

**McLouth USD 342  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
January 10, 2024  
(Rescheduled from January 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. due to weather)**

- A. Call the Meeting to Order** – Mr. Johnson, Superintendent, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- B. Roll Call**  
Board members present: Mr. Tony Barnes, Mrs. Heather Coit, Mr. James Copeland, Mrs. Tara Garrow, Mr. Paul Haverkamp and Mr. Terry Reiling  
Board members absent: Mrs. Pamela Carleton  
Also present: Mr. Jerome Johnson, Mrs. Lorie Patterson, Mr. Alan Hibdon, Mrs. Melissa Miller, Mr. J.D. Nelson, Ms. Nicole Hinrichsen and Ms. Beverly Muzzy
- C. Approval of the Agenda** – Mr. Johnson requested the addition of Accept the Resignation of Ms. Marie Umphenour as Middle School Girls Basketball Assistant Coach as E.f. Mr. Copeland moved to approve the agenda with the addition. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
- D. Organization of the Board**
- a. Election of President – Mr. Copeland nominated Mrs. Coit. Mr. Reiling moved to close the nominations, Mr. Haverkamp seconded, motion carried 6-0. Mrs. Coit was elected as president, 6-0.
  - b. Election of Vice President – Mrs. Garrow nominated Mr. Copeland. Mr. Reiling seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
  - c. Appointment of KASB Governmental Relations Contact – Mrs. Coit volunteered to continue as the KASB Governmental Relations Contact, approved 6-0.
  - d. Appointment of Keystone Representative and Alternate – Mr. Haverkamp nominated Mr. Reiling as the Keystone Representative and Mrs. Garrow as the alternate. Approved 6-0.
  - e. 2024 Board Meeting Schedule, Times and Places – Mrs. Garrow made a motion to maintain the current schedule of meeting the second Monday of each month in the library at 7:00 p.m. with the exception of the March meeting to be moved to the third Monday. Mr. Reiling seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
- Mrs. Carleton arrived at 5:12 p.m.
- E. Consent Agenda** – Mrs. Garrow moved and Mr. Reiling seconded the motion to accept the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items: a. Approval of Minutes from December 11, 2023 Regular Board Meeting; b. Approval of Check Registers; c. Accept Treasurer's Report; d. Accept the Resignation of Cory Sullivan, Food Service Director; e. Approval of Updated Food Service Director Job Description; and f. Accept the Resignation of Ms. Marie Umphenour as Middle School Girls Basketball Assistant Coach. The motion carried 7-0.
- F. Comments from the President** – President Coit welcomed the new board members.
- G. Administrative Reports**
- a. Superintendent – Ms. Hinrichsen provided information on the agriculture program and the awards that she has received.
  - b. Elementary Principal
  - c. Secondary Principal and AD
- H. Discussion and Possible Approval of Student Devices** – Mr. Copeland made a motion to approve the purchase of student devices as presented. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 7-0.
- I. Discussion and Approval of Contract with Butler and Associates, Collection Agency** – Discussion
- J. Discussion and Possible Approval of Wrestling Uniform Donation** – Mrs. Garrow moved to accept the donation of wrestling uniforms. Mrs. Carleton seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

**K. Discussion of 2024-2025 Calendar**

**L. Discussion and Possible Approval of Board Policy Update-Ongoing KASB Merger** – Mrs. Carleton moved to approve the board policy updates as presented. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

**M. Discussion and Possible Approval of 2022-2023 Audit Report** – Mr. Reiling moved to approve the 2022-2023 Audit Report. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

**N. Keystone Update** – Mrs. Garrow provided an update.

**O. Executive Session** - Mr. Barnes made a motion to go into executive session to discuss individual employee performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 6:31 p.m. Mr. Barnes invited Mr. Hibdon, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Miller and Mr. Nelson into executive session. Mr. Copeland seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Hibdon, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Miller and Mr. Nelson attended executive session. The board returned to open session at 6:31 p.m. Mr. Copeland made a motion to return to executive session to discuss individual employee performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 6:37 p.m. Mr. Copeland invited Mr. Hibdon, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Miller and Mr. Nelson into executive session. Mr. Reiling seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Hibdon, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Miller and Mr. Nelson attended executive session. The board returned to open session at 6:37 p.m. Mrs. Garrow made a motion to return to executive session to discuss individual employee performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 6:42 p.m. Mrs. Garrow invited Mr. Hibdon, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Miller and Mr. Nelson into executive session. Mr. Copeland seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Hibdon, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Miller and Mr. Nelson attended executive session. The board returned to open session at 6:42 p.m.

**P. Action Following Executive Session** – Mr. Reiling moved to retain Ms. Jessie Bouza for the 2024-2025 school year. Ms. Bouza will be required to finish the necessary coursework during the fall of 2024. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

**Q. Other**

**R. Adjourn** – Mrs. Coit adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Mrs. Heather Coit, President

Mrs. Lorie Patterson, Clerk