

Houston Public Schools
Houston, MO 65483

Minutes of the Board of Education in regular session April 9, 2024

- Quorum** A regular meeting of the Board of Education Houston R-I School District of Texas County, Missouri was convened at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Darren Ice, Dustin Hartman, Charlie Malam, Jeff Gettys, Tressie Neugebauer, and Jennifer Scheets. New member, Marty Merckling.
- Certification** Dr. Copley read the election results provided by the County Clerk and Election authority. A motion was made by Tressie Neugebauer and seconded by Jeff Gettys to certify the election results as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
- Oath of Office** Tanya Bathon, Executive Board Secretary, administered the oath of office to incumbent and new member; Charlie Malam and Marty Merckling.
- Officers** Dr. Copley asked for nominations for President. Dustin Hartman nominated Jennifer Scheets. Charlie Malam seconded the nomination for Jennifer Scheets. Nominations ceased. Motion carried 7-0.
- Dr. Copley asked for nominations for Vice-President. Dustin Hartman nominated Darren Ice. Tressie Neugebauer seconded the nomination. Nominations ceased. Motion carried 7-0.
- Board President, Jennifer Scheets, asked for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. Darren Ice nominated Jeff Gettys. Tressie Neugebauer seconded the nomination. Nominations ceased. Motion carried 7-0.
- A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Dustin Hartman to appoint Charlie Malam as MSBA Delegate. Motion carried 7-0.
- A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Dustin Hartman to appoint Tressie Neugebauer as Alternate MSBA Delegate. Motion carried 7-0
- A motion was made by Darren Ice and seconded by Jeff Gettys to appoint Tanya Bathon as Executive Board Secretary for the current term. Motion carried 7-0.
- Special Recognitions** Congratulations to Teachers of the Year; Elementary- Chris Curry, Middle School- Olivia Poynter, and High School- Jennifer Gunter; with Chris Curry as District Teacher of the Year.
- Congratulations to Classified Staff Member of the Year, Mrs. Amy Allen.
- Pledge of Allegiance** Jennifer Scheets led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Agenda	A motion was made by Darren Ice and seconded by Charlie Malam to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
Correspondence	None
Staff/Patron Comments	None
Old Business	
Insurance Plans/Rates/District Contribution	A motion was made by Darren Ice and seconded by Charlie Malam to move forward with the District's current partnership with the Missouri Educators' Trust (MET) Insurance Company and to subsidize \$659 toward an employee health plan. The 2024-2025 for Plan 8 is \$659. Motion carried 7-0.
HALO Program Update	Mrs. Hudson and Mrs. Courter updated the board on the HALO program's progress.
Building Trades House Update	Mr. Wade updated the board on the progress of the Building Trades house. Specifically, Mr. Wade updated on the lift station situation, brick and rock plans, and general progress.
PRTC Director Position Job Posting	PRTC Director position job posting was discussed and was tabled for future discussion and consideration.
New Business	
Consent Agenda	A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Charlie Malam to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
Minutes	Approve minutes from the previous Board Meeting.
Claims for Payment	Claims approved for payment were checks 30585-30767.
Control Access Addition	A motion was made by Tressie Neugebauer and seconded by Darren Ive to approve the bid by Elliott Data Systems Inc. for the materials and labor to install control access in the HALO Building. Motion carried 7-0.
Fairground Ballpark MOU	A motion was made by Tressie Neugebauer and seconded by Dustin Hartman to approve the agreement between the Houston Area Chamber and the District for the use of the ballfields located at 501 East Walnut. The agreement shall renew annually until said contract is forfeited by either party. Motion carried 7-0.
Summer Lawn Care Position	A motion was made by Charlie Malam and seconded by Jeff Gettys to approve posting a summer lawn care/maintenance position. Motion carried 7-0.
Bus Surplus	A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Tressie Neugebauer to declare Bus #2 and Bus #16 surplus property and authorize the sale of property. Motion carried 7-0.
Exceptional Child Cooperative	

Annual Agreement	A motion was made by Charlie Malam and seconded by Darren Ice to approve the annual agreement regarding the partnership between Houston Schools and the Exceptional Child Cooperative. Motion carried 7-0.
HALO Budget Update	Dr. Copley presented budget information to the Board on the HALO program.
Climate/Culture/Compensation Team Presentation	CCC Team presented Compensation Comparative Data and Committee Priorities for Consideration, information only, no action needed.
Program Evaluation	A motion was made by Charlie Malam and seconded by Tressie Neugebauer to approve the Curriculum Program Evaluation as presented by Mrs. Barbagiovanni. Motion carried 7-0.
Board Reports	Brody Adkison, Student Liaison to the Board, reported on activities. Administrators updated the Board regarding ongoing activities on the school campus.
Patron Comments	None
Next Board Meeting	A motion was made by Darren Ice and seconded by Jeff Gettys to set the next regular Board meeting for May 14, 2024 in the High School Library Media Center at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.
Adjournment	A motion was made by Dustin Hartman and seconded by Tressie Neugebauer to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.
Closed Session	A motion was made by Darren Ice and seconded by Jeff Gettys to go into closed session pursuant to RsMO 610.021; 1, 3 and 13. Motion carried 7-0. Darren Ice yea, Dustin Hartman yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

Secretary

President