

**McLouth USD 342
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
May 8, 2023**

- A. Call the Meeting to Order** – President Kim Troupe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Roll Call**
Board members present: Mrs. Pamela Carleton, Mrs. Heather Coit, Mr. James Copeland, Mrs. Tara Garrow, Mrs. Jennifer Harsh, Mr. Dean Wolfe and Mrs. Kim Troupe
Also present: Mr. Jerome Johnson, Mrs. Lorie Patterson, Mrs. Missy Miller, Mr. John Courtney and Mrs. Sarah Walker
- C. Approval of the Agenda** – Mrs. Miller requested the addition of Accept the Resignation of Ms. Amanda Smith as E.e. Mr. Wolfe moved to approve the agenda with the addition. Mrs. Harsh seconded. Motion carried 7-0.
- D. 2022-2023 Budget Amendment Hearing** – Mrs. Troupe opened the hearing for public comments regarding the 2022-2023 budget amendment. No comments were received. Mrs. Troupe closed the budget amendment hearing.
- E. Consent Agenda** – Mrs. Coit moved and Mrs. Garrow seconded the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items: a. Approval of Minutes from April 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting and April 19, 2023 Special Board Meeting; b. Approval of Check Registers; c. Accept Treasurer’s Report; d. Approve “Maintenance Director” job description as presented 5/8/23; and e. Accept the Resignation of Ms. Amanda Smith-Elementary Teacher. The motion carried 7-0.
- F. Comments from the President** – Mrs. Troupe shared a thank you from FFA and Mrs. Hinrichsen.
- G. Administrative Reports**
a. Superintendent – Mr. Wolfe made a motion to approve six extra football helmets. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 7-0.
b. Elementary Principal
- H. Discussion and Approval of Proposed Music Trip FY24** – Mrs. Walker presented information about the trip and answered questions. Mrs. Coit moved and Mrs. Garrow seconded to approve the music trip for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 7-0.
- I. Discussion and Possible Approval of Budget Amendment** – Mr. Wolfe moved to approve the amended budget as presented. Mrs. Coit seconded. Motion carried 7-0.
- J. Discussion and Possible Approval of Auditorium Carpet Materials and Installation** – Mrs. Harsh made a motion to approve the carpet with installation not to exceed \$9,800. Mr. Wolfe seconded. Motion carried 7-0.
- K. Discussion Maintenance Position** – Mr. Johnson provided an update.
- L. Keystone Update** – Mrs. Troupe provided an update.
- M. Executive Session** - Mr. Wolfe made a motion to go into executive session to discuss potential hires pursuant to the exception for non-elected personnel under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 7:50 p.m. Mr. Wolfe invited Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Patterson into executive session. Mrs. Harsh seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Patterson attended executive session. The board returned to open session at 7:50 p.m. Mr. Wolfe made a motion to return to executive session to discuss potential hires pursuant to the exception for non-elected personnel under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 8:10 p.m. Mr. Wolfe invited Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Patterson into executive session. Mrs. Harsh seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Patterson attended executive session.

Mrs. Carleton left executive session at 8:07 p.m.
The board returned to open session at 8:10 p.m.

- N. Action Following Executive Session** – Mr. Wolfe made a motion to hire Mr. Ballard Patterson as an assistant high school football coach and to hire Mr. John Courtney as an assistant high school football coach as long as numbers are 25 or higher. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mrs. Harsh moved to hire Mr. Kyle Zarda as an assistant wrestling coach. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mrs. Coit moved to hire Ms. Allison Barnes as the head high school cheer coach and Ms. Elizabeth Higbee as the assistant high school cheer coach. Mrs. Carleton seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mrs. Harsh made a motion to hire Mr. Cole Griffin as the head middle school football coach. Mr. Wolfe seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mrs. Garrow moved to hire Mr. Joe Erazmus as the assistant middle school football coach. Mrs. Harsh seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mrs. Carleton moved to hire Ms. Victoria Overstreet as a summer weights and conditioning coach. Mr. Copeland seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Wolfe moved to hire Ms. Darcie Hearn as a junior class sponsor. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mrs. Coit moved to hire Mr. Eric Hinostroza as an assistant baseball coach for the remainder of the season. Mrs. Harsh seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Wolfe moved to hire Ms. Autumn Tharpe as an elementary/district data secretary. Mrs. Harsh seconded. Motion carried 7-0.
- M. Executive Session** – Mr. Wolfe made a motion to go into executive session to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the exception for non-elected personnel under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 8:20 p.m. Mr. Wolfe invited Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Patterson into executive session. Mrs. Carleton seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Patterson attended executive session. The board returned to open session at 8:20 p.m.
- O. Other**
- P. Adjourn** – Mrs. Troupe adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Mrs. Kim Troupe, President

Mrs. Lorie Patterson, Clerk