HOLDEN R-III
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
August 11, 2025
6:55 P.M.

Tax Rate Hearing: Dr. Hough conducted the tax rate hearing at 6:55 p.m. He reported with the passing of Proposition K.I.T.S., proposed tax rates would be $3.5500 Incidental; $0.8400 Debt Services and $0.2000 so the projected tax rate would remain unchanged from the previous year at a total rate of $4.5900. He stated the county assessed valuation was estimated at $153,476,334.

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: Six members were physically present. Alex Haun was not present.

Board Norms: The Board reviewed their norms.

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

Consent Agenda: A motion by Matt Ferguson, second by Sarah Abel to approve the consent agenda which included: 1) Minutes from the June 26th Work Session meeting; 2) Payment of Bills and Financial Statements for July & August; 3) Sub List Changes and 4) District Designated Coordinators list. Motion carried 6-0.

Communications: None.

Reports:

1. Early Childhood Report—Paige Farmer, Elementary School Principal, reported on Parents As Teachers, Eagle's Nest and Early Childhood programs. PAT has one part time employee. Early Childhood Preschool has one certified teacher and one paraprofessional. Eagle's Nest Preschool has one certified teacher and two paraprofessionals. Mrs. Farmer shared enrollment numbers and highlighted each program as presented. (Report attached to minutes.)

2. Curriculum Review Report – Dr. Emily Brockhaus, Curriculum Director, shared details on year 3 of the 5 year curriculum and resource cycle. She reported the updates that have been done over the summer and explained different areas of the cycle format. (Report attached to minutes.)

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

   a) MSBA Board Report Video – The August Board Report video looked at the signing of Senate Bill 68 and how it will affect Missouri school districts. It also previewed the MSBA's AI in Education, and both the Annual Conference and the Fall meetings.
   b) Safety Training Updates – Dr. Grant Guevel and the District SRO attended safety training sessions.
   c) Student Expectations for 2025-26 – He reported that students grades 6-12 will have 90% attendance goals and updated the board on the bell to bell cell phone ban.
   d) Flight Time at HHS – The high school will be utilizing a new Flight Time process to replace the RtI schedule. Those changes will be done during lunch and referral time.
   e) Graduation Requirements Recommendations – Dr. Hough shared the recommendation of changing the current 4 math credits at the high school level to 3 math credits plus 1 additional credit. The changes will go in effect in the 2026-27 school year.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1. Debt Service Prepayment Approval – A motion by Nathan Haun, second Matt Ferguson to approve a pre-payment of $855,000 from Debt Services Fund toward the current debt. This will allow the Board to set the new debt service levy at 84 cents and save the district over $50,000 in interest. Motion carried 6-0.

2. Set Tax Rate: A motion by Bobby Zimmer, second by Matt Ferguson to set the tax rates for 2025-26 at $3.55 Operating Fund, $0.8400 Debt Service Fund and $0.200 Capital Projects Fund. The total levy remains unchanged at $4.59. Motion carried 6-0.

3. IDEA Compliance – A motion by Sarah Abel, second Ann Cates to approve the current plan with no changes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

4. Balance HQ Software Service Agreement – A motion by Matt Ferguson, second by Ann Cates to approve the new budgeting software program service agreement through BalanceHQ. Motion carried 6-0

5. Changes to Graduation Requirements Approval – A motion by Bobby Zimmer, second Matt Ferguson to reduce the current 4 math credits to 3 with the addition of a math, science, or specified Career and Technical Education course as presented. This will be implemented with the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

6. Surplus – A motion by Nathan Haun, second by Sarah Abel to accept the MS Surplus list of outdated and broken science equipment. Motion carried 6-0.

Policy Review:

MSBA Board Policy Review – Section A. No action required.
MSBA Board Policy Review 2025B – Second Reading, no action required.
MSBA Board Policy Review 2025C – First Reading, no action required.
Re-Adopt MSBA Board Policy BBFA. A motion by Matt Ferguson, second by Bobby Zimmer to readopt Board Policy BBFA. Motion carried 6-0.

Miscellaneous:

1. Board President Updates—Board President Nathan Haun updated the Board on the September 8th, 2025 meeting agenda which includes annual food service and transportation reports, superintendent's report, ASBR, district affiliated groups, transportation routes and the perpetual calendar.

2. MSBA Fall Regional Meeting, September 3, 2025, Warrensburg, MO
3. Back to School Breakfast on Monday, August 18th at 7:30 a.m. in the HS gym. Board members will help serve breakfast to the staff.
4. Facilities Tour, Monday, September 8, 2025 at 5:30 a.m. at the Elementary School office.
5. MSBA Annual Conference, October 23-25, Kansas City , MO. Board members should contract Tracy Shumate if they would like to attend.

Executive Session:

A motion by Bobby Zimmer, second by Matt Ferguson to hold an executive session as per section 610.022 following the September 8th 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 Matt Ferguson to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Tracy Shumate, Secretary

Nathan Haun, President