

BOARD OF EDUCATION
The School District of Independence

The Board of Education met in Special session Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 7:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Board of Education Office, 201 North Forest Avenue, Independence, Missouri.

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

Also Present: Dr. Cindy Grant Interim Superintendent, Dr. Lance Stout Deputy Superintendent
 community members and Mrs. Cammie Smith.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Carrie Dixon, at 7:00 a.m., and minutes of the meeting were recorded by the secretary, Mrs. Cammie Smith.

Anthony J. Mondaine move to amend the agenda to add an action item directing district administration to formally acknowledge black history month on the district's official social media platforms and website effective February 2026. The amendment was seconded by Wendy Baird.
The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Denise Fears move to amend the action item to review cultural events and create a district calendar of what will be recognized to be inclusive of all cultural events. Seconded by Jill Esry.
Carrie Dixon amended the amendment to include multi in front of cultural.
Further discussion to amend the amendment to review all cultural events to create a multi-cultural calendar to make sure all posts are inclusive.

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

Megan Murphy presented.

Carrie Dixon stated have a vote: Whether we have an expectation that the board create a calendar to celebrate multi-cultural events.
Wendy Baird would like to ensure we do recognize Black History Month, this month and moving forward we recognize with the calendar created as inclusive as a calendar as possible, but for this month, start with Black History Month.
Called for a vote (everyone voted), then a roll call vote. Jill Esry asked the motion be repeated.
Amended agenda item to add to the agenda.
Brandi Prunte excused herself from the meeting at 7:46 a.m.
District Administration to review all cultural events to create a multi-cultural calendar for district recognition.

The motion was approved.

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

Wendy Baird made the motion that the Board Approves The Independence School District Board of Education Resolution in Support of the Proposed Nebius AI Data Center Project.

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 8:01 a.m. and go into Regular Session.

The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.


Secretary


President