

BOARD OF EDUCATION
The School District of Independence

The Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, December 11, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Board of Education Office, 201 North Forest Avenue, Independence, Missouri.

Members Present: Mrs. Ann Franklin, President
Dr. Matt Mallinson, Vice President
Mrs. Jill Esry, Treasurer
Mrs. Jana Waits, Director
Mr. Ken Johnston, Director
Mrs. Denise Fears, Director
Mr. Greg Finke, Director

Also Present: Dr. Jim Hinson, Superintendent
Dr. Dred Scott, Dr. Dale Herl, Dr. Jason Dial, Dr. Linda Gray Smith, Mrs. Cindy Konomos, Mrs. Sherry Potter, Mr. Bob Robinson, Mrs. Nancy Lewis, Ms. Kelly Evenson of *The Examiner*, INEA, PTA, interested patrons and staff, and Mrs. Annette Miller.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Ann Franklin, and minutes of the meeting were recorded by the secretary, Mrs. Annette Miller. Mrs. Franklin welcomed and recognized Gabriel Ritchhart from Boy Scout Troop 228, representatives from Truman High School's Student Council, and State Representative Ira Anders.

Ken Johnston made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2012 meeting as printed. The motion was seconded by Jana Waits and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Hinson stated that due to the recent dry weather cycle, the District needed to let bids for pier work and mud jacking at the following elementary schools: Christian Ott, Blackburn, and William Southern. He also stated the December 11 list of bills was \$8,714,368.11 and that Course Changes and the Program of Studies for 2013-14 school year are on the Consent Agenda.

Jana Waits made the motion to approve the December 11, 2012 Consent Agenda as printed.

1. Minutes of November 13, 2012
2. Approval of December 11, 2012 List of Bills totaling \$8,714,368.11
3. Personnel Recommendation #10
 - A. Employment of Certificated Staff for the 2012-2013 School Year
 1. Nacole Piers, Special Education Teacher
 2. David Cavanah, Counselor
4. Approval to Let Bids for Pier Work and Mud Jacking at Christian Ott Elementary, Blackburn Elementary, and William Southern Elementary Schools.
5. Approval of Course Changes and the *Program of Studies* for the 2013-2014 School Year.

The motion was seconded by Jill Esry and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

The Character of the Month video featured the Maverick's Hockey team and the Sheet Metal Workers Local Union 2 and how they partner with the District to recognize a special student of character each month at a Maverick's game by providing four seats. The students also receive a T-shirt to recognize their selection and they are introduced at the game. Brent Thiessen, Mavericks' President and General Manager, talked about this program and how rewarding it is to recognize good character in students and seeing how much they enjoy the hockey game with family members.

Dr. Hinson recognized the Nutrition Services Department and their staff for doing an outstanding job providing nutritious meals and snacks for our students. Over 100,000 meals are served per week in the District. He said with the Holiday break coming up that there are numerous activities scheduled each night and that they are going very well. One of these activities included all of the Fourth graders singing at the Mayor's Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 2. Proceeds from this event will help Community Services League provide assistance to a number of community families. Dr. Hinson thanked the Music teachers, Classroom teachers, and Principals for volunteering their time to help the students with this program.

Several new Business Items were presented for the Board of Education's consideration.

Matt Mallinson made the motion that the Board of Education approves the bids from Cornell Roofing & Sheet Metal, Kaw Roofing & Sheet Metal, and Sellers & Marquis Roofing companies for partial roof replacement at Truman High School; Spring Branch, Blackburn, Randall, Thomas Hart Benton, Sycamore Hills Elementary Schools; and Sunshine Center. The motion was seconded by Ken Johnson and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Hinson stated that a Resolution to Refund a Portion of the 2003 Bonds was on the agenda for the Board's review/approval. If the Board approves this Resolution, Bond Counsel will attend a later meeting and seek the Board's approval for selling the Bonds. Dr. Herl stated that interest rates are historically low at this time. The 2003 Bond Issue had to be in effect for 10 years before the District could refinance them and now the Administration is recommending this action as it will save taxpayers approximately \$1,700,000.00. The District's Bond Counsel (George K. Baum) monitors the market and appraises the District when actions like this should take place.

