

# Houston Public Schools

Minutes of the Board of Education in regular closed session July 9, 2024.

**Closed Session** A closed session meeting of the Board of Education Houston R-I School District of Texas County, Missouri was convened at 7:26 p.m. with the following members present: Darren Ice, Charlie Malam, Jeff Gettys, Tressie Neugebauer, Marty Merckling, and Jennifer Scheets.

**Approve Agenda** A motion was made by Tressie Neugebauer and seconded by Marty Merckling to approve the closed agenda as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

**Minutes** A motion was made by Charlie Malam and seconded by Tressie Neugebauer to approve the minutes from the previous closed board meeting. Motion carried 6-0. Darren Ice yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

**Resignations** A motion was made by Charlie Malam and seconded by Jeff Gettys to approve the resignation of Debra Farr as Food Service. Motion carried 6-0. Darren Ice yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Charlie Malam to approve the resignation of Dakota Burchett as Middle School Assistant Track Coach. Motion carried 6-0. Darren Ice yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

**Employment** A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Tressie Neugebauer to employ Tory Wade as Middle School Head Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 6-0. Darren Ice yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets.

A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Charlie Malam to employ Jeff McNiell as Graphic Arts Occupation Instructor for the 2024-2025 school year, contingent upon program implementation. Motion carried 6-0. Darren Ice yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

A motion was made by Darren Ice and seconded by Marty Merckling to employ Dana Wilson as Middle School Mathematics Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year, pending background. Motion carried 6-0. Darren Ice yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

A motion was made by Charlie Malam and seconded by Jeff Gettys to employ Aly Sykes as Middle School ELA Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 5-1. Darren Ice yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling nay, and Jennifer

Scheets yea.

A motion was made by Charlie Malam and seconded by Darren Ice to employ Sheryl Hock as Elementary Teacher, for the 2024-2025 school year, pending background check. Motion carried 6-0. Darren Ice yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

A motion was made by Darren Ice and seconded by Jeff Gettys to employ Natasha Hawkins as Elementary Special Education Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 6-0. Darren Ice yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

A motion was made by Tressie Neugebauer and seconded by Marty Merckling to employ Daniel Narancich as High School Science Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 5-0-1. Darren Ice yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys abstain, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

**School Protection  
Officer Review**

Board discussion, no action.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Charlie Malam to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0. Darren Ice yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

Closed session adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

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Secretary

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President

