

BOARD OF EDUCATION
The School District of Independence

The Board of Education met in Regular Session Tuesday, April 14, 2026 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, 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.

Blake Roberson made the motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting from March 10, 2026. The motion was seconded by Denise Fears and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Wendy Baird made the motion to approve the Board of Education certifies the April 7, 2026 School Board Member election results received from the Jackson County Board of Election Commissioners and the Kansas City Board of Election Commissioners as follows:

Candidate	JCBOEC	KCBOEC	Total
Jefferey Jewell	3,712	49	3,761
Zachary Harmon McLaughlin	3,739	39	3,778
Sarah Wimberley	4,808	76	4,884
Justin Durham	3,838	62	3,900

With Sarah Wimberley and Justin Durham being elected as members of the Independence School District Board of Education from April 2026 until April 2032.

The motion was seconded by Anthony J. Mondaine and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Denise Fears and Blake Roberson were recognized by Dr. Cindy Grant and the School Board for the years of service. The ICPTA also recognized Blake Roberson for his work with the PTA.

Wendy Baird made the motion to adjourn the 2024-2026 Board of Education Sine Die. The motion was seconded by Brandi Prunte and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Cindy Grant reconvened the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Members Present: Mrs. Carrie Dixon, Director
 Mr. Anthony J. Mondaine, Director
 Mrs. Jill Esry, Director
 Ms. Brandi Prunte, Director
 Ms. Wendy Baird, Director
 Mrs. Sarah Wimberley, Director
 Mr. Justin Durham, Director

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

Mrs. Cammie Smith administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Sarah Wimberley and Mr. Justin Durham.

Dr. Cindy Grant asked for nominations for the office of President of the Board of Education.

Wendy Baird nominated Anthony J. Mondaine as President of the Board of Education for the 2026-2028 term. Seconded by Brandi Prunte.

Dr. Grant asked if there were any other nominations for the office of President of the Board of Education. There being no other nominations, Dr. Grant stated nominations were closed.

Dr. Grant called for the vote for Anthony J. Mondaine as President of the Board of Education for the 2026-2028 term.

Ayes:

Nays:

Mrs. Carrie Dixon
Mr. Anthony J. Mondaine
Mrs. Jill Esry
Ms. Brandi Prunte
Ms. Wendy Baird
Mrs. Sarah Wimberley
Mr. Justin Durham

Dr. Grant declared that Anthony J. Mondaine was elected President of the Board of Education for the 2026-2028 term.

Dr. Cindy Grant turned the meeting over to newly elected President Anthony J. Mondaine.

Anthony J. Mondaine called for nominations for the office of Vice President of the Board of Education for the 2026-2028 term.

Brandi Prunte nominated Wendy Baird as Vice President of the Board of Education for the 2026-2028 term. Seconded by Jill Esry.

Anthony J. Mondaine asked if there were any other nominations for the office of Vice President of the Board of Education for the 2026-2028 term.

There being no other nominations, Anthony J. Mondaine stated nominations were closed.

Anthony J. Mondaine called for the vote for Wendy Baird as Vice President of the Board of Education for the 2026-2028 term.

Ayes:

Nays:

Mr. Anthony J. Mondaine
Ms. Wendy Baird
Ms. Brandi Prunte
Mrs. Carrie Dixon
Mr. Justin Durham
Mrs. Jill Esry
Mrs. Sarah Wimberley

Anthony J. Mondaine declared Wendy Baird as Vice President of the Board of Education for the 2026-2028 term.

Anthony J. Mondaine called for nominations for the office of Treasurer of the Board of Education for the 2026-2028 term.

Wendy Baird nominated Brandi Prunte as Treasurer of the Board of Education for the 2026-2028 term. Seconded by Justin Durham.

Carrie Dixon nominated Jill Esry as Treasurer of the Board of Education for the 2026-2028 term. Seconded by Justin Durham.

Anthony J. Mondaine asked if there were any other nominations for the office of Treasurer of the Board of Education for the 2026-2028 term.

There being no other nominations, Anthony J. Mondaine stated nominations were closed.

Anthony J. Mondaine called for the vote for Brandi Prunte as Treasurer of the Board of Education for the 2026-2028 term.

Ayes:

Mr. Anthony J. Mondaine
Ms. Wendy Baird
Ms. Brandi Prunte
Mrs. Sarah Wimberley

Nays:

Mrs. Carrie Dixon
Mr. Justin Durham
Mrs. Jill Esry

Anthony J. Mondaine declared Brandi Prunte as Treasurer of the Board of Education for the 2026-2028 term.

Anthony J. Mondaine called for nominations for the office of Secretary of the Board of Education for the 2026-2028 term.

Wendy Baird nominated Cammie Smith as Secretary of the Board of Education for the 2026-2028 term.
Seconded by Jill Esry.

Anthony J. Mondaine asked if there were any other nominations for the office of Secretary of the Board of Education for the 2026-2028 term.

There being no other nominations, Anthony J. Mondaine stated nominations were closed.

Anthony J. Mondaine called for the vote for Cammie Smith as Secretary of the Board of Education for the 2026-2028 term.

Ayes:

Mr. Anthony J. Mondaine
Ms. Wendy Baird
Ms. Brandi Prunte
Mrs. Carrie Dixon
Mr. Justin Durham
Mrs. Jill Esry
Mrs. Sarah Wimberley

Nays:

Anthony J. Mondaine declared Cammie Smith as Secretary of the Board of Education for the 2026-2028 term.

