

**McLouth USD 342  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
September 12, 2022**

- 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. Tara Garrow, Mrs. Jennifer Harsh, Mr. Dean Wolfe and Mrs. Kim Troupe  
Absent: Mrs. Heather Coit and Mr. James Copeland  
Also present: Mr. Jerome Johnson, Mrs. Lorie Patterson, Ms. Vicki Enyart, Mrs. Missy Miller, Mr. Blake Behrens, Mr. Phillipe McCree, Mr. Rick Muzzy, Ms. Erica Patz and Mr. Aaron Polson
- C. Hearing for Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) for the 2022-2023 School Year** – Mrs. Harsh moved to approve resolution 2023-02 authorizing USD 342 to levy property taxes to finance the 2022-2023 budget of USD 342 exceeding the revenue neutral tax rate. Mr. Wolfe seconded. Mrs. Harsh voted yes, Mrs. Carleton voted yes, Mr. Wolfe voted yes, Mrs. Garrow voted yes and Mrs. Troupe voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.
- D. Hearing of 2022-2023 Budget**
- E. Approval of the Agenda** – Mr. Wolfe moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Harsh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- F. Consent Agenda** – Mrs. Harsh 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 August 8, 2022 Regular Board Meeting; b. Approval of Check Registers; c. Accept Treasurer’s Report; d. Accept the Resignations of Mrs. Lindsay Mills-High School Secretary/Registrar, Mrs. Annamaria Rainey-National Honor Society Sponsor and Mrs. Lana Harriman-Driver’s Education Instructor; and e. Accept the Donations from First State Bank and Trust in the amount of \$2,672.95 and B&D Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$500. The motion carried 5-0.
- G. Comments from the President** – Mrs. Troupe shared a thank you card.
- H. Administrative Reports**  
a. Superintendent  
b. Elementary Principal  
  
Mrs. Coit arrived at 7:08 p.m.  
  
c. Secondary Principal
- I. Presentation of Secondary Coursework and Credit Requirements-Mr. Polson, Counselor** – Mr. Polson presented information and answered questions.
- J. Discussion and Adoption of FY23 Budget and LOB Resolution** – Mrs. Harsh made the motion after reviewing and evaluating the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate, the Building Needs Assessment and the State Assessments provided to the board, I move we adopt the 2022-2023 budget as published. Mr. Wolfe seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mrs. Coit moved that the board approve resolution 2023-03 authorizing USD 342 to make a Local Option Budget percentage in the amount of 31% for the 2022-2023 school year. Mrs. Harsh seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
- K. Discussion and Possible Approval of FFA Trip to Indiana** – Discussion-Mr. Wolfe made a motion to approve the FFA trip as presented with two vehicles. Mrs. Harsh seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
- L. Discussion and Possible Approval of Classified Employee Handbook** – Mrs. Carleton moved to table approval until next month. Motion died for lack of a second. Discussion-Mr. Wolfe moved to approve the classified employee handbook as presented. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

- M. Discussion and Approval to Dispose of Items Listed** – Mr. Wolfe moved to dispose of the four buses. Mrs. Harsh seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
- N. Discussion and Approval of Board Policy Update** – Mr. Wolfe made a motion to approve the policy updates as presented. Mrs. Carleton seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
- O. Discussion and Approval of 7x16 Enclosed Trailer** – Mrs. Garrow moved to approve the purchase of a 7x16 enclosed trailer not to exceed \$9,395. Mr. Wolfe seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
- P. Keystone Update** – Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Troupe provided an update.
- Q. Executive Session** - Mrs. Harsh 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 9:05 p.m. Mrs. Harsh invited Mr. Johnson and Mr. McCree into executive session. Mrs. Coit seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Johnson and Mr. McCree attended executive session. The board returned to open session at 9:05 p.m.
- R. Action Following Executive Session** – Mrs. Coit moved to hire Mr. Jeff Stean as an assistant wrestling coach. Mr. Wolfe seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mrs. Harsh moved to hire Ms. Sam Freeman as an assistant softball coach. Mrs. Carleton seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mrs. Coit moved to hire Ms. Lori Vicory as the FBLA sponsor. Mrs. Harsh seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mrs. Coit moved to hire Ms. Halsey Wright as the art club sponsor and a junior class sponsor. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mrs. Harsh moved to hire Mr. Joe Erazmus as the assistant middle school football coach. Mrs. Coit seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mrs. Harsh moved to hire Mr. Jon Bishop as an assistant high school track coach. Mrs. Carleton seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
- Q. Executive Session** - Mr. Wolfe 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 9:15. Mr. Wolfe invited Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Patterson into executive session. Mrs. Coit seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Patterson attended executive session. The board returned to open session at 9:15 p.m. Mr. Wolfe made a motion to return to 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 9:21. Mr. Wolfe invited Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Patterson into executive session. Mrs. Coit seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Patterson attended executive session. The board returned to open session at 9:21 p.m.
- S. Other**
- T. Adjourn** – Mrs. Troupe adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Mrs. Kim Troupe, President

Mrs. Lorie Patterson, Clerk