

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
OTTERVILLE R-VI- BOARD ROOM
April 16, 2025
6:00 PM

MEMBERS:

PRESENT:

Ryan Keele
Sean Main
Mark Blankenship
Aaron Berry
Jessica Helmig
Ryan Coday

ABSENT:

Dan Kruse-Superintendent
Melissa Stone-Principal
Traci Schoen-Secretary

Guests present were Randall Wittman, Bailey Wittman, Crystal Thomas, Jessica Seifert, Jonathan Seifert, Natasha Young-Seifert, Desirae Nau, April Gaskell, Margaret Walje, Brian Hazlett and Faithlynn Parks.

The Board of Education met in Regular Session on April 16, 2025, with all members present.

Correspondence was presented to the board—a thank you note from Christie Thierfelder. 4 Middle School FBLA members qualified for Nationals and the possibility of 2 High School students qualifying. Natasha Seifert was present to express her concerns regarding the baseball team. Randall Wittman was present to express his concern on a student issue. Bailey Wittman was present to express her concern regarding her child.

Meeting called to order by President Ryan Keele.

A motion by Aaron Berry, seconded by Mark Blankenship for the board to dissolve for re-organization. Motion carried 6/0. The oath of office was given to Mark Blankenship, Jacob Nolting-attended by Zoom and Eric Friedly.

Mr. Kruse asked for nominations for Board President. A motion by Mark Blankenship, seconded by Sean Main to nominate Ryan Keele as President. Motion carried 6/0. Ryan Keele abstained. President Ryan Keele asked for nominations for Board Vice-President. A nomination by Sean Main, seconded by Ryan Coday to nominate Mark Blankenship as Vice-President. Motion carried 6/0. Mark Blankenship abstained. President Ryan Keele called for nominations for Board Secretary. A motion by Mark Blankenship, seconded by Jessica Helmig to nominate Traci Schoen as Board Secretary. Motion carried 7/0. President Ryan Keele called for nominations for Board Treasurer. A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Ryan Coday to nominate Sean Main as Board Treasurer. Motion carried 6/0. Sean Main abstained. President Ryan Keele called for nominations for the MSBA delegate. A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Sean Main to nominate Eric Friedly as delegate. Motion carried 6/0. Eric Friedly abstained. President Ryan Keele called for nominations for MSBA alternate delegate. A motion by Mark

Blankenship, seconded by Ryan Coday to nominate Jacob Nolting as alternate delegate. Motion carried 6/0. Jacob Nolting abstained.

President Ryan Keele read the statement of confidentiality and board communication to the board. A motion by Sean Main, seconded by Jessica Helmig to end the Re-Organization of the board. Motion carried 7/0.

A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Ryan Coday to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7/0.

A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Ryan Coday to approve the March 2025 financial reports and budget summary. Motion carried 7/0.

The following reports were given by Mrs. Stone and Mr. Kruse:

Principal:

1. The attendance for March was 96.1% elementary, 94.7% high school: overall attendance 95.4%.
2. Students attending FBLA Nationals in California.
3. Update on athletic teams.
4. Preparing for MAP/EOC testing beginning April 22, 2025.
5. Updated the board on the activities for the month of April.

Superintendent:

1. The cost for the FBLA students attending FBLA Nationals will be approximately \$7,500.00. A motion by Sean Main, seconded by Eric Friedly for the school to set a \$5,000.00 limit on travel expenses. Motion carried 7/0.
2. The handbook for FFA and Trap Shooting will be presented later.
3. Proposition Teachers passed at the April General Election.
4. Mr. Kruse presented the results from the Staff survey; communication, consistent discipline, handbook revisions, curriculum and instruction were the top results. The Parent's survey top results were communication and quality of education.

Old Business:

1. None.

New Business:

1. A motion by Mark Blankenship, seconded by Ryan Coday to set the June 2025 regular monthly meeting for June 25, 2025, at 7 am. Motion carried 7/0.
2. A motion by Sean Main, seconded by Ryan Coday to approve the 2025 graduate list as presented. Motion carried 7/0.
3. A motion by Mark Blankenship, seconded by Jessica Helmig to approve the Extra Duty Stipends values. Motion carried 7/0.
4. A motion by Sean Main, seconded by Eric Friedly to declare desks and the embroidery machine as surplus property. Motion carried 7/0.
5. A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Mark Blankenship to approve the Resolution Opposing Legislation Regarding Open Enrollment. Motion passed 7/0.

A motion by Eric Friedly that the meeting be closed under RSMo, Section 610.021, Sub-Section 3 & 13 for the purpose of personnel discussion; RSMo, section 610.021, subsection 6 for the purpose of student

issues; RSMo, section 610.021, subsection 1, for the purpose of legal issues; seconded by Ryan Coday. Motion carried 7/0. Roll call vote followed:

Keele-yea
Main-yea
Blankenship-yea
Friedly-yea
Helmig-yea
Coday-yea
Nolting-yea-by Zoom

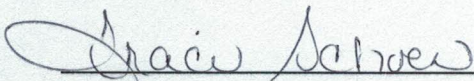
A motion by Mark Blankenship, seconded by Sean Main to Re-Convene to Open Session. Motion carried 7/0. Roll call vote followed:

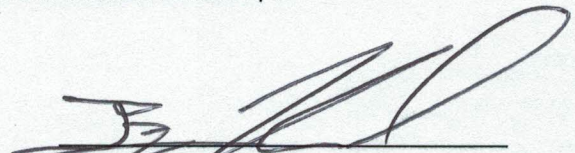
Keele-yea
Main-yea
Blankenship-yea
Friedly-yea
Helmig-yea
Coday-yea
Nolting-yea-by Zoom

The following motions occurred after Re-Convening:

1. A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Sean Main to approve the resignation of Emily Taber at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 7/0.
2. A motion by Eric Friedly, seconded by Sean Main to hire Jame Gear as the ELA teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 7/0.
3. A motion by Sean Main, seconded by Ryan Coday to approve the 20 Classified staff positions for the 2025-2026 with the removal of Susie Blankenship. Motion 7/0.
4. A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Eric Friedly to hire Susie Blankenship for the 2025-2026 food service position. Motion carried 6/0. Mark Blankenship abstained.
5. A motion by Ryan Coday, seconded by Eric Friedly to approve the Extra Duty Agreements for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 7/0.

A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Ryan Coday to adjourn. Motion carried 7/0.


Traci Schoen, Board Secretary


Ryan Keele, Board President