

Smithville R-II Board of Education

Regular Session Minutes Wednesday, March 19, 2025 (7:00 PM) Meeting Held in District Board Room

1.0 Call to Order by Chairperson:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President, Scott Jacoby.

2.0 Board of Education Present:

1. Scott Jacoby
2. Whitney Carlile
3. Johanna Pruitt
4. Stacia Cudd
5. Patrick Nichols

3.0 Administrators Present:

1. Dr. Mark Maus, Superintendent
2. Dr. PJ McGinnis, Exec Director of Grades 7-14
3. Denise Harwood, Exec Director of Grades PK-6
4. Kim Davis, Director of Human Resources
5. Andrea Ambroson, Director of Special Services
6. Dr. Robert Newhart, Interim Exec Director of Operations & Safety
7. Tod Winterboer, Middle School Principal
8. Dr. Taylor Jahn, Maple Elementary Principal
9. Scott Moore, High School Principal
10. Melinda Stewart, Eagle Heights Principal
11. Kristi Mellon, Horizon Elementary Principal
12. Justin Corcoran, Eagle Heights Assistant Principal
13. Abbey Meyer, Maple Elementary Assistant Principal

4.0 Executive Session (6:00 p.m.)

4.1 Personnel Matters (as authorized by paragraph (3) of Section 610.021, RSMO)

4.2 Safety Matters (as authorized by paragraph (19-21) of Section 610.021, RSMO)

5.0 Convene Regular Meeting (Immediately following the executive session)

6.0 Pledge of Allegiance

Dominic Santulli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A) Visitors Present

Lyndon Throm, Mason Throm, Logan Throm, Alan Cotton

7.0 Adoption/Modification of Agenda

7.1 Adoption/Modification of Agenda

Recommendation: Motion to approve the agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Patrick Nichols)** Moved, Member **(Whitney Carlile)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Motion to approve the agenda'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Whitney Carlile Yes

Scott Jacoby Yes
Patrick Nichols Yes
Stacia Cudd Yes
Johanna Pruitt Yes

8.0 Approval of Consent Agenda Items

8.1 Approve Regular Session Minutes for February 19, 2025

Recommendation: Approve Regular Session Minutes for February 19, 2025 as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Stacia Cudd)** Moved, Member **(Patrick Nichols)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Regular Session Minutes for February 19, 2025 as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Whitney Carlile Yes
Scott Jacoby Yes
Patrick Nichols Yes
Stacia Cudd Yes
Johanna Pruitt Yes

8.2 Approve Finance Workshop Minutes for March 4, 2025

Recommendation: Approve Finance Workshop Minutes for March 4, 2025 as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Stacia Cudd)** Moved, Member **(Patrick Nichols)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Finance Workshop Minutes for March 4, 2025 as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Whitney Carlile Yes
Scott Jacoby Yes
Patrick Nichols Yes
Stacia Cudd Yes
Johanna Pruitt Yes

8.3 Approve Bills for Payment for March 2025

Recommendation: Approve Bills for Payment for March 2025

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Stacia Cudd)** Moved, Member **(Patrick Nichols)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Bills for Payment for March 2025'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Whitney Carlile Yes
Scott Jacoby Yes
Patrick Nichols Yes
Stacia Cudd Yes
Johanna Pruitt Yes

8.4 Approve Northland CAPS MOU

Recommendation: Approve Northland CAPS MOU as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Stacia Cudd)** Moved, Member **(Patrick Nichols)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Northland CAPS MOU as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Whitney Carlile Yes

Scott Jacoby Yes
Patrick Nichols Yes
Stacia Cudd Yes
Johanna Pruitt Yes

8.5 Annual E-Rate Expenditure Proposals

Recommendation: Recommend approving the annual E-Rate Proposals under consent agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Stacia Cudd)** Moved, Member **(Patrick Nichols)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Recommend approving the annual E-Rate Proposals under consent agenda'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Whitney Carlile Yes
Scott Jacoby Yes
Patrick Nichols Yes
Stacia Cudd Yes
Johanna Pruitt Yes

8.6 Approve Providence Capital Lease for Faculty Devices

Recommendation: Approve the Master Agreement and Property Schedule from Providence Capital Lease, for Faculty Devices as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Stacia Cudd)** Moved, Member **(Patrick Nichols)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the Master Agreement and Property Schedule from Providence Capital Lease, for Faculty Devices as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Whitney Carlile Yes
Scott Jacoby Yes
Patrick Nichols Yes
Stacia Cudd Yes
Johanna Pruitt Yes

8.7 Approve NEE Renewal

Recommendation: Approve the renewal of the NEE contract.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Stacia Cudd)** Moved, Member **(Patrick Nichols)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the renewal of the NEE contract'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Whitney Carlile Yes
Scott Jacoby Yes
Patrick Nichols Yes
Stacia Cudd Yes
Johanna Pruitt Yes

8.8 Approve Personnel Report for March 2025

Recommendation: Kim Davis recommends the Board approve all personnel matters as authorized by paragraph (3) of Section 610.021, RSMo.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Stacia Cudd)** Moved, Member **(Patrick Nichols)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Kim Davis recommends the Board approve all personnel matters as authorized by paragraph (3) of Section 610.021, RSMo'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Whitney Carlile Yes
Scott Jacoby Yes

Patrick Nichols Yes
Stacia Cudd Yes
Johanna Pruitt Yes

9.0 Communications

9.1 Comments from the Audience

Gini Fite spoke about the Athletic Training Program and how it relates to Safety in Sports.

9.2 Correspondence

Thank you card from Maple Elementary staff to the Board.

