

BOARD OF EDUCATION
The School District of Independence

The Board of Education met in Regular Session Tuesday, January 13, 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
 Mr. Blake Roberson, Director
 Mrs. Brandi Prunte, Director
 Ms. Wendy Baird, Director

Members Absent: Mrs. Jill Esry, Director

Also Present: Dr. Cindy Grant, Interim Superintendent, Dr. Lance Stout, Deputy Superintendent, Mr. Drew Marriott, 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.

Denise Fears made the motion to approve the January 13, 2026 Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Blake Roberson and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

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

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

1. Minutes of Board Meeting – December 9, 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 \$13,620,648.25 as printed.
3. Approval to Let Bids for Asphalt and Concrete Repair Districtwide.
4. Approval to Let Bids for the Renovation of the Classrooms at Van Horn High School.

The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Grant shared an interim superintendent's report.

Dr. Lathrom shared a Leader In Me Presentation.

Denise Fears made the motion that the Board of Education approves to Purchase New Chromebooks. The motion was seconded by Brandi Prunte.
The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Blake Roberson made the motion that the Board of Education approves the Changes to the Board of Education Policies- Second and Final Reading. 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 Superintendent Job Description. The motion was seconded by Brandi Prunte.
The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Anthony J. Mondaine made the motion that the Board of Education approves to Accept Bid and Contract for Three Trails Elementary School for the Replacement of Windows. 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 to accept bid and contract for Three Trails Elementary School for the Masonry Repair. 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 Certification of School Board Candidates for the April 7, 2026 Election. The motion was seconded by Brandi Prunte.

The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

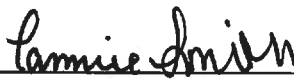
There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Denise Fears made the motion, seconded by Wendy Baird, to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. and go into closed session for Personnel Issues 610.021 (3), Legal Matters 610.021 (1), and Students – § 610.021(6).

The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes:

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

Nays:


Secretary


President