

HENRY COUNTY R1 SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, May 21, 2026, 6:00 P.M.
Windsor High School/BOE Room, 210 North Street, Windsor, MO 65360

Members Present - Mr. Andy Burkhart, Mr. Ryan Hoffman, Mr. Scott Swigert, Dr. Jamie Burkhart, Mr. Tommy Hampton, Ms. Jennifer Pipal

Members Absent - Mr. Jason Heany

Others Present - Mr. Brad Hunter, Mrs. Lora Howard, Mr. Justin Wells, Mr. Travis Goosen, Mr. Donnie Mayes, Mrs. Felicia Melton, Mrs. Jenny Varner, Mrs. Keely Kuehner, Mr. Will McKnight, Ms. Melissa Batusic

The open session was conducted in the Board of Education Room located at 210 North Street.

- I **Preliminaries of the Meeting**
At 6:00 PM, Board Vice President Ms. Jennifer Pipal declared a quorum and called the meeting to order.

- II **Welcome Guests, Pledge of Allegiance, Student Recognition**
Ms. Jennifer Pipal welcomed guests, and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

- III **Approval of Agenda**
Mr. Ryan Hoffman, with a second by Dr. Jamie Burkhart, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

- IV **Approval of Consent Agenda**
Dr. Jamie Burkhart moved, with a second by Mr. Ryan Hoffman, to approve the consent agenda as presented. This included the payment of bills totaling \$288,991.41 (check numbers 152033-152147), the financial report, and open minutes from April 21, 2026, and April 24, 2026. Motion carried 6-0.

- V **Items for Discussion**
~Ms. Melissa Batusic from Clinton Technical School provided a report regarding a credit waiver offered by the tech school to its attending students.
~ Mrs. Keely Kuehner, Mrs. Jenny Varner, and Mr. Will McKnight presented a curriculum review for the 2026-2027 school year for their respective buildings. The curriculum report is available in the board packet.
~Dr. Burkhart provided the board with the following legislative updates:
For the 2025-2026 school year, school funding is projected to be underfunded by approximately \$138 million. The proposed funding for the 2026-2027 school year is anticipated to be underfunded by \$190 million, in addition to transportation reimbursement.
The A-F School Accountability and Property Tax Legislation failed to pass.

VI **Administrative Reports**

Mr. Goosen and Mr. Wells were present for questions. Mrs. Bowers was absent from the meeting. Mr. Mayes was also in attendance to address any inquiries from the board. All board reports have been compiled in the board packet, which can be accessed on the district website.

Mr. Hunter informed the board of the following updates:

The Summer Food Service Program will distribute meals every Thursday from June 25, 2026, to August 6, 2026. Additionally, district testing was very successful this year.

VII **New Business**

A. Gerding, Korte, & Chitwood Audit Service Agreement

Mr. Hunter presented the audit agreement between Gerding, Korte, & Chitwood and Henry County R1 School District. Mr. Scott Swigert moved, with a second by Dr. Jamie Burkhart, to approve Gerding, Korte, & Chitwood to perform the district audit for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Motion carried 6-0.

B. Salary Schedules for Certified, Classified and Administration

Mr. Hunter presented the salary schedules for the 2026-2027 school year. Dr. Jamie Burkhart moved, with a second by Mr. Ryan Hoffman, to approve the 2026-2027 salary schedules for certified, classified, and administration as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

C. June Board Meeting Date

Mr. Hunter requested to reschedule the June board meeting from June 25, 2026, to June 17, 2026. Mr. Ryan Hoffman moved, with a second by Mr. Tommy Hampton, to move the June board meeting to June 17, 2026, at 6:00 PM. Motion carried 6-0.

D. Big Brothers Big Sisters Program Approval

Mr. Hunter presented the proposal between Big Brothers Big Sisters and Henry County R1 School District for the 2026-2027 school year. Mr. Ryan Hoffman moved, with a second by Dr. Jamie Burkhart, to approve the proposal between Henry County R1 School District and Big Brothers Big Sisters. Motion carried 6-0.

VIII **Executive Session**

Dr. Jamie Burkhart moved, with a second by Mr. Scott Swigert, to go into executive session for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3)). Roll call vote: A. Burkhart-yes; Hoffman-yes; Swigert-yes; J. Burkhart-yes; Hampton-yes; Pipal-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

IX **Adjournment**

At 7:14 PM, the board returned to open session. The meeting was properly adjourned at 7:14 PM.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education