McLouth USD 342
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
October 12, 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, Mrs. Tara Garrow, Mr. Joe Mahon and Mr. Terry Reiling
Board members absent: Mr. Tony Barnes and Mr. Paul Haverkamp
Also present: Mr. Jerome Johnson, Mrs. Lorie Patterson, Dr. Malcolm Birnell, Mr. Alan Hibdon, Mrs. Melissa Miller, Ms. Beverly Muzzy, Ms. Annamaria Rainey, Mr. Doug Walbridge and Ms. Samantha Wilson

C. Approval of the Agenda – Mrs. Garrow 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. Mrs. Garrow seconded. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items: a. Approval of Minutes from September 14, 2026 Regular Board Meeting; b. Approval of Check Registers; c. Accept Treasurer's Report; d. Accept the Resignation of Ms. Anna Moore-PreK Paraprofessional; and Approval of Ms. Miriam Bolinger as PreK Paraprofessional. The motion carried 5-0.

E. Comments from the President – Mrs. Coit commented there are lots of good things happening from the elementary all the way to the high school.

F. Administrative Reports
a. Superintendent - The board signed a thank you card to FreeState Electric Cooperative for their donation. Mr. Johnson provided a project priority list to the board.
b. Elementary Principal - Mrs. Miller discussed data.
c. Secondary Principal

G. PTO Signage Presentation and Request for Approval - Discussion-Mr. Mahon moved to approve for PTO to purchase and install a sign for Michelle Harsh Memorial "Grammie's Way". Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

H. Kiwanis Presentation and Possible Donation - Mr. Walbridge stated that Kiwanis voted to donate $15,000 towards the purchase of a digital marque and they would like to advertise their fireworks stand on the sign. Mr. Reiling moved to accept a donation from Kiwanis for a digital marque on K-16 highway. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

I. Discussion and Possible Approval of New Door – Mrs. Garrow made the motion to approve the new entry door as presented. Mr. Mahon seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

J. Discussion and Approval to Post Board Vacancy - Mr. Reiling made the motion to approve the resignation of Mr. Tony Barnes and to approve the resolution to publish the vacancy. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

K. Discussion ZeroEyes

L. Keystone Update – Mr. Reiling provided an update.

M. Executive Session - Mrs. Garrow 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 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Garrow invited Dr. Birnell, Mr. Hibdon and Mr. Johnson into executive session. Mr. Reiling seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Dr. Birnell, Mr. Hibdon and Mr. Johnson attended executive session. The board returned to open session at 8:00 p.m.

N. Action Following Executive Session – Mr. Copeland moved to hire Mr. Ballard Patterson as an assistant high

school football coach. Mr. Mahon seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

M. Executive Session - Mr. Reiling made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 8:08 p.m. Mr. Reiling invited Dr. Birnell, Mr. Hibdon and Mr. Johnson into executive session. Mrs. Garrow seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Dr. Birnell, Mr. Hibdon and Mr. Johnson attended executive session. The board returned to open session at 8:08 p.m.

N. Action Following Executive Session - Mr. Reiling moved to accept the resignation of Ms. Elizabeth Higbee, Assistant High School Cheerleading Coach effective October 9, 2026. Mr. Mahon seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

O. Other

P. Adjourn – Mrs. Coit adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Mrs. Heather Coit, President

Mrs. Lorie Patterson, Clerk