



Board of Education Meeting Minutes - January 21, 2026

7:00 PM

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

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

Board Absent: Ms. Kim Hurst, the absence was excused

Also Present: Dr. Nisha Patel-Superintendent, Dr. Milena Garganigo-Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, Dr. Kelly Sollberger-Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Dr. Cameron Poole-Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Student Services, John Brazeal-Chief Financial Officer, Gina Tarte-Chief Communications Officer, Luke Heitert-Chief Technology Officer, Heike Janis-Executive Assistant to Superintendent/Board of Education

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

- 1.1 Statement of Adequate Notice, Pledge of Allegiance
The meeting was called to order at
- 1.2 Adoption of Agenda
Move to approve the agenda as posted.
Moved by: Ms. Chris Win
Seconded by: Mr. Jason Growe
Ben Beinfeld – aye
Pam Lyss-Lerman – aye
Leo Human – aye
Chris Win – aye
Jason Growe – aye
Stacy Siwak - aye

Carried

2. Recognizing Our Own

The Board of Education recognized School Resource Officers Jack Boeger, Herman Whittaker and Ryan Riley for the service and commitment to the students and staff of the district.

3. Public Comment

Mr. Brad members Bernstein addressed the members of the Board regarding academics and the district budget.

b.Marcell Williams addressed the Board of Education regarding support for Proposition O on the agenda.

4. Superintendent Communication

- 4.1 Dr. Nisha Patel provided an update including the Long-Range Facilities Master Plan update and Prop O - Our Schools, Our Community, Our Future.

5. Student Representative Update

- 5.1 Student Representative Update
Nina Satorius shared information with the Board members and community regarding building conditions and how renovations and construction will improve the learning spaces for students.

6. Presentations

- 6.1 Long Range Facilities Master Plan Update
Board President Stacy Siwak shared a brief summary of the work that has gone into the last two years on the Long-Range Facilities Master Plan.
Gina Tarte, John Brazeal and the teams from Paragon Architecture, BSI Architecture, BSI Construction Group, and BLDD Athletic Space Design, share an update with the members of the Board and the community.

- 6.2 Resolution Calling a Bond Election for April 2026
DESCRIPTION: Voter approval is required to authorize the District to issue General Obligation bonds. The attached Resolution places a question on the April 7, 2026 municipal election, seeking voter authorization to borrow \$135,000,000 for the purpose of constructing facility improvements. A 4/7ths (57.142857%) majority of votes will be required to authorize the bonds. Approval of the bond issue allows the District's debt service levy of \$0.5110 per \$100 assessed valuation to remain unchanged, commonly referred to as a no tax rate increase bond issue.

CONTACT: John Brazeal, Chief Financial Officer

[20260121BondElectionResolution.pdf](#) 

Move to adopt the Resolution calling an election to secure voter authorization to issue general obligation bonds for the purpose of improving school facilities as set forth in the Resolution.

Moved by: Ms. Chris Win

Seconded by: Mr. Jason Growe

Ben Beinfeld – aye

Pam Lyss-Lerman – aye

Leo Human – aye

Chris Win – aye

Jason Growe – aye



Stacy Siwak - aye

Carried

7. Policy

Policy is how a board sustainably exercises its authority to govern. Through policy, school boards establish cohesive guidelines to advance vision into reality. Missouri School Boards Association (MSBA) provides policy services to the School District of Clayton. Periodically, MSBA recommends policy revisions due to legislative changes at the State and Federal levels, or due to precedent setting court rulings.

- 7.1 1st Reading - Policy JEA: Compulsory and Part-Time Attendance
The Board of Education heard the first reading of the draft of Policy JEA: Compulsory and Part-Time Attendance.
- 7.2 1st Reading - Policy JECC: Assignment of Students to Grade Level Classes
The Board of Education heard the first reading of the draft of Policy JEA: Assignment of Students to Grade Level/Classes
- 7.3 1st Reading - Policy JFCL: A+ Scholarship Program
The Board of Education heard the first reading of the draft of Policy JFCLA: A+ Scholarship Program

- 7.4 1st Reading - Policy JG: Student Discipline
The Board of Education heard the first reading of the draft of Policy JG: Student Discipline.
- 7.5 1st Reading - Policy JHDE: Behavioral Threat Assessment
The Board of Education heard the first reading of the draft of Policy JHDE: Behavioral Threat Assessment.
- 7.6 2nd Reading - Policy KB: Public Information Program
DESCRIPTION:
CONTACT: Gina Tarte, Chief Communications Officer
[20251210PolicyKB-2ndRead-agenda.docx.pdf](#) 
[Policy KB PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM.pdf](#) 
Move to approve Policy KB: Public Information Program with the recommended changes.
Moved by: Ms. Chris Win
Seconded by: Mr. Jason Growe
All aye