9.3 Superintendent Update

Dr. Maus and the Board recognized: DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) State qualifiers: Autumn Blankenship, Dominic Santulli, Ellie Hirner, Lily Burns, Madison Edwards, Payton Cupp, Sutton Rodgers, Will Sapp, Wryker House; HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) State qualifiers: Ellie Hirner, Emily Duckwitz, Rayna Williams, Alana Schieber; FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) State qualifiers: Lily Eastep, McKinley Massie, Skylar Finch, Emily Duckwitz, Sutton Rodgers, Isabella Monachello, Ellie Hirner, Carl Tanner, Gracie "Gray" Torres, Adam Hamza, Matthew Amador, Matt Summers, Andrew Lasater, Mason Thom, Sam Fleischmann, Helena Overschmidt, Alexa Alvarez-Bazan, Anna Harrington; Wrestling State qualifiers and medalists: Haze Middleton, Tristan Waters, Aiden Robeson, Brennen Green, Dawson Ballard, Addie Pickett, Rhemy Hutchcraft, Virginia Myers; Girls Swim State qualifiers: Ally Pottebaum, Isabel Sapp, Eliette Chambers, Ava Maus; Art Students: Hannah Rudd, Aden Thornton, Bayley Freeman.
Gini Fite was recognized for MO Outstanding Athletic Trainer of the Year.

Dr. Maus expressed appreciation to our Board of Education.

Justin Orscheln, Abbey Meyer and Taylor Jahn attended the MAESP conference, where they shared their district's innovative PBIS work.

On April 3, 2025 at 6:30 pm, there will be a joint meeting in the PAC to discuss upcoming ballot issues. Those representing: City of Smithville, School District, NRAD.

10.0 Old Business

10.1 Navitas Presentation

Navitas presented a PowerPoint with a focus on projects, costs and timeline. This will be brought back to the Board at the April 16, 2025 meeting for approval.

10.2 General Financial Review

Financial Reports for February 2025 provided to the Board.

10.3 Board Subcommittees

Patrick Nichols summarized today's Finance Subcommittee meeting, with focus on Navitas and resulting COP Lease financing.

10.4 Mid America Golf and Landscape Invoices for MS Track

Recommendation: It is recommended to approve the invoice for the work completed from Mid-America Golf and Landscape for \$43,281.05 (Invoice 1) and hold the retainage invoice for \$73,819.81 at this time.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Patrick Nichols**) Moved, Member (**Whitney Carlile**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended to approve the invoice for the work completed from Mid-America Golf and Landscape for \$43,281.05 (Invoice 1) and hold the retainage invoice for \$73,819.81 at this time'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **1**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 1**

Whitney Carlile Yes

Scott Jacoby Yes
Patrick Nichols Yes
Stacia Cudd Yes
Johanna Pruitt No

10.5 MSBA 2024A Policy Update for the Second of Three Readings

Recommendation: Approve MSBA 2024A Policy Update for the Second of Three Readings.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Whitney Carlile)** Moved, Member **(Patrick Nichols)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve MSBA 2024A Policy Update for the Second of Three Readings'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Whitney Carlile Yes
Scott Jacoby Yes
Patrick Nichols Yes
Stacia Cudd Yes
Johanna Pruitt Yes

10.6 MSBA 2024D Policy Updates for the Second of Three Readings

Recommendation: Approve MSBA 2024D Policy Updates for the Second of Three Readings as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Patrick Nichols)** Moved, Member **(Whitney Carlile)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve MSBA 2024D Policy Updates for the Second of Three Readings as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Whitney Carlile Yes
Scott Jacoby Yes
Patrick Nichols Yes
Stacia Cudd Yes
Johanna Pruitt Yes

10.7 "No Tax Rate Increase" Levy Transfer and Bond Considerations

Dr. Maus reviewed the "No Tax Rate Increase" Levy Transfer and Bond issues on the April 8, 2025 General Election. Incite Design provided some initial renderings.

10.8 Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) - RFQ

This is the first step in the process, to get board approval to proceed forward. Submissions will be reviewed and the Board will interview 2-3 finalists from the RFP process. The goal is to have contract approval at the May board meeting.

Recommendation: Recommend approving Construction Manager at Risk Process Announcement and RFQ/RFP Two Step Process and Timeline per BOE Policy FED.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Stacia Cudd)** Moved, Member **(Whitney Carlile)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Recommend approving Construction Manager at Risk Process Announcement and RFQ/RFP Two Step Process and Timeline per BOE Policy FED'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Whitney Carlile Yes
Scott Jacoby Yes
Patrick Nichols Yes
Stacia Cudd Yes
Johanna Pruitt Yes

11.0 New Business

11.1 2025-26 Academic Calendar Recommendation

Recommendation: Approve 2025-26 Academic Calendar as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Patrick Nichols)** Moved, Member **(Stacia Cudd)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve 2025-26 Academic Calendar as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Whitney Carlile Yes
Scott Jacoby Yes
Patrick Nichols Yes
Stacia Cudd Yes
Johanna Pruitt Yes

11.2 Medical & Dental Benefits 2025-2026

Recommendation: Approve Medical & Dental Insurance Cap.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Stacia Cudd)** Moved, Member **(Patrick Nichols)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Medical & Dental Insurance Cap'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Whitney Carlile Yes
Scott Jacoby Yes
Patrick Nichols Yes
Stacia Cudd Yes
Johanna Pruitt Yes

12.0 Adjournment

12.1 Adjourn the meeting

Recommendation: Adjourn the meeting.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Whitney Carlile)** Moved, Member **(Stacia Cudd)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Adjourn the meeting'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Whitney Carlile Yes
Scott Jacoby Yes
Patrick Nichols Yes
Stacia Cudd Yes
Johanna Pruitt Yes

The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Board Secretary

Date

Board President

Date