Carrie Dixon made the motion to approve the April 14, 2026 Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Wendy Baird and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Anthony J. Mondaine, stated we had no requests to address the Board of Education.

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

1. 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 \$11,523,199.90 as printed.

Mr. Justin Durham abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education with 6 yea votes.

Dr. Grant shared the interim superintendent's report.

Wendy Baird made the motion that the Board of Education approves the Property and Casualty Broker of Record.

The motion was seconded Jill Esry.

The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Carrie Dixon made the motion that the Board of Education approves the Increase Weekly Fees for Early Childhood Program.

The motion was seconded by Wendy Baird.

The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Wendy Baird made the motion that the Board of Education approves the Kid's Safari Fee Schedule.
The motion was seconded by Jill Esry.
The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Carrie Dixon made the motion that the Board of Education approves the Career Ladder for 2026-2027-
Stages I, II, and III.
The motion was seconded by Wendy Baird.
The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Brandi Prunte made the motion that the Board of Education approves to Accept and Sign Proposal for
Replacement of Interior and Exterior Doors at Bryant Elementary School.
The motion was seconded by Wendy Baird.
The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Wendy Baird made the motion that the Board of Education approves to Accept and Sign Proposal for Air
Condition Unit Replacement at Clifford H. Nowlin Middle School Small Gymnasium.
The motion was seconded by Jill Esry.
The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Wendy Baird made the motion that the Board of Education approves to Accept Proposal for the
Construction and Installation of Synthetic Turf on the Crysler Stadium Baseball Infield and Bullpens. The
motion was seconded by Brandi Prunte.
The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Wendy Baird made the motion that the Board of Education approves to Accept Proposal for the
Construction and Installation of Synthetic Turf on the Truman High School Baseball Infield and Bullpens.
The motion was seconded by Brandi Prunte.
The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Carrie Dixon made the motion that the Board of Education approves to Accept Bid and Contract for
Asphalt and Concrete Replacement at John W. Luff Elementary School, Pioneer Ridge Middle School
and Thomas Hart Benton Elementary School.
The motion was seconded by Brandi Prunte.
The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Wendy Baird made the motion that the Board of Education approves to Accept and Sign Proposal for
Clifford H. Nowlin Middle School for the Exterior Painting and Masonry Repair.
The motion was seconded by Jill Esry.
The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Carrie Dixon made the motion that the Board of Education approves to Accept HUDL Grant for Each of
the ISD High Schools.
The motion was seconded by Brandi Prunte.
The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Wendy Baird made the motion that the Board of Education approves to Accept Bid and Contract for
Renovations at Truman High School and Van Horn High School Classrooms.
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 to Accept the Bid and Contract for
Demolition Scope of Work and Asbestos and Lead Paint Removal at Fairmount Elementary School.
The motion was seconded by Wendy Baird.
The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Wendy Baird made the motion that the Board of Education approves to Accept and Sign Proposal from Freedom Interiors for Furniture Replacement at Korte Elementary School.
The motion was seconded by Jill Esry.
The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education

Brandi Prunte made the motion that the Board of Education approves to Accept Bid and Contract for Phase Two Renovations at Independence Academy.
The motion was seconded by Carrie Dixon.
The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Brandi Prunte made the motion that the Board of Education approves to Accept Bid and Contract for Renovation at William Chrisman High School Counseling Suite, Randall Elementary School Family School Liaison Suite and James Bridger Middle School Elevator.
The motion was seconded by Wendy Baird.
The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Wendy Baird made the motion that the Board of Education approves to Accept the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMO) Amendment No 1 from Newkirk Novak Construction Partners Inc. for Fairmount Elementary School Renovation and Korte Elementary School Classroom Renovations.
The motion was seconded by Brandi Prunte.
The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Wendy Baird made the motion that the Board of Education approves to Accept Quote and Agreement for the Replacement of the Intercom System at William Chrisman High School.
The motion was seconded by Jill Esry.
The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Wendy Baird made the motion that the Board of Education approves the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Job Description.
The motion was seconded by Carrie Dixon.
The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Brandi Prunte made the motion that the Board of Education approves the Lease and Agreement with Messiah Lutheran Church.
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, Justin Durham made the motion, seconded by Jill Esry, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. and go into closed session for Personnel Issues 610.021 (3), Legal Matters 610.021 and (1) Real Estate – 610.021(2) RSMo.

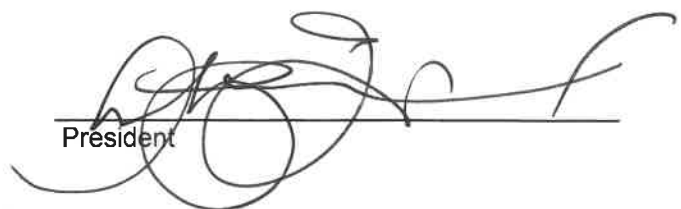
The motion was approved as follows:

Yea:

Mr. Anthony J. Mondaine
Ms. Wendy Baird
Ms. Brandi Prunte
Mrs. Carrie Dixon
Mr. Justin Durham
Mrs. Jill Esry
Mrs. Sarah Wimberley

Nay:


Secretary


President