Carried

8. Consent Agenda

Our adopted rules of Parliamentary Procedure, Robert's Rules, provide for a consent agenda listing several items for approval of the Board by a single motion. Most of the items listed under the consent agenda have gone through Board subcommittee review and recommendation. Documentation concerning these items has been provided to all Board members and the public in advance to assure an extensive and thorough review. Items may be removed from the consent agenda at the request of any board member.

- 8.1 Requesting Board approval on consent agenda items as listed.
Move to approve consent agenda items 8.1 through 8.9.
Moved by: Ms. Chris Win
Seconded by: Mr. Jason Growe
All aye

Carried

- 8.2 Renewal of School Recourse Officer Agreement
DECIPTION: Safety of students and staff at school is a paramount concern established in Goal #1 within the District's strategic plan: "A place for everyone...", or in this context: a safe place for everyone.
CONTACT: John Brazeal, Chief Financial Officer
[20260121SROagreement.pdf](#) 
Move to approve a contract with the City of Clayton to supply SRO officers as presented.

- 8.3 Surplus Property Declaration
DESCRIPTION: District Policy DN provides that equipment that is obsolete and no longer needed for District operations can be declared surplus by the Board of Education and properly disposed (via sale, scrap value or trash).
CONTACT: John Brazeal, Chief Financial Officer

[20260121SurplusProperty.pdf](#) 

- 8.4 Financial Reporting November 2025

DESCRIPTION: This financial report provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the period ending November 30, 2025.

CONTACT: John Brazeal, Chief Financial Officer

[20251130FinancialReport-agenda.pdf](#) 

8.5 Disbursement Report November 2025

DESCRIPTION: A report detailing disbursements for November 2025 is attached for Board approval.

CONTACT: John Brazeal, Chief Financial Officer

[20251130DisbReport-20260121Agenda.pdf](#) 

Move to approve the November 2025 disbursements in the sum of \$2,073,347.89.

8.6 Financial Reporting December 2025

DESCRIPTION: This financial report provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the period ending December 31, 2025.

CONTACT: John Brazeal, Chief Financial Officer

[20251231FinancialReport-agenda.pdf](#) 

8.7 Disbursement Report December 2025

DESCRIPTION: A report detailing disbursements for December 2025 is attached for Board approval.

CONTACT: John Brazeal, Chief Financial Officer

[20251231DisbReport-20260121Agenda.pdf](#) 

Move to approve December 2025 disbursements in the sum of \$3,775,546.16.

8.8 Personnel

DESCRIPTION:

- Administrative Staff Resignations
- Attendance Awards
- Classified Staff Employment
- Classified Staff Job Change
- Classified Staff Resignations
- Part-Time Temporary Employment
- Substitute Employment
- Summer Academy Pay Rates

CONTACT: Dr. Kelly Sollberger, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

[Administrative Staff Resignations 1.21.2026.pdf](#) 

[Attendance Awards 1.21.26.pdf](#) 

[Classified Employment 1.21.26.pdf](#) 

[Classified Job Change 1.21.26 \(1\).pdf](#) 

[Classified Resignations 1.21.26.pdf](#) 

[PTTE's 1.21.26.pdf](#) 

[Substitute Employment.pdf](#) 

[2026-2027 Summer Academy Pay Rates.pdf](#) 

Move to approve the personnel actions as presented.

- 8.9 Approval of Minutes
DESCRIPTION: The minutes from previous Board Meetings are presented for approval.

[12.10.2025 BOE Meeting Minutes - DRAFT.pdf](#) 

Move to approve the minutes as presented.

9. Board Communications

- 9.1 Board Committee, Community and Liaison Reports
Dr. Pam Lyss-Lerman shared information from the Equity Committee meeting.
Ms. Stacy Siwak shared information with the community about the quarterly Board walk-throughs at each school. Ms. Siwak also shared that there are three candidates for the school board election for three open seats.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

- 10.1 Adjournment
Move that the meeting be adjourned.
Moved by: Ms. Chris Win
Seconded by: Mr. Jason Growe
All aye

Carried

Stacy Siwak, Board President

Chris Win, Board Secretary