

**McLouth USD 342
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
February 10, 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: Mrs. Heather Coit, Mr. James Copeland, Mrs. Tara Garrow, Mr. Paul Haverkamp, Mr. Joe Mahon and Mr. Terry Reiling
Board members absent: Mr. Tony Barnes
Also present: Mr. Jerome Johnson, Mrs. Lorie Patterson, Mr. Alan Hibdon, Mrs. Melissa Miller, Ms. Blaise Ball, Ms. Kristin Brey, Ms. Elizabeth Higbee and Ms. Tonya Wahl
- C. Approval of the Agenda** – Mr. Haverkamp moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
- D. Organization of the Board**
- a. Election of President - Mr. Reiling nominated Mrs. Coit for president. Mr. Haverkamp moved to close nominations. Mrs. Garrow moved to approve Mrs. Coit as president. Mr. Reiling seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
 - b. Election of Vice-President - Mr. Reiling nominated Mrs. Garrow for vice-president. Mr. Copeland moved to close nominations. Mr. Reiling moved to approve Mrs. Garrow as vice-president. Mr. Haverkamp seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
 - c. Appointment of KASB Governmental Relations Contact - Mr. Haverkamp moved to approve Mrs. Coit to continue as KASB Governmental Relations Contact. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
 - d. Appointment of Keystone Representative and Alternate - Mrs. Garrow moved to approve Mr. Reiling to continue as the Keystone Representative and to approve Mr. Mahon as the alternate. Mr. Haverkamp seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
 - e. 2025 Board Meeting Schedule, Times and Places - Mr. Haverkamp moved to hold meetings the second Monday of each month in the library at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Mahon seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
- E. Consent Agenda** – Mrs. Garrow moved and Mr. Haverkamp seconded the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items: a. Approval of Minutes from January 13, 2025 Regular Board Meeting; b. Approval of Check Registers; c. Accept Treasurer’s Report; and d. Accept the Resignations of Ms. Tiffany Turner and Ms. Robin Forsberg-Middle School Student Council Co-Sponsors; and Ms. Kameron Faherty-Middle School Head Cheer Coach. The motion carried 6-0.
- F. Comments from the President** - Mrs. Coit shared a thank you card from the McLouth FFA.
- G. Administrative Reports**
- a. Superintendent - Drivers Ed, Negotiations-Mr. Reiling and Mrs. Coit will represent the board, PowerSchool
 - b. Elementary Principal
 - c. Secondary Principal/AD
- J. Discussion and Approval of New K-12 ELA Resources** - Mrs. Miller, Ms. Brey and Ms. Higbee provided information about the proposed resources. Mr. Mahon moved to approve the purchase of new K-12 ELA curriculum as presented. Mr. Reiling seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
- H. Discussion and Approval of HVAC Bid** – Mr. Johnson discussed the bids. Mr. Reiling moved to approve the low bid from Sprang Heating and Air Conditioning, LLC in the amount of \$22,903. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
- I. Discussion and Possible Approval of a 5 Year Uniform Rotation Including Cheer** - Discussion-Mr. Copeland moved to approve a five-year uniform rotation to include cheer. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
- K. Approval of 2025-2026 Academic Calendar** - Mrs. Garrow made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 academic calendar as presented. Mr. Mahon seconded. Motion carried 5-1.

- L. Approval to Rescind the Resignation of Holland Evans, Secondary Science** - Mr. Copeland made a motion to rescind the resignation of Mr. Holland Evans. Mr. Mahon seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
- M. Keystone Update** – Mr. Reiling provided an update.
- N. Executive Session** - Mr. Reiling 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 8:41 p.m. Mr. Reiling invited Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Miller into executive session. Mr. Haverkamp seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Miller attended executive session. The board returned to open session at 8:41 p.m. Mr. Haverkamp made a motion to return to 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 8:43 p.m. Mr. Haverkamp invited Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Miller into executive session. Mr. Copeland seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Miller attended executive session. The board returned to open session at 8:43 p.m.
- O. Action Following Executive Session** - Mr. Haverkamp moved to transfer Ms. Kristin Brey to Title I and Mrs. Stephanie Saheb to first grade for the 2025-2026 school year. Mr. Reiling seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
- 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 8:50 p.m. Mr. Haverkamp invited Mr. Hibdon, Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Miller into executive session. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Hibdon, Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Miller attended executive session. The board returned to open session at 8:50 p.m. Mr. Haverkamp made a motion to return to 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 8:52 p.m. Mr. Haverkamp invited Mr. Hibdon, Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Miller into executive session. Mr. Copeland seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Hibdon, Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Miller attended executive session. The board returned to open session at 8:52 p.m.
- O. Action Following Executive Session** - Mr. Reiling moved to hire Ms. Jennifer Buck as the middle school student council sponsor for the 2025-2026 school year. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Haverkamp moved to approve Mr. Seth Mills as the high school head football coach for the 2025-2026 school year. Mr. Reiling seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mrs. Garrow made a motion to hire Ms. Blaise Ball as an assistant high school track coach. Mr. Reiling seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
- N. Executive Session** - Mr. Haverkamp made a motion to go into executive session to discuss an individual employee's contract pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 9:03 p.m. Mr. Copeland seconded. Motion carried 6-0. The board returned to open session at 9:03 p.m. Mr. Haverkamp made a motion to return to executive session to discuss an individual employee's contract pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 9:14 p.m. Mr. Copeland seconded. Motion carried 6-0. The board returned to open session at 9:14 p.m. Mr. Haverkamp made a motion to return to executive session to discuss an individual employee's contract pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 9:20 p.m. Mr. Haverkamp invited Mrs. Patterson into executive session. Mr. Copeland seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mrs. Patterson attended executive session. Mrs. Patterson left executive session at 9:16 p.m. The board returned to open session at 9:20 p.m.
- O. Action Following Executive Session** - Mr. Haverkamp moved to extend the contract of Mr. Jerome Johnson to a three-year contract. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
- N. Executive Session** - Mr. Haverkamp 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 9:30 p.m. Mr. Haverkamp invited Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Patterson into executive session. Mr. Copeland seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Patterson attended executive session. The board returned to open session at 9:30 p.m.
- P. Other**
- Q. Adjourn** – Mrs. Coit adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Mrs. Heather Coit, President

Mrs. Lorie Patterson, Clerk