

**McLouth USD 342
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
April 14, 2025**

A. Call the Meeting to Order – President Heather Coit called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Board members present: Mr. Tony Barnes, Mrs. Heather Coit, Mrs. Tara Garrow, Mr. Paul Haverkamp, Mr. Joe Mahon and Mr. Terry Reiling

Board members absent: Mr. James Copeland

Also present: Mr. Jerome Johnson, Mrs. Lorie Patterson, Mr. Alan Hibdon, Mrs. Melissa Miller, Ms. Blaise Ball, Ms. Allison Barnes, Ms. Kelly Bushouse, Ms. Beverly Muzzy, Ms. Chris Twenhafel, Ms. Tonya Wahl, and Ms. Sarah Walker

C. Approval of the Agenda – Mr. Barnes moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Reiling seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

D. Consent Agenda – Mrs. Garrow moved and Mr. Mahon seconded the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items: a. Approval of Minutes from March 10, 2025 Regular Board Meeting; b. Approval of Check Registers; c. Accept Treasurer's Report; d. Accept the Resignations of Ms. Victoria Johnson, Head Middle School Girls' Basketball Coach, Head High School Girls' Basketball Coach and Summer Weights/Conditioning Coach; Ms. Kelly Bushouse, 5-12 Band Teacher; Mr. Jeff Smith, Secondary Science Teacher; Ms. Tiffany Turner, Freshman Class Sponsor; and Ms. Kassidee Beadle, Bus Driver; e. Approve Jackie Ottensmeier as a Regular Route Bus Driver; and f. Accept Donations for the Middle School Band from the Raiden Harnden Memorial and the Donation from the McLouth Booster Club. The motion carried 6-0.

E. Comments from the President – None

Mr. Copeland arrived at 7:02 p.m.

F. Administrative Reports

a. Superintendent – Out of State Trips x 3 (FBLA, Music, Gifted) – Mr. Mahon moved to approve the gifted field trip. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Barnes moved to approve the FBLA nationals' trip. Mr. Reiling seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Reiling made a motion to approve the band and choir trip for March 12-15 with the district providing the costs of an administrator, school vehicle and gasoline. Mr. Mahon seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Reiling moved to approve option 3 for high school cheerleading uniforms and warm-ups. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

b. Elementary Principal

c. Secondary Principal and AD

Administrators discussed holding summer school from July 21-August 1 for grades K-5 and high school credit recovery in June. Mr. Reiling moved to have summer school as presented. Mr. Barnes seconded. Motion carried 6-1.

G. Discussion and Approval of Student Devices - Mr. Mahon made a motion to approve the purchase of student devices as presented. Mr. Haverkamp seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

H. Discussion and Approval of Glass Installation, Classroom Doors - Mr. Barnes made a motion to install door windows as presented. Mr. Reiling seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

I. Discussion and Approval of Non-Resident Capacity & Enrollment Projections for 25-26 - Discussion-Mr. Barnes moved to approve the non-resident capacity and enrollment projections as presented. Mr. Reiling seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

J. Discussion and Approval of SFSP – Mr. Haverkamp made a motion to approve the Summer Food Service Program with Mr. Johnson as the Authorized Representative. Mr. Reiling seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

K. Discussion of Projects and Future Board Tour

L. Discussion of Board Reps for Graduation and Promotion

M. Keystone Update – Mr. Reiling provided an update.

N. Executive Session - Mr. Haverkamp made a motion to go into executive session to discuss potential hires pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 9:04 p.m. Mr. Haverkamp invited Mr. Hibdon, Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Miller into executive session. Mr. Reiling seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Hibdon, Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Miller attended executive session. The board returned to open session at 9:04 p.m.

O. Action Following Executive Session - Mr. Barnes moved to hire Ms. Terri White as a curriculum committee member; Mr. John Deitrich as the head high school girls' basketball coach, an assistant high school football coach, and the girls' summer weights/conditioning coach; Ms. Blaise Ball as the assistant high school girls' basketball coach and the head middle school girls' basketball coach; Mr. Seth Mills as the head middle school boys' basketball coach and boys' summer weights/conditioning coach; Mr. Jacob Larsen as the head high school boys' basketball coach; Mr. Rich Menninger as the assistant high school boys' basketball coach; Ms. Gracie Berry as the middle school assistant cheerleading coach; Mr. Ballard Patterson as a high school assistant football coach; and Mr. John Courtney as a high school assistant football coach (pending numbers). Mr. Haverkamp seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

N. Executive Session - Mr. Reiling made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a confidential student matter pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 9:13 p.m. Mr. Reiling invited Mr. Hibdon, Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Miller into executive session. Mr. Copeland seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Hibdon, Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Miller attended executive session. The board returned to open session at 9:13 p.m.

Mr. Barnes made a motion to go into executive session to discuss confidential matters for non-elected personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 9:24 p.m. Mr. Barnes invited Mr. Hibdon and Mr. Johnson into executive session. Mr. Reiling seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Hibdon and Mr. Johnson attended executive session. The board returned to open session at 9:24 p.m.

Mr. Barnes made a motion to go into executive session to discuss negotiable items under the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 9:31 p.m. Mr. Barnes invited Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Patterson into executive session. Mr. Mahon seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Patterson attended executive session. The board returned to open session at 9:31 p.m.

P. Other

Q. Adjourn – Mrs. Coit adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m.

Mrs. Heather Coit, President

Mrs. Lorie Patterson, Clerk