

**McLouth USD 342
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
June 12, 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, Mr. James Copeland, Mrs. Jennifer Harsh, Mr. Dean Wolfe and Mrs. Kim Troupe
Board members absent: Mrs. Heather Coit and Mrs. Tara Garrow
Also present: Mr. Jerome Johnson, Mrs. Lorie Patterson, Mrs. Missy Miller and Mr. Phillipe McCree
- C. Approval of the Agenda** – Mr. Wolfe moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Carleton seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- D. Consent Agenda** – Mrs. Harsh moved and Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items: a. Approval of Minutes from May 8, 2023 Regular Board Meeting; b. Approval of Check Registers; c. Accept Treasurer’s Report; d. Accept the Retirement Resignation of Mr. Gregg Justus, Mechanic; and e. Accept the Resignation of Mr. Ryan Scott-Physical Education Teacher. The motion carried 5-0.
- E. Comments from the President** – Mrs. Troupe shared the FFA newsletter.
- F. Administrative Reports**
a. Superintendent – Mr. McCree provided information on the possible league expansion.

Mrs. Coit arrived at 7:07 p.m.

Mr. Wolfe made a motion to approve intercom and monitors for three entrances with Wirenuts in the amount of \$9,946. Mrs. Carleton seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mrs. Harsh moved to approve concrete work with King’s Construction in the amount of \$6,225. Mr. Wolfe seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mrs. Coit made a motion to paint the auditorium including repairs to the ceiling with Myha Enterprises in the amount of \$7,550. Mrs. Harsh seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mrs. Coit moved to install new carpet on the auditorium stairs with Midwest Carpet in the amount of \$4,149. Mr. Wolfe seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Johnson provided an update of the upcoming changes to out of district enrollment.
b. Elementary Principal
- G. Presentation and Discussion of Elementary Handbook Changes** – Mrs. Miller went over the proposed changes.
- H. Presentation and Discussion of Secondary Handbook Changes** – Mr. Johnson went over the proposed changes.
- I. Presentation and Discussion of Athletic Handbook Changes** – Mr. Johnson went over the proposed changes.
- J. Discussion and Possible Approval of PAT One Year Contract** – Mr. Wolfe moved and Mrs. Harsh seconded to approve one unit of Parents as Teachers. Motion carried 6-0.
- K. Discussion and Possible Approval of Student Fees ’23-’24** – Mr. Wolfe moved to keep student fees the same as the current year. Mrs. Coit seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
- L. Discussion and Possible Approval of Meal Prices ’23-’24** – Mrs. Harsh moved to approve increased meal prices as presented. Mr. Wolfe seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
- M. Discussion and Possible Approval of Insurance Renewal** – Mr. Johnson provided information about the increased cost of district insurance coverages.

- N. Discussion and Approval of June Special Board Meeting-Close of FY23** – Mr. Wolfe moved to set a special meeting for Monday, June 26th at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Copeland seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
- O. Discussion and Possible Approval of Policy Merger with KASB** – Mr. Copeland moved to approve the policy updates presented with the exception of GBRGB. Mr. Wolfe seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
- P. Keystone Update** – Mrs. Troupe provided an update.
- Q. 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 8:45 p.m. Mr. Wolfe invited Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Patterson into executive session. Mrs. Coit seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Patterson attended executive session. President Troupe did not attend executive session. The board returned to open session at 8:45 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 9:00 p.m. Mr. Wolfe invited Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Patterson into executive session. Mrs. Coit seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Patterson attended executive session. President Troupe did not attend executive session. The board returned to open session at 9:00 p.m. Mrs. Carleton 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 9:16 p.m. Mrs. Carleton invited Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Patterson into executive session. Mrs. Harsh seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Patterson attended executive session. The board returned to open session at 9:16 p.m.
- R. Action Following Executive Session** – Mr. Wolfe made a motion to hire Mr. Tate Weaver as the elementary physical education teacher. Mrs. Coit seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mrs. Coit moved to hire Ms. Taylor Hansen as a kindergarten paraprofessional. Mr. Wolfe seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mrs. Harsh moved to hire Mr. Michael Coffin as the maintenance director. Mrs. Coit seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Copeland made a motion to hire Ms. Jessie Bouza as an elementary teacher with the expectation her degree be completed by the end of May 2024. If expectation is not met, the board will reassess. Mrs. Harsh seconded. Motion carried 5-0-1.
- Q. 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 9:35 p.m. Mr. Wolfe invited Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Patterson into executive session. Mrs. Harsh seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Patterson attended executive session. The board returned to open session at 9:35 p.m. Mr. Wolfe made a motion to go into executive session to discuss an individual employee’s contract pursuant to the exception for non-elected personnel under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 9:40 p.m. Mr. Wolfe invited Mr. Johnson into executive session. Mr. Copeland seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Johnson attended executive session. The board returned to open session at 9:40 p.m.
- R. Action Following Executive Session** – Mr. Wolfe made a motion to offer an extended contract of 6 days to both agriculture teachers. Mrs. Harsh seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
- S. Other**
- T. Adjourn** – Mrs. Troupe adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Mrs. Kim Troupe, President

Mrs. Lorie Patterson, Clerk