

BOARD OF EDUCATION
The School District of Independence

The Board of Education met in a Special session Tuesday September 9, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Board of Education Office, 201 North Forest Avenue, Independence, Missouri.

Members Present: Mrs. Carrie Dixon, President
 Mr. Anthony J. Mondaine, Vice President
 Mrs. Denise Fears, Treasurer
 Mrs. Jill Esry, Director
 Mr. Blake Roberson, Director
 Mrs. Brandi Prunte, Director
 Ms. Wendy Baird, Director :

Also Present: Dr. Lance Stout, other district leadership staff members, patrons and
 Mrs. Cammie Smith.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Carrie Dixon at 4:30 p.m., and minutes of the meeting were recorded by the secretary, Mrs. Cammie Smith. Mrs. Dixon welcomed those who were in attendance.

Denise Fears made the motion to approve the September 9, 2025 Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Jill Esry and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Jeanette Cowherd and Trent Grundmeyer from MSBA presented the Superintendent Search presentation to The Board. The Board was able to ask questions.

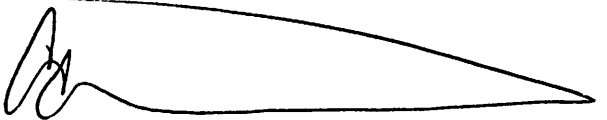
There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Blake Roberson made the motion, seconded by Wendy Baird, to adjourn the meeting and go into The Tax Levy Public Hearing. The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Carrie Dixon
 Anthony J. Mondaine
 Denise Fears
 Jill Esry
 Blake Roberson
 Brandi Prunte
 Wendy Baird

Nays:



Secretary



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The Board of Education met for a Tax Rate Levy Public Hearing on Tuesday September 9, 2025 at 5:45 p.m. in the Board Room at the Board of Education Office, 201 North Forest Avenue, Independence, Missouri.

Members Present: Mrs. Carrie Dixon, President
 Mr. Anthony J. Mondaine, Vice President
 Mrs. Denise Fears, Treasurer
 Mrs. Jill Esry, Director
 Mr. Blake Roberson, Director
 Mrs. Brandi Prunte, Director
 Ms. Wendy Baird, Director

Also Present: Dr. Cindy Grant, Interim Superintendent
 Dr. Lance Stout, other district leadership staff members, patrons and
 Mrs. Cammie Smith.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Carrie Dixon at 5:45 p.m., and minutes of the meeting were recorded by the secretary, Mrs. Cammie Smith. Mrs. Dixon welcomed those who were in attendance and stated the purpose of this meeting was for a public hearing on the proposed 2025-2026 Tax Rate Levy. Mrs. Dixon turned the meeting over to Dr. Herl.

Dr. Herl presented the Tax Rate Levy information.

This year's estimated Assessed Valuation is \$1,609,586,822 compared to last years of \$1,558,861,301. The overall proposed Levy for 2025-2026 is \$5.2371 compared to \$5.2371 for the 2024-2025 year. The Administration is recommending a Tax Rate Levy for the 2025-2026 school year of \$4.3253 for the Operating Fund and \$0.9118 for the Debt Service Fund for a total of \$5.2371 per \$100 of Assessed Valuation. The District submits the Tax Rate Summary to the County Clerk's Office and then to the State Auditor's Office annually, using the State's forms for their approval.

The Board of Education expressed appreciation for the School District being good steward of the Districts funds.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50.



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The Board of Education met in a Regular session Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Board of Education Office, 201 North Forest Avenue, Independence, Missouri.

Members Present: Mrs. Carrie Dixon, President
 Mr. Anthony J. Mondaine, Vice President
 Mrs. Denise Fears, Treasurer
 Mrs. Jill Esry, Director
 Mr. Blake Roberson, Director
 Mrs. Brandi Prunte, Director
 Ms. Wendy Baird, Director

Also Present: Dr. Cindy Grant, Interim Superintendent
 Dr. Lance Stout, other district leadership, staff members, patrons, students and Mrs. Cammie Smith.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Carrie Dixon at 6:00 p.m., and minutes of the meeting were recorded by the secretary, Mrs. Cammie Smith. Mrs. Dixon welcomed those who were in attendance, personally welcoming the students in attendance.

