

**McLouth USD 342
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
April 13, 2026**

- A. Call the Meeting to Order** – President Heather Coit called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Roll Call**
Board members present: Mrs. Heather Coit, Mr. James Copeland, Mr. Paul Haverkamp Mr. Joe Mahon and Mr. Terry Reiling
Board members absent: Mr. Tony Barnes and Mrs. Tara Garrow
Also present: Mr. Jerome Johnson, Mrs. Lorie Patterson, Mrs. Melissa Miller, Mr. J.D. Nelson and Ms. Blaise Ball
- C. Approval of the Agenda** – Mr. Mahon moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Reiling seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- D. Consent Agenda** – Mr. Reiling moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Mahon seconded. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items: a. Approval of Minutes from March 9, 2026 Regular Board Meeting; b. Approval of Check Registers; c. Accept Treasurer’s Report; d. Accept the Resignations of Mr. John Deitrich-Powerlifting Coach, Assistant High School Football Coach and Girls Summer Weights Coach, Ms. Gracie Berry-Assistant Middle School Cheer Sponsor, Ms. Autumn Tharpe-Elementary Secretary, Ms. Jennifer Buck-Eighth Grade Class Sponsor, Ms. Blaise Ball-Business Teacher, FBLA Sponsor, Middle School Girls Basketball Head Coach, High School Girls Basketball Assistant Coach, and High School Assistant Track Coach, Ms. Jessica Holloway-Sophomore Class Sponsor, and Ms. Tiffany Turner-Sophomore Class Sponsor; e. Approval of the LMH Athletic Trainer Contract; f. Approval for the High School Football team/players to use school equipment for camps; and g. Approval of Winter Sports Coaches and Activities Sponsors per List Provided. The motion carried 5-0.
- E. Comments from the President** – President Coit commented that during this busy season, kids are doing great things.
- F. Administrative Reports**
a. Superintendent - Out of State Trip (FBLA)-Ms. Ball provided information about FBLA nationals-discussion- Mr. Haverkamp moved that the district would pay \$4,500 and the expense of another chaperone, if needed, and FBLA would pay \$2,000 for the trip to nationals. Mr. Copeland seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Bill Updates-Mr. Johnson provided information about a potential PTO donation.
b. Elementary Principal
c. Secondary Principal/AD - Mr. Nelson provided an update on secondary activities.
- G. Discussion of Graduation Caps**
- H. Discussion and Approval of Ag Welding Textbooks** - Mr. Reiling moved to approve the Ag Welding textbooks at a cost of \$2,747.69 and if needed, an annual cost of lab manuals. Mr. Mahon seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- I. Discussion and Approval of Non-Resident Capacity & Enrollment Projections for 26-27** - Mr. Haverkamp moved to approve the non-resident capacity and enrollment projections as presented. Mr. Reiling seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- J. Discussion and Approval of SFSP** - Mr. Haverkamp moved to approve the Summer Food Service Program for the upcoming summer. Mr. Copeland seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- K. Discussion and Approval of the KLS Interlocal Agreement** - Mr. Reiling moved to approve the Keystone Learning Services Interlocal Agreement as presented. Mr. Mahon seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- L. Discussion of Board Reps for Graduation and Promotion**
- M. Discussion and Approval of HVAC Bid** - Mr. Copeland moved to approve the bid from Boyd's Heating and AC as presented. Mr. Mahon seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- N. Discussion and Approval of Softball Uniforms** - Mr. Reiling moved to approve the purchase of softball uniforms

in the amount of \$3,906. Mr. Copeland seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

- O. Discussion and Approval of Purple Gym Shot Clock System** - Mr. Mahon moved to approve the shot clocks proposal for the purple gym without the installation option. Mr. Copeland seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- P. Discussion and Approval of KASB Policy Updates** - Mr. Reiling moved to approve the KASB new and updated policies as presented. Mr. Haverkamp seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- Q. Keystone Update** – Mr. Reiling provided an update.
- R. Executive Session** - Mr. Reiling made a motion to go into executive session to discuss potential employees pursuant to the exception for personnel matters of non-elected personnel under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 8:18 p.m. Mr. Reiling invited Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Miller into executive session. Mr. Mahon seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Miller attended executive session. The board returned to open session at 8:18 p.m.
- S. Action Following Executive Session** - Mr. Reiling made a motion to hire Ms. Nichole Pierson as the elementary secretary for the 2026-2027 school year. Mr. Haverkamp seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Reiling made a motion to hire Dr. Malcolm Birnell as the secondary principal with a salary of \$92,500 for the 2026-2027 school year. Mr. Mahon seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Mahon moved to hire Mr. Dean Wolfe as a substitute baseball assistant coach. Mr. Copeland seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- T. Other**
- U. Adjourn** – Mrs. Coit adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Mrs. Heather Coit, President

Mrs. Lorie Patterson, Clerk