

BOARD OF EDUCATION
The School District of Independence

The Board of Education met in Regular Session Tuesday, November 11, 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, Deputy Superintendent, Mr. Duane Martin, Ms. Madelynn Garrett, other staff, community members 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 welcome Doris Negard's Pathway to Teaching 2 class, as she attended the meeting as part of an assignment.

Brandi Prunte made the motion to approve the November 11, 2025 Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Denise Fears and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Mrs. Dixon stated we had no requests to address the Board of Education.

Jill Esry made the motion, second by Brandi Prunte, that the Board of Education approves the Consent Agenda as presented.

1. Minutes of Board Meeting – October 14, 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 November 11, 2025 list of bills totaling \$12,427,518.12 as printed.

3. Approval to Let Bids for the Replacement of Windows at Three Trails Elementary School.

The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Grant shared an interim superintendent's report.

Anthony J. Mondaine made the motion that the Board of Education approves the Independence School District Legislative Priority Position Platform for 2026.

The motion was seconded by Wendy Baird. Denise Fears made a motion to amend the Independence School District Legislative Priority Position Platform for 2026, Legislative Priority Position Platform number 1 instead of operate a four-day school week, change to evaluate a four-day school week. Legislative Priority Position Platform Number 2, Constitution, add the word Missouri before Constitution to match other lines. The motion to amend was seconded by Wendy Baird. Wendy Baird made an amendment to number 1 to remove the and change district's to districts'. The motion to amend was seconded by Brandi Prunte. The motion to amend was unanimously approved by the Board of Education. 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 Election Guidelines and Procedures for April 7, 2026. The motion was seconded by Jill Esry. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Anthony J. Mondaine made the motion that the Board of Education approves the Accept quote from Central States Bus Sales for the purchase of (1) one 77 passenger Propane Powered School Buses. 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 to Adopt the Local Plan for Compliance and The Assurance Statements- Part B, Sec 613 of IDEA. 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 Blake Roberson. 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 Wendy Baird, to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 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).

The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes:

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

Nays:



Secretary



President

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The Board of Education met in Special session Tuesday, November 11, 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 staff, community members 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.

Denise Fears made the motion to approve the November 11, 2025 Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Jill Esry and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

New Business: MSBA Independence School District Superintendent Search Update. Jeanette Cowherd and Trent Grudmeyer from MSBA gave an update to the board, including number of applicants, survey feedback and discussed the timeline.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Wendy Baird made the motion, seconded by Brandi Prunte, to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 p.m. and go into Regular Session. The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes:

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

Nays:



Secretary



President