

Houston Public Schools
Houston, MO 65483

Minutes of the Board of Education in regular session May 14, 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, Jeff Gettys, Tressie Neugebauer, Marty Merckling and Jennifer Scheets. Charlie Malam attended by Zoom at 5:45 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance	Jennifer Scheets led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Approve Agenda	A motion was made by Dustin Hartman and seconded by Marty Merckling to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
Correspondence	None
Staff/Patron Comments	None
Missouri Retired Teachers	Mrs. Pat Oakley from Missouri Retired Teachers Association gave information to the Board about MRTA and asked that the board pay for retirees from the district's first year of membership. A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Dustin Hartman to pay for the District's retirees first year of membership to MRTA. Motion carried 6-0.
Old Business	
Track & Field	The Board discussed Track & Field options. A board work session will be scheduled for Track & Field at the next regular board meeting.
Dake Wells Schematic Design Agreement	The Board tabled this for further negotiations.
Building Trades House Update	A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Tressie Neugebauer to approve the minimum bid on the Building Trades house to begin at \$315,000.00. Motion carried 7-0.
Fiber Estimates/Review Only	Mr. Gilbert, Technology Director, spoke to the Board regarding fiber needs of the District and pricing estimates. No action needed, discussion only.
New Business	
Consent Agenda	A motion was made by Darren Ice and seconded by Jeff Gettys to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
Minutes	Approve minutes from the previous Board Meetings.
Claims for Payment	Claims approved for payment were checks 30768-30942.
MSBA 24A Update	Dr. Copley presented the board with MSBA 24A Update, this is review only, the board will revisit at a later date.
2024-2025 Bids	A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Darren Ice to

approve the bid presented by Chilton Oil for propane services in the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Dustin Hartman and seconded by Jeff Gettys to approve the bid presented by Contract Paper for the district's paper needs in 2024-2025. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Dustin Hartman to approve the bid presented by Ozark Pest Control for exterminating services in the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Tressie Neugebauer and seconded by Jeff Gettys to approve the bid as presented by Hiland for milk in the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Dustin Hartman to approve the bid as presented by Bimbo for bread in the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

Bank Depository Services

A motion was made by Tressie Neugebauer and seconded by Darren Ice to approve to enter into a 1 year continuation agreement with Simmons Bank and re-visit the bid process again next spring for bank depository services. Motion carried 6-1.

Audit Services

A motion was made by Darren Ice and seconded by Jeff Gettys to approve the proposal as presented by Catlett & Associates for Audit Services beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027. Motion carried 6-1.

Full-Service Beverage Vending

A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Darren Ice to enter into a 1 year agreement with Coca-Cola/Dr. Pepper Bottling Company for full service beverage vending services, including the option to renew for two additional years pending satisfactory review by the district. Motion carried 7-0.

**Building Handbook
Changes/Review Only**

Building Principals presented 2024-2025 Handbook changes to the Board for review. No action needed, the board will revisit at the next board meeting.

SRO MOU/Review Only

Dr. Copley presented the Board with the SRO MOU for review. No action needed, the Board will revisit at a later date.

RootED MOU

A motion was made by Tressie Neugebauer and seconded by Jeff Gettys to approve the RootED MOU as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

HALO Tuition Rate

A motion was made by Tressie Neugebauer and seconded by Marty Merckling to approve HALO tuition and fees for non-resident students to be as follows: Tuition- \$2,000.00 monthly; 1:1 Paraprofessional- \$2,625.00; Physical Therapy \$85.00 hourly; and Speech/Language Therapy (non Exceptional Child Cooperative school) \$85.00 hourly. Transportation tuition is tabled, board will revisit. Motion carried 7-0.

Program Evaluation

A motion was made by Darren Ice and seconded by Jeff Gettys to approve the Extra & Co-Curricular Activities Program Evaluation as presented by Brent Hall, Athletic Director. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Dustin Hartman to approve the Parent Involvement Program Evaluation as presented by Jody Jarrett. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Reports

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 Dustin Hartman to set the next regular Board meeting for June 11, 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 7:49 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; 2, 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