

Houston Public Schools
Houston, MO 65483

Minutes of the Board of Education in regular session August 13, 2024

Tax Rate Hearing

The tax rate hearing began at 5:25 p.m. Every year the district submits to the State Auditor its tax forms for the review and approval of the operating levy (which includes the Incidental Fund, Teachers Fund, and Capital Projects Fund) and the debt service levy. Recommendation will be to set the Operating Levy at 2.75 and the Debt Service Levy at .80; combined levy will be \$3.55. This is no change from the 2023-2024 levy.

Quorum

A regular meeting of the Board of Education Houston R-I School District of Texas County, Missouri was convened at 5:36 p.m. with the following members present: Dustin Hartman, Charlie Malam, Jeff Gettys, Tressie Neugebauer, Marty Merckling and Jennifer Scheets. Darren Ice attended by Zoom.

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 Tressie Neugebauer to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

George Scholtz

Mr. Scholtz visited regarding the idea of community involvement in school activities and recognition of the same.

Staff/Patron Comments

None

Old Business
Set Adult Breakfast/Lunch
Prices

A motion was made by Dustin Hartman and seconded by Charlie Malam to approve Adult Breakfast at \$2.37, and Adult Lunch at \$3.54 for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

MSBA 2024B Update

A motion was made by Charlie Malam and seconded by Tressie Neugebauer to approve the MSBA 2024B Update as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

New Business
Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Tressie Neugebauer and seconded by Dustin Hartman 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 31214-31363.

Bond Pre-Payment

A motion was made by Charlie Malam to approve the resolution authorizing the redemption of \$160,000 principal amount of General

Obligation Bonds, Series 2013 and authorizing the publication of notice of redemption, of the Houston School District, Missouri, seconded by Mary Merckling and approved by a vote of 7-0.

Set Tax Rate

A motion was made by Dustin Hartman for the Houston R-1 School District, in consideration of the education opportunities and expenses for the students, the maintenance and care of facilities, and operational needs of the district will set the tax rate at \$3.55; Operating Levy 2.75; Debt Service Levy .80. The motion was seconded by Marty Merckling. Motion carried 7-0.

CTE Enhancement Grant

A motion was made by Charlie Malam and seconded by Tressie Neugebauer to approve the CTE Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$23,983.45 which will be supplemented by the grant and \$30,941.25 will be matched by local funds. Motion carried 7-0.

ASBR

A motion was made by Charlie Malam and seconded by Dustin Hartman to approve the ASBR as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Director/Coordinator List

A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Charlie Malam to approve the Director/Coordinator List as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Program Evaluations

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

Board Report

Dr. Copley updated the Board on items.

Patron Comments

None

Next Board Meeting

A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Dustin Hartman to set the next regular Board meeting for September 10, 2024 in the High School Library Media Center at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Dustin Hartman 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.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Dustin Hartman to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

Open session ended at 7:58 p.m.

Secretary

President