

**McLouth USD 342
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
September 11, 2023**

- A. Call the Meeting to Order** – President Dean Wolfe called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- B. Roll Call**
Board members present: Mrs. Pamela Carleton, Mrs. Tara Garrow, Mrs. Jennifer Harsh and Mr. Dean Wolfe
Absent: Mrs. Heather Coit and Mr. James Copeland
Also present: Mr. Jerome Johnson, Mrs. Lorie Patterson, Mr. Alan Hibdon, Ms. Candace Braksick, Ms. Kathy Ewert, Ms. Beverly Muzzy, Mr. Richard Muzzy, Mr. Jim Sears and Mr. Duane Thiry
- C. Hearing for Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) for the 2023-2024 School Year** – Mrs. Harsh moved to approve resolution 2024-01 authorizing USD 342 to levy property taxes to finance the 2023-2024 budget of USD 342 exceeding the revenue neutral tax rate. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Mrs. Harsh voted yes, Mrs. Carleton voted yes, Mr. Wolfe voted yes and Mrs. Garrow voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.
- D. Hearing of 2023-2024 Budget**
- E. Approval of the Agenda** – Mrs. Carleton moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Harsh seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
- F. Consent Agenda** – Mr. Johnson requested the addition of Accept the Resignation of Mr. David Denham, Custodian as F.d. Mrs. Harsh moved and Mrs. Garrow seconded the motion to accept the Consent Agenda with the addition. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items: a. Approval of Minutes from August 14, 2023 Regular Board Meeting; b. Approval of Check Registers; c. Accept Treasurer’s Report; and d. Accept the Resignation of Mr. David Denham, Custodian. The motion carried 4-0.
- G. Comments from the President** – Mrs. Patterson informed the board that the food service staff wished to thank them for the pay increase.
- H. Administrative Reports**
a. Superintendent – Mrs. Harsh moved to approve the science textbooks as presented. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
b. Elementary Principal
c. Secondary Principal
- I. Discussion and Adoption of FY24 Budget and LOB Resolution** – Mrs. Harsh 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 2023-2024 budget as published. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Mrs. Garrow moved that the board approve resolution 2024-02 authorizing USD 342 to make a Local Option Percentage in an amount of 31.6% for the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Harsh seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
- J. Discussion and Possible Approval of FFA Trip to Indiana** – Mrs. Harsh made a motion to approve the FFA trip to Indiana. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
- K. Discussion and Approval of Changes to “Request to Speak” Form** – Mrs. Garrow moved to approve the changes to the “Request to Speak” form as presented. Mrs. Carleton seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
- L. Discussion of Greenhouse**
- M. Discussion and Approval of Board Policy Update** – Mrs. Harsh made a motion to approve the board policy updates as presented. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
- N. Keystone Update** – Mrs. Garrow provided an update.

- O. Executive Session** - Mrs. Garrow 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 8:16 p.m. Mrs. Garrow invited Mr. Hibdon and Mr. Johnson into executive session. Mrs. Harsh seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Mr. Hibdon and Mr. Johnson attended executive session. The board returned to open session at 8:16 p.m. Mrs. Garrow 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 8:25 p.m. Mrs. Garrow invited Mr. Hibdon, Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Patterson into executive session. Mrs. Harsh seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Mr. Hibdon, Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Patterson attended executive session. The board returned to open session at 8:25 p.m.
- P. Action Following Executive Session** – Mrs. Harsh moved to approve the supplementals as presented. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
- Q. Other**
- R. Adjourn** – Mr. Wolfe adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Mr. Dean Wolfe, President

Mrs. Lorie Patterson, Clerk