

BOARD MEETING  
NELL HOLCOMB R-IV SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Date: September 24, 2025 Time: 5:00 P.M. Place: School Library

Agenda

1. Call to Order:
2. Approval of Consent Agenda:
  - A. Minutes of Previous Meeting: August 27, 2025
  - B. Approval of Monthly Bills, Transfers, and Amend Budget as Necessary
  - C. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report
  - D. Substitute List
3. Correspondence and Comments from the Audience: As a reminder, public comments are limited to district tax payers and staff members. Public Comment is limited to 3 minutes per participant. Participants are not allowed to discuss any personnel issues during public comment. All discussion on personnel must take place in closed session. If a parent or community member has a personnel issue, we ask that you follow board policy P1480 and set up a time to discuss the issue with the school superintendent, Mr. Deckerd. If he is unable to remediate the issue, we ask that you then bring your issue to the school board president for consideration of being placed on a future closed session agenda item. Thank you!
4. Reports
  - A. RTI Presentation
5. Action Items
  - A. 2024-2025 Audit
  - B. Independent Evaluation Board Policy
  - C. Discussion on Parochial/Private School Years of Service
6. Other Business
  - A. October 2025 School Board Meeting
  - B. Important Dates:
    - October 10, 2025: End of Quarter
    - October 16, 2025: Parent Teacher Conferences
    - October 17-20, 2025: No School Fall Break
    - October 24, 2025: Chili Dinner
7. Recess Regular Session
8. **Closed Session:** According to Section 610.021 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri for the purpose of hiring, firing, discipline, or promoting of personnel employed by the Nell Holcomb R-IV School District and certain legal considerations:
  - A. Student Discipline
  - B. Discussion on Superintendent Vacancy
9. Adjourn from Regular Session

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Minutes

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:04 PM by T. Brock: L. Brown absent  
A. Changes of Additions to the Agenda
  2. Tax Rate Meeting: Motion by C. Tourville to set the 2025-2026 tax rate at \$4.0233 per \$100 of assessed value 2<sup>nd</sup> by JT Payne, 6-0 Vote
  3. Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion to approve J. Carter, 2<sup>nd</sup> B. Kirchhoff, 6-0 Vote
    - A. Minutes of Previous Meeting: July 24, 2024
    - B. Approval of Monthly Bills, Transfers, and Amend Budget as Necessary
    - C. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report
    - D. Substitute List
  4. Correspondence and Comments from the Audience: NONE
  5. Reports
    - A. Principal Report
    - B. Superintendent Report
  6. Action Items
    - A. Approval of Federal Programs Application: Motion to approve JT Payne, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Ritter, 6-0 Vote
    - B. Approval of Special Education Application: Motion to approve J. Carter, 2<sup>nd</sup> B. Kirchhoff, 6-0 Vote
    - C. Approval of Bus Routes for the 2025-2026 School Year: Motion to approve B. Kirchhoff, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Ritter, 6-0 Vote
    - D. Discussion Parochial and Private School Hours Towards Salary Schedule: Tabled
  7. Other Business
    - A. September Meeting set for Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 5:00 PM
    - B. Important Dates:
      - September 1st: Labor Day, no school
      - September 12th: Half day, professional development day/SEMO FAIR
- Regular Session Recessed at 5:52 PM
8. Closed Session:  
According to Section 610.021 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri for the purpose of hiring, firing, discipline, or promoting of personnel employed by the Nell Holcomb R-IV School District and certain legal considerations. Motion to enter Closed Session at 5:54 PM by G. Ritter, 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Tourville, 6-0 Roll Call Vote

- A. Mr. Deckerd gave an update on the superintendent search for the district
- B. Personnel: Motion to hire Beverly Morgan as a food service assistant by C. Tourville, 2<sup>nd</sup> JT Payne, 6-0 Roll Call Vote

Motion to adjourn Closed Session at 6:28 PM by C. Tourville, 2<sup>nd</sup> B. Kirchhoff, 6-0 Roll Call Vote

- 9. Adjourn from Regular Session: Motion to adjourn at 6:28 PM by J. Carter, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Ritter, 6-0 Vote

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Whitney Payne: Board Secretary 08/27/25

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Bleau Deckerd: Superintendent 08/27/25