Jana Waits made the motion that the Board of Education approves the attached Resolution for partial refunding of the 2003 General Obligation Bonds. Greg Finke seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board of Education. (Pages 10613-10616)

Dr. Hinson reported that the Missouri School Boards Association had shared information with all of the Missouri School Districts about across the board budget cuts that would be applied to most programs by the Federal government. This was triggered by the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction's failure to identify budgetary savings of at least \$1.2 trillion over the next ten years. This will affect District programs and services for students which will also affect our staff. Dr. Herl said there are still a lot of unknowns. The Budget Control Act of 2011 stipulates an automatic spending reduction process take effect on January 2, 2013. All school districts are facing the same issue as to how soon will the cuts actually begin happening, this year or next year, as nothing has been received in writing from the Federal government. The Administration is recommending approval of a Sequestration Resolution by the Board of Education and sending it to our Congressmen/Congresswomen.


Greg Finke made the motion that the Board of Education approves the Sequestration Resolution urging Congress and the Federal Administration to amend the Budget Control Act of 2011 to mitigate the drastic cuts to education. The motion was seconded by Jill Esry and unanimously approved by the Board of Education. (Page 10617)

Mr. Robinson updated the Board of Education on the remaining Bond Issue projects. The new west elementary school's roof insulation work has started over the gymnasium then will move to the music/arts and kitchen/cafeteria areas, the roof top air handling units will arrive in January, permanent power is to the transformer, installation of face brick is underway, curbs and storm inlets are complete, and substantial completion is still scheduled for July 2013. The bids for roof replacement that were just approved – this work will start before school is out; and the mud jacking/pier work will be done in July 2013.

There being no further information to come before the Board; Greg Finke made the motion, second by Jana Waits, to adjourn the meeting and go into executive session for legal, real estate, and personnel issues at 6:25 p.m. The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Ann Franklin
Matt Mallinson
Jill Esry
Jana Waits
Ken Johnston
Denise Fears
Greg Finke

Absent:


Secretary


President

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, PROVIDING FOR THE REDEMPTION OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2003 (MISSOURI DIRECT DEPOSIT PROGRAM); AUTHORIZING GEORGE K. BAUM & COMPANY TO OFFER FOR SALE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE DISTRICT IN THE APPROXIMATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$6,885,000; AND AUTHORIZING BOND COUNSEL TO PROCEED WITH THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION THEREFOR

WHEREAS, pursuant to proceedings duly had and under the authority of an election duly held in The School District of the City of Independence, Missouri (the "**District**") on April 8, 2003, the Board of Education of the District caused to be issued General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2003 (Missouri Direct Deposit Program) in the aggregate principal amount of \$27,000,000 (the "**Series 2003 Bonds**") for the purpose of repairing, renovating and improving existing school buildings and facilities, constructing safety improvements at school buildings and facilities of the District and furnishing and equipping those buildings and facilities and acquisition of land and properties then leased by the District (the "**Series 2003 Project**"); and

WHEREAS, Series 2003 Bonds in the principal amount of \$6,885,000 remain outstanding and unpaid, and the Board of Education of the District does hereby find and determine that it is necessary and desirable to provide for the payment and redemption of and thereby refund the Series 2003 Bonds maturing in the years 2017 through 2023, inclusive, in the aggregate principal amount of \$6,885,000 (the "**Refunded Series 2003 Bonds**"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the District does hereby find and determine that it is necessary and desirable at this time to proceed with the sale of general obligation bonds of the District to provide funds to refund the Refunded Series 2003 Bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED:

Section 1. The Board of Education hereby authorizes George K. Baum & Company (the "**Underwriter**") to offer for sale general obligation refunding bonds of the District in the approximate principal amount of \$6,885,000 (the "**Bonds**") for the purpose of providing funds to refund the Refunded Series 2003 Bonds.

The Board of Education hereby acknowledges receipt of the Underwriter Engagement Letter, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and authorizes the District to execute the same.

The Board of Education hereby authorizes the preparation of a Preliminary Official Statement and a final Official Statement by amending, supplementing and completing the Preliminary Official Statement. The Board of Education hereby consents to the use and public distribution by the Underwriter of the Preliminary Official Statement and the final Official Statement in connection with the offering for sale of the Bonds.

