Representative, updated the board on scholarships given for the school year. (Report attached to minutes.)

2. At- Risk Report – Andie Smith, School-Community Liaison, presented the At-Risk report, which was how At-Risk students can be identified and what steps the District takes to help with attendance, academics, mental health, connections and basic needs for students and families. (Report attached to minutes.)

3. Career Ladder Report – Dr. Christy Harrison, Assistant Superintendent, shared the total number of teachers currently participating in Career Ladder and the hours completed in the 2025-26 school year. She outlined activities that Career Ladder provide. Teachers can choose Stages I, II, or II depending on their years of experience and types of extra activities. (Report attached to minutes.)

4. Federal Programs Report - Aileen Hephner, Special Services Director, reviewed the Title programs and funding details for each program for the District. Funds are used for certified and non-certified salaries, professional development with a set aside amount for homeless students. (Report attached to minutes.)

5. Spring Activities Report – Spencer Gudde shared the details of Spring Sports which consists of Boys Baseball, MS & HS Track, Golf and Boys Tennis. He shared the highlights for the seasons of each sport as well as mentioning the students that competed at the State level. (Report attached to minutes.)

6. **H.S. Achievement Report – Grant Guevel, High School Principal, shared the Leadership Team participants at the HS and what steps they take to build relationships with students. SMART Goals were shared with information on each section. He highlighted the NEE score criteria for certified staff along with attendance and enrollment numbers for the school year . (Report attached to minutes.)**

7. **Safety Report – Dr. Christy Harrison provided the annual safety inspection list for the district. She also gave a review of the district's emergency action plan. These plans are reviewed several times a year to maintain safety and security of students and staff.**

Old Business: **None.**

New Business:

1. **Set Lunch/Breakfast Prices – A motion by Georgia Jarman, second by Sarah Abel to accept the pricing for school breakfast and lunch. There will be a 20 cent increase in breakfast and lunch prices for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried 6-0.**

2. **Fuel Bid Approval – A motion by Nathan Haun, second Bobby Zimmer to accept the bid for fuel from John Moore Oil Co. Motion carried 6-0.**

3. **Set Tax Rate Hearing - A motion by Bobby Zimmer, second Nathan Haun to set the tax rate hearing for August 10th, 2026 at 5:55 p.m. in the Middle School Library. Motion carried 6-0.**

4. **Approve Free & Reduced Lunch Criteria – A motion by Sarah Abel, second by Georgia Jarman to approve the criteria for Free & Reduced meal program set by the state. Motion carried 6-0.**

5. **Approve Final 2025-26 Transportation Routes – A motion by Sarah Abel, second Nathan Haun to approve the final transportation routes presented by EccoRide Transportation. Motion carried 6-0.**

6. **SRO Contract Renewal – A motion by Sarah Able, second Nathan Haun to approve the Memo of Understanding with the Holden Police Department for the School Resource Officer Program for the 2026-27 school year as presented Motion carried 6-0.**

7. **Alternative Method of Instruction (AMI) Application – A motion by Georgia Jarman, second Sarah Abel to approve the Alternative Method of Instruction application as presented. Motion carried 6-0.**

8. **Transportation Options – A motion by Sarah Abel, second Nathan Haun to approve utilizing up to $150,000 from capital project funds as well as the $50,000 donation received last month for the purchase of additional vehicles to transport small groups as well a golf cart and storage shed . Motion carried 6-0.**

9. **Tiered Sponsor List Update - A motion by Sarah Abel, second Bobby Zimmer to add the activity group HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) to tier 3 on the tiered sponsor list for the district. Motion carried 6-0.**

10. **Staff Technology Bid – The board originally approved a bid for the annual rotation of student devices for the 2026-27 school year, however, student devices are severely backordered and would not arrive until late fall. A motion by Sarah Abel, second by Bobby Zimmer to utilize those funds allocated to instead, replace aging staff devices for the amount of $95,207 from Data Center Warehouse. Motion carried 6-0.**

Policy Review: **MSBA Board Policy Update 2026A – Second Reading. No action required.**

Miscellaneous:

1. **Board President Updates— Board President Ann Cates updated the Board on the June 25th, 2026 work session agenda. Items include: Surplus, Superintendent updates, budget amendments, 2026-27 budget approval and July payment of bills. Georgia Jarman will be attending the MSBA Summer Summit Board Delegate session. Ann Cates also mentioned the board workshop that will be scheduled in the fall.**

2. **MSBA Summer Summit, June 14-16, Osage Beach, MO**
3. **MSBA Annual Conference, October 22-24, Kansas City, MO**

Executive Session: **A motion by Georgia Jarman, second by Sarah Abel to hold an executive session as per section 610.022 following the June 25th meeting. After roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.**

A motion by Sarah Abel, second by Bobby Zimmer 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 6-0.

Adjournment: **A motion by Bobby Zimmer, second by Sarah Abel to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.**

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Tracy Shumate, Secretary Ann Cates, President