<b>Fund Balances</b>	<b>Checking</b>	<b>MOSIP</b>	<b>Total</b>	
July 31, 2025	394,311.31	664,315.50	1,104,495.81	
August 31, 2025	92,067.57	1,409,756.00	1,547,723.57	
September 30, 2025				
October 31, 2025				
November 30, 2025				
December 31, 2025				
January 31, 2026				
February 28, 2026				
March 31, 2026				
April 30, 2026				
May 31, 2026				
June 30, 2026				
	FUND 1 Balance	342,054.26		
	FUND 2 Balance	-142,933.30		
	FUND 3 Balance	0.00		
	FUND 4 Balance	<u>-107,053.39</u>		
	Checking Account Balance		92,067.57	
July 2025 Checking Balance		394,311.31		
	MOSIP	(137,181.47)		
	Total Expenditures	(325,569.53)		
	Total Revenues	160,507.26		
	MOSIP transfer			
	CD			
Ending balance Aug 2025			92,067.57	
Aug 2025 checks and payroll approve	\$ 45,874.95	\$ 263,752.98	309,627.93	
Aug 2025 checks for approval		15,996.60	15,996.60	
	Correcting Entries		-55.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>			<b>325,569.53</b>	
Sept 2025 checks awaiting approval			\$ 121,062.71	
Sept 2025 Payroll awaiting approval			\$ 297,381.32	

Summary Check Register

Selection Criteria : Transaction Type = Reverse Checks | Transaction Type = Voided Checks | Transaction Type = Check Entry | Check #  
Range From 47147 To 47152 |

Check #	Check Date	Transaction Description	Check Amount
0000047147	08/30/2025	A T & T MOBILITY	305.60
0000047148	08/30/2025	FIRST STATE COMMUNITY BA	10.00
0000047149	08/30/2025	MASTERCARD	14,147.59
0000047150	08/30/2025	PERFORMANCE FOODSERVICE	1,161.40
0000047151	08/30/2025	REPUBLIC SERVICES #732	203.30
0000047152	08/30/2025	Vertical Voice	168.71
Grand Total			15,996.60

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Selection Criteria : Transaction Type = Reverse Checks | Transaction Type = Voided Checks | Transaction Type = Check Entry | Check #  
Range From 47169 To 47206 | Check # Range From 47153 To 47155 | Check # Range From 47137 To 47146 |