Section 2. The Board of Education of the District hereby finds and determines it is necessary and advisable to exercise its right to call for redemption and to redeem and hereby directs the redemption and payment prior to maturity on March 1, 2013 or as soon thereafter as the redemption thereof can be effected, of the Refunded Series 2003 Bonds. Such redemption is conditioned upon and subject to the sale of certain Series 2013 Bonds to be issued to provide funds to effect such redemption.

The Board of Education hereby authorizes Commerce Bank, as paying agent to the Series 2003 Bonds (the "**Paying Agent**") to give notice of redemption of the Refunded Series 2003 Bonds to be redeemed as aforesaid and as provided in the resolution authorizing the Series 2003 Bonds, such notice to be conditioned upon the issuance and delivery of certain Series 2013 Bonds to provide necessary funds to effect such redemption. The Secretary of the Board of Education is hereby authorized and directed to give further notice on the part of the District as may be necessary to effect such redemption. A proposed notice of redemption is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

Section 3. For the purpose of enabling the Underwriter to comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12(b)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Superintendent or other appropriate officers of the District are hereby authorized, if requested, to provide the Underwriter a letter or certification to the effect that the District deems the information contained in the Preliminary Official Statement to be "final" as of its date, except for the omission of such information as is permitted by Rule 15c2-12(b)(1) to be so omitted, and to take such other actions or execute such other documents as such officers in their reasonable judgment deem necessary to enable the Underwriter to comply with the requirements of such Rule.

Section 4. The District agrees to provide to the Underwriter within seven business days of the date of the agreement to purchase the Bonds or within sufficient time to accompany any confirmation that requests payment from any customer of the Underwriter, whichever is earlier, sufficient copies of the final Official Statement to enable the Underwriter to comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12(b)(4) of the Securities and Exchange Commission and with the requirements of Rule G-32 of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

Section 5. The President and Vice President of the Board of Education of the District, the Superintendent and other officers and representatives of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take such other action as may be necessary to carry out the offering for sale of the Bonds.

Section 6. That Bryan Cave LLP, bond counsel, is authorized to proceed with the preparation of the necessary documents and proceedings to implement the financing, as described above, in compliance with and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of Missouri.

Section 7. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and adoption.

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PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 11th day of December, 2012.

President, Board of Education

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Education

Sequestration Resolution

WHEREAS, a world class public education is essential for the future success of our nation and today's schoolchildren; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Control Act of 2011 includes a provision to impose \$1.2 trillion in across-the-board budget cuts to almost all federal programs including education that would become effective January 2, 2013; and

WHEREAS, these across-the-board budget cuts would impact school districts during the 2013-14 school year, with the exception of the Impact Aid program, with which a reduction would become effective this school year; and

WHEREAS, these across-the-board budget cuts, also known as sequestration, would impact education by a reduction in funds of 8.2 percent or more and could result in larger class sizes, fewer course offerings, possible four-day school weeks, loss of extracurricular activities, and teacher and staff lay-offs; and

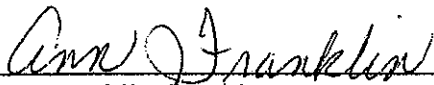
WHEREAS, sequestration would impact almost every public school system in the nation and the millions of students educated through programs such as Title I grants for disadvantaged students, the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), English Language Acquisition, Career and Technical Education, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, and more; and

WHEREAS, Independence School District, as well as other public schools, would be impacted nationwide by an estimated \$2.7 billion loss from just three programs alone – Title I grants, IDEA special education state grants and Head Start – that serve a combined 30.7 million children; and

WHEREAS, federal funding for K-12 programs was already reduced by more than \$835 million in Fiscal Year 2011, and state and local funding for education continues to be impacted by budget cuts and lower local property tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, states and local governments have very limited capacity to absorb further budget cuts from sequestration, as Independence School District has already implemented cuts commensurate to state and local budget conditions;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Independence School District urges Congress and the Administration to amend the Budget Control Act to mitigate the drastic cuts to education that would affect our students and communities, and to protect education as an investment critical to economic stability and American competitiveness.



Ann Franklin, President
Independence School District Board of Education