

BOARD OF EDUCATION
The School District of Independence

The Board of Education met in Special Session Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Board of Education Office, 201 North Forest Avenue, Independence, Missouri.

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

Also Present: Dr. Cindy Grant, Interim Superintendent, and Mrs. Cammie Smith were in person.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Carrie Dixon at 8:00 a.m., and minutes of the meeting were recorded by the secretary, Mrs. Cammie Smith.

Blake Roberson made the motion to approve the November 20, 2025 Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Jill Esry and 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 three changes were discussed:

- **Qualifications for Candidacy:** C. Must have resided in the State of Missouri and the District for one year preceding his/her election.
- **Petition Filing Date and Order on Ballot:** A random drawing for the order in which names shall appear on the ballot will be conducted for candidates who file a declaration of candidacy and returned the number of required petition signatures on the first day, December 9, 2025 (115.127 (5) RSMo).
- **Certification of Candidates:** The Secretary of the Board of Education will certify the candidates and their order on the ballot at the Board of Education Office, 201 North Forest Avenue, Independence, Missouri, at a special meeting to be scheduled prior to Tuesday, January 27th 23, 2026 in the presence of candidates and others desiring to attend.

The Board would like answers addressed and answered by our legal team.

Wendy Baird made an amendment that we table this item until our next scheduled special meeting. The amendment was seconded by Denise Fears.

The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

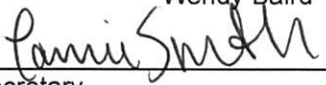
There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Wendy Baird made the motion, seconded by Jill Esry, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 a.m.

The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes:

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

Nays:



Secretary



President