Check #	Check Date	Transaction Description	Check Amount
0000047137	09/03/2025	COREY CAMPBELL	20.00
0000047138	09/03/2025	JENNIFER KROENUNG	85.00
0000047139	09/03/2025	STEPHANIE WYBERT	20.00
0000047140	09/08/2025	COREY CAMPBELL	20.00
0000047141	09/08/2025	JENNIFER KROENUNG	85.00
0000047142	09/08/2025	NICOLE ERNST	20.00
0000047143	09/09/2025	SEMMEA	20.00
0000047144	09/10/2025	Kelsi Seibert	85.00
0000047145	09/10/2025	NICOLE ERNST	20.00
0000047146	09/10/2025	STEPHANIE WYBERT	20.00
0000047153	09/16/2025	JENNIFER KROENUNG	85.00
0000047154	09/16/2025	NICOLE ERNST	20.00
0000047155	09/16/2025	STEPHANIE WYBERT	20.00
0000047169	09/19/2025	ACCENT SECURITY ALARMS	180.00
0000047170	09/19/2025	ALFRED VANGENNIP	200.00
0000047171	09/19/2025	Bumett Landscape Management	2,280.00
0000047172	09/19/2025	CONCORD PUBLISHING HOUSE	500.00
0000047173	09/19/2025	DITTRONICS	450.00
0000047174	09/19/2025	ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS S	24.00
0000047175	09/19/2025	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES LLC #215	147.40
0000047176	09/19/2025	HD MEDIA SYSTEMS	47,823.23
0000047177	09/19/2025	Kathy Kirchhoff	107.57
0000047178	09/19/2025	KIDDLYWINKS	11,646.40
0000047179	09/19/2025	Ledbetter, Philip	35.86
0000047180	09/19/2025	MARE	165.00
0000047181	09/19/2025	MENARDS	860.43
0000047182	09/19/2025	MFA OIL COMPANY	2,438.31
0000047183	09/19/2025	MICHAEL GIVENS	405.00
0000047184	09/19/2025	MO ASSOC OF RURAL EDUC.	400.00
0000047185	09/19/2025	MO DEPT OF NATURAL RESC	6,601.00
0000047186	09/19/2025	Richards R-5 School District	200.00
0000047187	09/19/2025	OSBORNE OFFICE EQUIPMENT	420.39
0000047188	09/19/2025	PRAIRIE FARMS DAIRY INC	1,197.88
0000047189	09/19/2025	REGINA PATTENGILL	1,440.00
0000047190	09/19/2025	RENAISSANCE LEARNING	1,127.70
0000047191	09/19/2025	Robert Blachowicz	210.00
0000047192	09/19/2025	ROTH RESTAURANT SUPPLY	418.50
0000047193	09/19/2025	STEPHANIE WYBERT	41.71
0000047194	09/19/2025	THINBLUE TECHNOLOGIES	3,086.21
0000047195	09/19/2025	Whitney Bollinger	189.00
0000047196	09/22/2025	BEAVER JANITOR SUPPLY	4,709.26
0000047197	09/22/2025	DATA KEEPER TECHNOLOGIES	351.00
0000047198	09/22/2025	FIRST STATE COMMUNITY BA	15,601.00
0000047199	09/22/2025	FISHER AUTO PARTS INC	365.85
0000047200	09/22/2025	MIDWEST TRANSIT EQUIP IN	8,923.17
0000047201	09/22/2025	Morgan, Beverly	43.50
0000047202	09/22/2025	RENAISSANCE	1,127.70
0000047203	09/22/2025	School Datebooks	720.21
0000047204	09/22/2025	STANLEY DIRNBERGER & ASS	5,500.00
0000047205	09/22/2025	TIPTONS	480.43
0000047206	09/22/2025	VELOCITY ELECTRONICS	125.00

Chromebooks

Occupational Therapy

Bus Driver Drug Screenings

Association Fees

Energy Lighting Loan

Website Firewall

Lease Purchase Loan

Bus Parts Repair

STAR Reading Program

Audit

Nell Holcomb R-IV School District  
6547 State Highway 177  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701-8690

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Check #	Check Date	Transaction Description	Check Amount
Grand Total			121,062.71

## **R 6255 Independent Educational Evaluation Procedures for Students with Disabilities Under the IDEA**

### **I. PARENT REQUEST FOR INDEPENDENT EVALUATION**

1. The parent or legal guardian of the disabled student must present his or her request for an independent educational evaluation in writing to the District's Director of Special Education. If any other District staff member receives a written request for an IEE, such request must be immediately forwarded to the District's Director of Special Education.
2. When the parent or legal guardian of a student with a disability under the IDEA requests an independent educational evaluation, the [Director of Special Education] shall, within 10 business days, provide the parent or legal guardian a copy of this policy and procedure as well as information about where an independent educational evaluation may be obtained and the District's criteria for such evaluations.
3. When the District receives a request from the parent or legal guardian for an independent educational evaluation, the District will, without unreasonable delay and within 15 business days from the receipt of the request inform the parent or legal guardian that (1) the District will pay for the requested evaluation subject to the requirements of this policy; or (2) will initiate due process to defend the District's evaluation.
4. Before making the decision indicated in paragraph 3 above, the Director of Special Education may ask the parent or legal guardian for the reason or reasons why he or she objects to or disagrees with the District's evaluation or any component of that evaluation. However, the parent or legal guardian is not required to provide that reason and the District will not use the request or a lack of parental response to such a request to unreasonably delay its decision regarding whether to provide the requested independent educational evaluation at public expense or to initiate due process to defend the District's evaluation.
5. If the District's decision is to pay for the independent educational evaluation, the Director of Special Education will offer the parent or legal guardian the opportunity to convene the student's multidisciplinary team to develop an evaluation plan to address the areas to be evaluated and the independent evaluators who will assess the student. That plan will comply with the District's criteria for evaluator qualifications, geographic location and costs limitations as specified below in this procedure. Upon written parental consent for the independent evaluation, the District will arrange for completion of the evaluation.
6. Independent evaluators must agree to release the results of their independent evaluations to the District prior to receipt of payment for services. The results of any IEE will be considered by the student's multidisciplinary or IEP team with respect to any decisions involving the provision of a free appropriate public education to the student, as long as the IEE meets the criteria set forth in this procedure.
7. The parent or legal guardian may also proceed to arrange for completion of the independent educational evaluation without the multidisciplinary team meeting as described in Paragraph 5 above. However, the parent or legal guardian will then be responsible for ensuring that the independent educational evaluation, as completed, complies with the requirements of this procedure. Otherwise the District will not be obligated to pay for the cost of the IEE.

