

Laclede County R-1 Schools
Board of Education Meeting
August 11, 2025 – 6:00 pm
High School Library

Call to Order/Roll Call: Board President Robbie Letterman called the meeting to order with the following members present: Brett Thompson, Scott Owens, Scott Anderson, Sara Richardson, Courtney Gunter and Mathew Corle.

Adjourn to Executive Session (RSMo 610.21 (3) (13) and RSM9. 610.021(6) and (14)): Brett Thompson made a motion to adjourn to executive session; Mathew Corle seconded the motion. A roll call vote followed with the motion carrying 7-0. The time of adjournment was 6:00 p.m.

Kimberly Shelton
Board Secretary

Laclede County R-1 Schools
Board of Education Meeting
Tax Rate Hearing
August 11, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.
High School Library

Call to Order/Roll Call: Board President Robbie Letterman called the meeting to order with the following members present: Brett Thompson, Scott Owens, Scott Anderson, Sara Richardson, Courtney Gunter and Mathew Corle.

Set 2025-2026 Tax Rate: Courtney Gunter made a motion to set the tax rate for the 2025-2026 fiscal year at \$3.24 per \$100 assessed valuation. Of the \$3.24, \$2.75 will be levied in the Incidental Fund, and \$.49 to the debt service fund. Sara Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Adjourn: Mathew Corle made a motion to adjourn the tax rate hearing; Robbie Letterman seconded the motion. A roll call vote followed with the motion carrying 7-0. The time of adjournment was 6:35 p.m.

Kim Shelton
Board Secretary

Laclede County R-1 Schools
Board of Education Meeting #2
August 11, 2025 – 6:35 pm
High School Library

Call to Order/Roll Call: Board President Robbie Letterman called the meeting to order with the following members present: Brett Thompson, Scott Owens, Scott Anderson, Sara Richardson, Courtney Gunter and Mathew Corle.

Pledge of Allegiance: All present united in repeating the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Agenda: Courtney Gunter made a motion to approve the agenda. Mathew Corle seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Consent Agenda: Scott Owens made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Robbie Letterman seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0. Items approved include payment of 2025-2026 bills, the July 2025 Board meeting minutes, and the 2025-2026 finance reports.

Old Business:

- A. Bond Project Update: Superintendent Matt Searson updated the Board on the status of the current bond projects taking place in the district including roof and parking lot rehabilitation.
- B. Bid awards: Bids were received for the surplus buses. Courtney Gunter made a motion to award the bids to the highest bidders: Robbie Letterman was the highest bid on the 2009 Bluebird (\$2500), and Jack Glendenning was the highest bid for the 2005 Bluebird (\$3001). Mathew Corle seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-1, with Robbie Letterman abstaining.

New Business:

- A. Conflict of Interest Resolution: Courtney Gunter made a motion to adopt the conflict of interest resolution ordinance (MSBA policy BBFA) to be submitted to the Missouri Ethics Commission. Brett Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Administrative Reports: Superintendent Dr. Matt Searson, principal Mrs. Tracy Cottengim and Student Services Director, Ms. Amy Peterson, updated the Board on current events related to the upcoming school year.

Adjourn: With no further business before the Board, Courtney Gunter made a motion to adjourn the monthly meeting. Scott Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The time of adjournment was 7:25 p.m.

Kimberly Shelton
Board Secretary