

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
The School District of Independence

The Board of Education held a Work Session on Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the Large Classroom at George Caleb Bingham Middle School, 1716 South Speck Road, Independence, Missouri.

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

Also Present: Dr. Jim Hinson, Superintendent  
Mr. Dred Scott, Mr. Dale Herl, Ms. Sandi Kiehne, Dr. Beth Savidge, Mr. Jason Dial, Dr. Gloria Stephenson, Mrs. Nancy Lewis, Mr. Bob Robinson, Mr. Michael Glover of *The Examiner*, interested patrons and staff, and Mrs. Annette Miller.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Ken Johnston, and minutes of the meeting were recorded by the secretary, Mrs. Annette Miller.

Dr. Hinson introduced Mr. Dale Herl, Deputy Superintendent. Mr. Herl shared information on the Business/Benefits Office. He talked about the ASBR (Annual Secretary of the Board Report) that is filed with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education that provides information on the District's fund balances, expenditures, revenues, debts, transportation usage and expenditures, and ADA (Average Daily Attendance). The Business Office also has implemented a new time keeping system that will allow for bi-monthly payrolls starting with the 2011-2012 school year. The District's annual Budget is developed through the compilation of the various funds (revenue and expenditure) that are maintained by the Business Office. The financial software program, Keystone, is used with the Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable transactions and it also integrates with the Human Resource Office for employment and payroll information. The schools utilize Keystone for ordering supplies and materials. The Office also uses a web-based program that allows parents to pay for child care by having it automatically deducted from their bank accounts.

Mr. Dred Scott introduced Ms. Kristi Loszewski, Director of Health Services. Ms. Loszewski stated that this was her first full year as Director. She shared information on the Department's philosophy; goals; number of clinics and staff members; compared visits to the Health Clinics for 2008-2009 and 2009-2010); provided a breakdown of visits by medication, illness, and injury; the number of reported medical conditions; health screenings and referrals; the number of employee health clinic visits; and reviewed the dental program where the District partners with the Samuel Rodgers Clinic, Priority Dental, and Suchman Family Dentistry. She reviewed the 2009-2010 Goals and plans to expand them into the 2010-2011 school year.

Mr. Dred Scott, Deputy Superintendent, presented information on the Tutoring-Before and After School Program. He shared some general information regarding impacting graduation rates and assessment performances; the program's goals and objectives; how the progress is tracked and monitored through indicators of success; information about the high school, middle school, and elementary programs; tracking of staff hours; impact on students' academic achievement measurement; comparison of students' success by length of time they have been in the District and receiving tutoring assistance; and plans for how the program may look in the future. Alternative means of funding for this program will need to be identified in the Career Ladder Program is not funded by the State for the 2010-2011 school year.

Brad Smith, Director of Neighborhood Services, talked about the Van Iten Caring for Kids Program and the effect these services have provided to children and their families. Macha Greenleaf-Maple works with the Homeless Program, Rick Jackson with the Truancy issues, and John Tramel and the Family School Liaisons assist with families' needs by providing or referring them to other services or resources. This program focuses on improving students' academic achievement, reducing child abuse and neglect, supporting children and families beyond the school day, and providing attendance interventions attributed to truancy and educational neglect. The District partners with CAPA, CSL, Hillcrest Ministries, etc. to provide services to families in need.

Mr. Johnston, on behalf of the Board, expressed appreciation for the information that was provided through these program evaluation presentations. It gives the Board of Education a better understanding of how the programs operate and the services they provide.

Dr. Hinson stated that there were two business items for the Board of Education's consideration: 1) the bid for the new gymnasium and band room at Truman High School; and 2) a bid for a wheelchair lift at William Southern Elementary School.

Blake Roberson made the motion that the Board of Education approves the bid from Titan Construction for a new gymnasium and band facility at Truman High School for a cost of \$3,529,000.00. The motion was seconded by Jana Waits and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

A motion was made by Ann Franklin, second by Jill Esry, that the Board of Education approves the bid from Glen Rogers Construction, LLC for a wheelchair lift at William Southern Elementary School for a cost of \$39,350.00. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

There being no further information to be discussed, the motion was made by Jill Esry, second by Ann Franklin, to adjourn the meeting and go into executive session for real estate issues at 7:34 p.m. The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Ken Johnston  
Ann Franklin  
Jana Waits  
Blake Roberson  
Matt Mallinson  
Jill Esry  
Denise Fears

Absent:

C. Annette Miller  
Secretary

Ken Johnston  
President