## **II. PARENT REQUESTS PAYMENT FOR COMPLETED INDEPENDENT EVALUATIONS**

1. The parent/legal guardian of a student with a disability under the IDEA may obtain an independent evaluation without notification to the District and then request payment for that evaluation.
2. If the parent is requesting payment for an IEE already completed, the parent must notify the District's [Director of Special Education], in writing, that they are requesting such payment. Upon receipt of that request, the District will provide the parent with a copy of the District's policy and procedures relating to IEEs, and the District may request that the IEE be provided to the District directly from the Agency or individual that completed it, along with an invoice for the amount due.
3. Within 15 business days of the receipt of the request, the District will notify the parent as to whether the District will initiate due process to establish the appropriateness of its own evaluation or pay for the cost of the IEE.
4. If the district decides to pay for the cost of the IEE, the district criteria for the geographic locations of the evaluator(s), the minimum qualifications of evaluator(s), the costs of the evaluation, and the use of approved assessment instruments as indicated in this procedure must be met. If the cost of the IEE exceeds the District's cost limitations, the District will inform the parent that the District will pay that portion of the cost that is within the District's limitations, if the District determines that an appropriate IEE could have been obtained within the cost limitations.
5. If the District initiates a due process hearing pursuant to paragraph 3 above and the final decision of the due process panel is that the District's evaluation is appropriate, the parent or legal guardian still has the right to an independent educational evaluation, but the District will not be required to pay for that evaluation.
6. If the parent or legal guardian obtains an independent evaluation at private expense, the results of that evaluation must be considered by the District, if that privately funded independent evaluation meets the District's criteria for evaluations, with respect to any decisions regarding the provision of a free appropriate public education to the child.

## **III. LOCAL LIMITATIONS FOR EVALUATIONS**

Approved evaluators must be located within 50 miles of the District's Administrative Offices. Evaluators outside of this area will be approved only on an exception basis and the parent or legal guardian can demonstrate the necessity of using personnel outside the approved geographic area.

## **IV. COST LIMITATIONS FOR EVALUATIONS**

The total cost of a multidisciplinary independent evaluation will be limited to a total cost of \$500. Single evaluations will be limited to the cost schedule listed below. These same cost limitations apply to the District when it conducts an evaluation. The maximum charges have been established to allow the District and parents to choose from among qualified professionals in the area and is intended to result only in the elimination of excessive fees. Costs above this amount will not be approved unless the parent or legal guardian can demonstrate that such costs reflect a reasonable and customary rate for such evaluative services within the designated geographic area or that the student's unique circumstance justify an evaluation that exceeds the allowable cost criteria. When Medicaid or other public insurance will cover all or part of the costs of the independent educational

evaluation, the District will assume payment only for the portion of the costs not covered by public insurance, provided that the use of that public insurance would not decrease any insurance benefit or otherwise negatively impact the child's or family's insurance coverage. If the child is covered by private insurance, the District may request parental consent to access that private insurance coverage.

#### **V. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR EVALUATORS**

Evaluators with credentials other than those listed below will not be approved unless the parent or legal guardian can demonstrate the appropriateness of using individuals with other qualifications.

