HOLDEN R-III
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
August 10, 2026
6:00 P.M.

Tax Rate Hearing Dr. Christy Harrison conducted the tax rate hearing at 5:55 p.m. She shared the proposed tax rates of $3.550 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. She stated the county assessed valuation was estimated at $157,263,360.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Ann Cates at 6:02 pm. in the Middle School library.

Roll Call: Seven members were physically present.

Board Norms: The Board reviewed their norms.

Agenda: A motion by Georgia Jarman, second by Nathan Haun to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Consent Agenda: A motion by Sarah Abel, second by Nathan Haun to approve the consent agenda which included: 1) Minutes from the June 25th meeting; 2) Payment of Bills and Financial Statement; and 3) Sub List Changes that included Aiden Christian, Pam Daldrup, Stephanie Edwards, Jessie Hood and Karley Kilgore. Motion carried 7-0. Jenny Whitehead was added to the sub list with a motion by Sarah Able, second by Georgia Jarman. Motion carried 6-0-1. Ann Cates abstained.

Student Recognition: Three All-State Baseball players were honored with trophies at the Board meeting. Coach Jeff Smith shared the highlights for Cohen Drake – Honorable Mention DH/Utility, Wesley Brown – 1st Team Pitcher and Tucker Kauffman – Honorable Mentioned Infield.

Communications: Dr. Christy Harrison shared the following for communications:

1. Kendra Niner, Special Education Director, was selected to serve on the Missouri Council of Administrators of Special Education (MO-CASE).
2. The City of Holden shared the Flood & Drainage Study from July 6, 2020 with the board.
3. EccoRide Transportation was awarded the Total Fleet Excellence Award from the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Driver & Vehicle Safety Division.
4. The Holden Girls Softball team will be recognized at the Kansas City Royals game on August 23rd at 1:30 p.m. at Royals Stadium for their State Championship win.

Parents Nathan & Kaley Heiman spoke to the board regarding the district tuition rates for nonresident students.

Reports:

1. Early Childhood Report—Paige Farmer, K-2 Principal, shared the Early Childhood report with the board. Early Childhood programs consist of Parents As Teachers, ECSE Preschool and Eagle's Nest Preschool. Each program boosts early childhood development, makes group connections with parents and students and provides parental support and focus on Kindergarten readiness. (Report attached to minutes.)
2. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Christy Harrison shared the goals for 2026-27 school year themed " Level Up". This will focus on high quality tier 1 instruction, cognitive engagement, data based decision making and making every second count with high expectations for all. Staff have participated in summer professional learning opportunities, SAVVAS training, attended the law conference and the New Teacher Institute. (Report attached to minutes.)

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1. Debt Service Payment Approval – A motion by Debbie Doney, second Georgia Jarman to approve a pre-payment of $625,000 from Debt Services Fund toward the current debt. This will save the district an estimated $126,000 in interest. Motion carried 6-0.

2. Set Tax Rate. A motion by Georgia Jarman, second by Jaime Schutte to approve the tax rate of Operating $3.5500; Debt Service $0.8400 and Capital Projects $0.200 for a total levy of $4.590. No change from the current rate. Motion carried 7-0.

3. IDEA Compliance – A motion by Nathan Haun, second Sarah Abel to approve the IEDA Compliance plan as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

4. Additional Employment Position – A motion by Georgia Jarman , second by Nathan Haun to approve the position of Director of Facilities & Operations. Motion carried 7-0.

Policy Review:

MSBA Board Policy Review – Section A. No action needed.

Re-Adopt MSBA Board Policy BBFA – A motion by Sarah Abel, second Nathan Haun to re-adopt board policy BBFA. Motion carried 7-0,

Miscellaneous:

1. Board President Updates— Board President Ann Cates shared the times on the September agenda which include the Annual Food Service Report, Annual Transportation Report, Superintendent Updates, Professional Development Plan, District Affiliated Groups, Transportation Routes and updates to the Perpetual Calendar.
2. Board Member Professional Development – August 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Board members will give Ann Cates their top 3 goals.
3. Staff Back to School Luncheon – Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. in the HS Gym.
4. Fall Regional Meeting in Sedalia, MO on August 31st, 2026. Contact Tracy Shumate if you would like to attend.
5. Facilities Tour – September 14, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. starting at the Elementary School
6. MSBA Annual Conference – October 22-24, Kansas City, MO. Contact Tracy Shumate if you would like to attend.

Executive Session: A motion by Sarah Abel, second by Nathan Haun to hold an executive session as per section 610.022 following the August 13th & September 14th meetings. After roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

A motion by Sarah Abel, second by Nathan 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 Sarah Abel, second by Nathan Haun to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Tracy Shumate, Secretary

Ann Cates, President