McLouth USD 342
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
September 8, 2025

Hearing for Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) for the 2025-2026 School Year - 7:00 p.m. - After the hearing, Mr. Reiling moved to approve resolution 2026-01 authorizing USD 342 to levy property taxes to finance the 2025-2026 budget of USD 342 exceeding the revenue neutral tax rate. Mr. Mahon seconded. Mr. Haverkamp voted yes, Mr. Mahon voted yes, Mrs. Coit voted yes, and Mr. Reiling voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Hearing of 2025-2026 Budget - 7:05 p.m.

A. Call the Meeting to Order – President Heather Coit called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

B. Roll Call
Board members present: Mrs. Heather Coit, Mrs. Tara Garrow, Mr. Paul Haverkamp, Mr. Joe Mahon and Mr. Terry Reiling
Board members absent: Mr. Tony Barnes and Mr. James Copeland
Also present: Mr. Jerome Johnson, Mrs. Lorie Patterson, Mrs. Melissa Miller, Ms. Jamie Daniels, Mrs. Nicole Hinrichsen, Ms. Beverly Muzzy and Ms. Tonya Wahl

C. Approval of the Agenda – Mr. Haverkamp moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Reiling seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Consent Agenda – Mrs. Garrow moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Mahon seconded. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items: a. Approval of Minutes from August 11, 2025 Regular Board Meeting and August 18, 2025 Special Board Meeting; b. Approval of Check Registers; c. Accept Treasurer's Report; d. Accept the Resignation of Mr. Ballard Patterson, High School Softball Head Coach; and e. Accept the Donation from First State Bank and Trust. The motion carried 5-0.

E. Comments from the President – Mrs. Coit welcomed everyone Back to School.

F. Administrative Reports
a. Superintendent – Food Pantry Presentation FFA-Mrs. Hinrichsen provided information to the board about the food pantry. Mr. Mahon moved to approve the perishable food pantry program. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
b. Elementary Principal
c. Secondary Principal - Not in attendance

G. Discussion and Possible Adoption of FY26 Budget and LOB Resolution – Discussion-Mr. Mahon made the motion after reviewing, evaluating and using the Building Needs Assessment and the State Assessments provided to the board, I move we adopt the 2025-2026 budget as published. Mr. Reiling seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Mahon moved that the board approve resolution 2026-02 authorizing USD 342 to make a Local Option percentage in the amount of 32.3% for the 2025-2026 school year. Mr. Reiling seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

H. Discussion and Possible Approval of FFA Trip to Indiana – Mr. Reiling made a motion to approve the FFA trip to Indiana. Mr. Haverkamp seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

I. Discussion and Approval of Increase to Activity Duty Pay – Mrs. Garrow made a motion to approve the activity duty pay as presented. Mr. Reiling seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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

K. Executive Session - Mr. Haverkamp made a motion to go into executive session to discuss potential employees pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 7:46 p.m. Mr. Haverkamp invited Mr. Johnson into executive session. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried

5-0. Mr. Johnson attended executive session. The board returned to open session at 7:46 p.m. Mr. Haverkamp made a motion to return to executive session to discuss potential employees pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 7:51 p.m. Mr. Haverkamp invited Mr. Johnson into executive session. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Johnson attended executive session. The board returned to open session at 7:51 p.m.

L. Action Following Executive Session – Mrs. Garrow moved to approve the supplemental list as presented. Mr. Haverkamp seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Reiling moved to hire Ms. Katie Bronson as a wrestling coach for the 2025-2026 school year. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

M. Other

N. Adjourn – Mrs. Coit adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Mrs. Heather Coit, President

Mrs. Lorie Patterson, Clerk