<u>Type of Assessment</u>	<u>Qualifications</u>
Academic Achievement	Certified Special Education Teacher, School Psychological Examiner, School Psychologist, Licensed Psychologist, Certified Regular Education Teacher
Adaptive Behavior	Licensed Psychologist, Certified Special Education Teacher, School Psychological Examiner, or School Psychologist
Assistive Technology	Certified or Licensed Speech/Language Pathologist, Certified or Licensed Occupational Therapist, Or Certified Special Education Teacher [Masters Degree]
Audiological	Licensed or Certified Audiologist
Central Auditory Processing	Licensed or Certified Audiologist
Cognition	Licensed Psychologist Certified School Psychological Examiner, School Psychologist
Health	Licensed Physician
Motor	Licensed Physical Therapist or Occupational Therapist, or Certified Teacher of the Physically Impaired, or Adaptive Physical Education Specialist
Music Therapy	Licensed or Certified Music Therapist
Orientation/Mobility or Residual Vision or Functional Vision	Certified Teacher of the Visually Impaired
Social/Emotional/Behavioral	Certified Special Education Teacher, School Psychological Examiner, School Psychologist, Licensed Social Worker, Licensed Psychiatrist or Psychologist
Speech/Language	Certified or Licensed Speech/Language Pathologist
Transition	Certified Special Education Teacher [Masters Degree]
Vision	Licensed Ophthalmologist or Optometrist
Visual Perceptual or Visual Motor	Licensed Ophthalmologist or Optometrist, Licensed Occupational Therapist, Certified Special Education Teacher, School Psychologist Examiner, or School Psychologist

**VI. COST LIMITATIONS FOR EVALUATORS**

A comprehensive, independent evaluation will be limited to a total cost of \$500. Single disciplinary evaluations will be limited to the following schedule:

Academic Achievement	\$200.00
Adaptive Behavior	\$200.00
Assistive Technology	\$200.00
Auditory Acuity	\$200.00
Auditory Perception (CAP)	\$325.00
Cognitive	\$325.00
Health	\$200.00
Neurological	\$325.00
Motor	\$200.00
Sensory-Motor Integration	\$200.00
Speech/Language	\$200.00
Social/Emotional/Behavioral	\$200.00
Vision	\$200.00
Functional Vision	\$200.00
Transition	\$200.00

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## P 6255 Independent Educational Evaluation Policy for Disabled Students under the IDEA

The parent or legal guardian of a student with a disability pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA") or of a student suspected of having an IDEA disability has the right to obtain an independent evaluation subject to the provisions of this policy. The parent or legal guardian has the right to an independent educational evaluation at public expense if they disagree with an evaluation or any component of an evaluation obtained or conducted by the District. The parent or legal guardian may request one independent educational evaluation in response to each evaluation completed by the District. If the parent request for an independent evaluation comes one year or more from the date of the completion of the District's evaluation, the District may seek to complete a reevaluation prior to paying for an independent educational evaluation.

### *Definitions:*

1. *An independent educational evaluation (IEE)* means an evaluation conducted by a qualified examiner who is not employed by the District. An independent educational evaluation must meet the educational evaluation criteria used by the District when it initiates an evaluation to the extent those criteria are consistent with the parent's right to an IEE.
2. *Public expense* means that the District either pays for the full cost of the evaluation or ensures that the evaluation is otherwise provided at no cost to the parent. The District may, therefore, use whatever State, local, Federal or private sources of financial support are available to pay for the costs of an independent educational evaluation.

A parent is not required to notify the District prior to obtaining an IEE. However, if the parent or legal guardian requests an independent educational at public expense, the District will request that the parent provide a reason why he or she objects to the District's evaluation. In making that request, the District may not unreasonably delay either providing the requested independent educational evaluation at public expense or initiating a due process hearing to defend the District's evaluation.

If a parent requests an independent educational evaluation at public expense, the District will, without unnecessary delay:

1. Provide the parent or legal guardian with a copy of this policy and the District's IEE procedures; and
2. Provide the parent with information about where an IEE may be obtained within the parameters of this policy and the District's procedures; and
3. (a) ensure that an independent educational evaluation is provided at public expense; or (b) initiate a due process hearing to show that the District's evaluation is appropriate or that the IEE obtained by the parent did not meet District criteria.

If the District initiates a hearing and the final decision supports the appropriateness of the District's evaluation, the parent still has the right to an independent educational evaluation, but not at public expense.

If a parent or legal guardian obtains an IEE at private expense and presents that IEE to the District, the results of that evaluation must be considered by the District in any decision regarding the provision of a free appropriate public education to the student. In addition, any IEE obtained by the

parents at private expense may be presented as evidence at a due process hearing regarding that student.

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