



Board of Education Meeting - Apr 30 2025 Minutes

at 7:00 PM

Admin Building Board Room #2 Mark Twain Circle Clayton, MO 63105

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Present: Ms. Stacy Siwak, Ms. Kim Hurst, Ms. Chris Win, Mr. Jason Growe, Mr. Leo Human, and Mr. Ben Beinfeld.

Dr. Pam Lyss-Lerman joined virtually via Zoom.

1.1 Statement of Adequate Notice, Pledge of Allegiance

Adequate Notice was provided. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1.2 Adoption of Agenda

Approve the agenda as posted.

Moved by: Ms. Chris Win

Seconded by: Mr. Jason Growe

Aye

Ms. Stacy Siwak, Ms. Kim Hurst, Ms. Chris Win, Mr. Jason Growe, Mr. Leo Human, Dr Pamela Lyss-Lerman, and Mr. Ben Beinfeld

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2. Recognizing Our Own

2.1 Ben Koster

The Board of Education recognized Clayton High School senior Ben Koster for his outstanding dedication to the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC). Ms. Darcy Cearley, a teacher at Clayton High School, spoke about Ben's commitment and service to the MYAC.

3. Public Comment

3.1 Public Participation at Board Meetings

We had two public comments regarding concerns with enforcement of the Personal Electronic Devices Policy. Public comments were given by Susan Brockhaus and Betsy Meyland-Smith.

4. Superintendent Communication

4.1 Superintendent Communication

Dr. Nisha Patel, Superintendent, provided an update to the Board of Education and community regarding the Long Range Facilities Master Plan Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process.

[Superintendent Update 4-30-25 BOE meeting.pdf](#) 

5. Student Representative Update

5.1 Student Representative Update

Lucia Lerena presented an update to the Board and the community.

6. Presentations

6.1 Personal Electronic Devices

Dr. Milena Garganigo, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Dr. Dan Gutchewsky, Clayton High School Principal and Dr. Jamie Jordan, Wydown Middle School Principal presented updated information related to practices involving student access and use of personal electronic devices within the school day.

[Final Personal Electronic Devices Presentation 043025.pdf](#) 

6.2 Success Ready Student Network (SRSN)

Dr. Garganigo presented an update on the District membership and work in the state Success Ready Students Network (SRSN). She talked about next steps in the work and asked for approval of a new Board Resolution supporting the work of the SRSN including support for the District's participation in a waiver request to replace the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) with interim assessments.

[Updated SRSN BOE Presentation 043025.pdf](#) 

The Board approved the Success Ready Student Network Resolution as presented.

Moved by: Ms. Chris Win

Seconded by: Mr. Jason Growe

Aye Ms. Stacy Siwak, Ms. Kim Hurst, Ms. Chris Win, Mr. Jason Growe, Mr. Leo Human, Dr Pamela Lyss-Lerman, and Mr. Ben Beinfeld

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7. Policy

First readings of three policies were brought before the Board, and four policies had second readings.

7.1 1st Reading - Policy FFA: Memorials on Facilities and Grounds

This was a first reading for rescinding Policy FFA. A second and final reading to rescind Policy FFA is anticipated May 14, 2025.

[20250430PolicyFFA-1stRead-agenda.pdf](#)

7.2 1st Reading - Policy KH: Public Gifts

This was a first reading of the policy revision. A second reading and adoption of revised Policy KH is anticipated May 14, 2025.

[20250430PolicyKH-1stRead-agenda.pdf](#)

7.3 1st Reading - Policy KK: Visitors to District Property and Events

This was a first reading of the policy revision. A second reading and adoption of revised Policy KK is anticipated May 14, 2025.

[20250430PolicyKK-1stRead-agenda.pdf](#)

7.4 Policy JEC: SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2nd Reading

This was a second reading of the policy revision. After some discussion, the motion was restated.

[Policy JEC School Admissions 2ndRead.pdf](#)

Adopt Policy JEC: School Admissions subject to it being restated to read St. Louis Public Schools under section titled Entrance Ages.

Moved by: Ms. Chris Win

Seconded by: Mr. Jason Growe

Aye Ms. Stacy Siwak, Ms. Kim Hurst, Ms. Chris Win, Mr. Jason Growe, Mr. Leo Human, Dr Pamela Lyss-Lerman, and Mr. Ben Beinfeld

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7.5 Policy JECA: ELIGIBILITY TO ENROLL 2nd Reading

No action. This item will return to the May 14, 2025 Agenda.

[Policy JECA ELIGIBILITY TO ENROLL 2ndRead.pdf](#)

7.6 Policy JO: STUDENT RECORDS 2nd Reading

This was a second reading of the policy revision.

[Policy JO Student Records 2ndRead.pdf](#)

Adopt Policy JO: Student Records with the proposed changes.

Moved by: Ms. Chris Win

Seconded by: Mr. Jason Growe

Aye Ms. Stacy Siwak, Ms. Kim Hurst, Ms. Chris Win, Mr. Jason Growe, Mr. Leo Human, Dr Pamela Lyss-Lerman, and Mr. Ben Beinfeld

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7.7 Policy JFCH: STUDENT ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE 2nd Reading

This was a second reading of the policy revision.

[Policy JFCH Student Alcohol and Drug Use 2ndRead.pdf](#)

Adopt Policy JFCH: Student Alcohol and Drug Use with the proposed changes.

Moved by: Ms. Chris Win

Seconded by: Mr. Jason Growe

Aye Ms. Stacy Siwak, Ms. Kim Hurst, Ms. Chris Win, Mr. Jason Growe, Mr. Leo Human, Dr Pamela Lyss-Lerman, and Mr. Ben Beinfeld

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- 7.8 Policy JHCD: ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS TO STUDENTS 2nd Reading
No action. This item will return to the May 14, 2025 Agenda.

[Policy JHCD Administration of Medications to Students 2ndRead.pdf](#)

8. Consent Agenda

- 8.1 Requesting Board approval on consent agenda items as listed.

Approve consent agenda items 8.1 through 8.5.

Moved by: Ms. Chris Win

Seconded by: Mr. Jason Growe

Aye Ms. Stacy Siwak, Ms. Kim Hurst, Ms. Chris Win, Mr. Jason Growe, Mr. Leo Human, Dr Pamela Lyss-Lerman, and Mr. Ben Beinfeld

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- 8.2 March 2025 Disbursement Report
March 2025 disbursements were approved by the Board.

- 8.3 March 2025 Financial Reporting
February 2025 Financial Report was approved by the Board.

- 8.4 Personnel
Personnel actions were approved as presented.

- 8.5 Approval of Minutes
4.16.25 Business Meeting Minutes were approved.

9. Board Communications

- 9.1 Board Committee, Community and Liaison Reports
Board members shared updates and information from meetings and events attended.

10. Adjournment

- 10.1 The meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.
That the Board of Education adjourn.

Moved by: Ms. Chris Win

Seconded by: Mr. Jason Growe

Aye

Ms. Stacy Siwak, Ms. Kim Hurst, Ms. Chris Win, Mr. Jason Growe, Mr. Leo Human, Dr Pamela Lyss-Lerman, and Mr. Ben Beinfeld

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Stacy Siwak, Board President

Chris Win, Board Secretary