Denise Fears made the motion to amend the September 9, 2025 Agenda to add under new business, the approval of the update of policy G-250-P. The motion was seconded by Jill Esry. Policy G-250-P matches G-250-B in the Board Manual. This change is necessitated by a recent legislative change and is being presented for both reading and adoption to keep the Board Manual and Policy consistent. Wendy Baird made a motion to approve as amended. The motion was seconded by Denise Fears and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Mrs. Dixon stated we had three requests to address the Board of Education.

Jacob Gragg 422 West Farmer Street Independence, MO 64050 addressed The Board regarding agenda item V.8 Approval to Accept Changes to Student Parent Handbooks Based on the Passing of Recent Legislation. Senior at William Chrisman High School, would like The Board and The District to reconsider the policy regarding use of personal electronic devices during school hours to allow flexibility needed in order to complete assignments. He is requesting this in order to be more productive and successful with his lessons and extracurricular activities during the school day.

Lucian Jenkins 3405 N Union Street Independence, MO 64050 addressed The Board regarding agenda item V.8 Approval to Accept Changes to Student Parent Handbooks Based on the Passing of Recent Legislation. He is a student at William Chrisman High School. He would like The Board and The District to reconsider alternative policy approaches regarding the use of personal electronic devices during school hours to allow flexibility needed in order to complete assignments.

Levi Smith 325 West Sea Ave Independence, MO 64050 addressed The Board regarding agenda item V.8 Approval to Accept Changes to Student Parent Handbooks Based on the Passing of Recent Legislation. He is a student at William Chrisman High School. He would like The Board and The District to reconsider the policy regarding use of personal electronic devices during school hours to allow flexibility needed in order to complete assignments.

Denise Fears made the motion, second by Blake Roberson, that the Board of Education approves the Consent Agenda as presented.

1. Minutes – August 12 & 21, 2025.

2. Approval of Bills (III. 2.) Authorize the transfer of monies from the Incidental Fund to the Teachers Fund to meet the Teachers Fund obligations for the month and further approve the September 9, 2025 list of bills totaling \$15,493,205.48 as printed.

3. Approval to Let Bids for Request for Qualification and Request for Proposal for a Construction Manager at Risk for Fairmount Elementary Renovation for the Whole Structure.

The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Grant shared it has been a great start to the school year, she has met with several student groups. She provided an update regarding enrollment. Burrell Behavioral Health is serving every school building this year. Last year, over 600 students were served, so far this year, during the first week of school, over 50 students were referred.

Several new business items were presented for the Board of Education's consideration.

Anthony J. Mondaine made the motion that the Board of Education approves the Proposed 2025-2026 Tax Rate Levy. The motion was seconded by Brandi Prunte. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Jill Esry made the motion that the Board of Education approves the Approval of the 2025-2026 Transportation Routes. The motion was seconded by Wendy Baird. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Blake Roberson made the motion that the Board of Education approves the Accept Bid and Contract for Roof Replacement at Glendale Elementary School. The motion was seconded by Brandi Prunte. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Denise Fears made the motion that the Board of Education approves the Accept Bid and Contract for the Constructing of a Press Box & Athletic Storage at George Caleb Bingham Middle School. The motion was seconded by Brandi Prunte. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Brandi Prunte made the motion that the Board of Education approves the Accept Proposal for the Replacement of the Football and Soccer Synthetic Turf Field at George Caleb Bingham Middle School. The motion was seconded by Anthony J. Mondaine. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Wendy Baird made the motion that the Declaration of Surplus Items. The motion was seconded by Brandi Prunte. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Denise Fears made the motion that the Board of Education approves the Board of Education Manual. The motion was seconded by Jill Esry. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Denise Fears made the motion that the Board of Education approves the Approval to update G-250- P. The motion was seconded by Wendy Baird. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

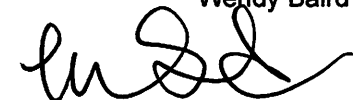
Anthony J. Mondaine made the motion that the Board of Education approves the Changes to Student Parent Handbooks Based on the Passing of Recent Legislation. The motion was seconded by Wendy Baird. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Denise Fears made the motion, seconded by Brandi Prunte, to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. and go into closed session for Personnel Issues 610.021 (3), Legal Matters 610.021 (1), Real Estate 610.021(2), and Students – § 610.021(6), RSMo

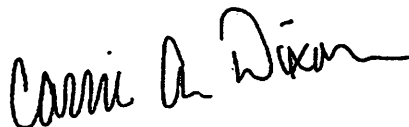
The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Carrie Dixon
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