

The Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at 6:00 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, Dr. Beth Savidge, Mr. Jason Dial, Dr. Gary Hogue, Mrs. Claudia Ketterlin, Ms. Cindy Konomos, Dr. Gloria Stephenson, Mrs. Nancy Lewis, Mr. Bob Robinson, Ms. Kelly Evenson of *The Examiner*, interested patrons and staff, and Mrs. Annette Miller.

A moment of silence was observed for children that have been victims of child abuse or neglect.

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.

Ann Franklin made the motion to approve the June 8, 2010 Agenda and all items as presented. The motion was seconded by Denise Fears and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Hinson explained several items on the Consent Agenda: the list of Bills totaling \$7,588,791.42; adoption of the Compliance Plan that is required annually by DESE; classified salary schedules for 2010-2011 (he explained that staff can only move horizontally on the salary schedules); and employment of Summer School staff based on currently enrollment numbers. Dr. Hinson stated that this year's Summer School enrollment is the largest ever.

Jana Waits made the motion to approve the June 8, 2010 Consent Agenda as printed.

Minutes – May 11 and June 1, 2010.

Approval of June 8, 2010 List of Bills totaling \$7,588,791.42

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- A. Resignation of Certificated Staff Effective End of the 2009-2010 School Year.
  1. Laura Pitcher, Counselor/Truman High school
  2. Susan Campbell, Speech Pathologist/Blackburn Elementary School
  3. N. Melia Semones, Math/Van Horn High School
  4. Avanti McDowell, Special Education/Fairmount Elementary School
  5. Julie Lenz, Special Education/William Chrisman High School
  6. Stephanie Murray, Third Grade/William Southern Elementary School
  7. Michael Murray, Physical Education/Van Horn High School
- B. Employment of Certificated Staff for the 2010-2011 School Year
  1. Amanda Paul, School Psychologist
  2. Col. David Blain, ROTC Leader
4. Approval to Adopt the Local Plan for Compliance and the Assurance Statements – Part B, Sec. 613 of IDEA. (Page 10376)
5. Approval of Classified Salary Schedules for 2010-2011 School Year.
6. Approval of Employment of the 2010 Summer School Staff.

The motion was seconded by Blake Roberson and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Hinson stated that Governor Nixon had announced he would cut approx \$350 million from the State budget with \$175 million coming from K-12 public education. Some variances could occur. \$13 million has already been cut from the Parents As Teachers Program. Transportation could be another area that would be cut again. School districts throughout the state will receive the news of very substantial revenue cuts which is not good news. The state is anticipating a 2% growth in revenue and if this doesn't happen, then additional withholdings will have to take place. The District is also hoping to see the 2% growth so that this is the end of the cuts for 2011. It is projected that the Governor will withhold a percentage of funds this year, possibly 2%. The District's budget is already set for their personnel costs for 2010-2011, just like other districts. Additional cuts will make it very difficult for districts now. The District based revenue projections on another possible 2% cut in funding happening.



Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education  
 Division of Special Education - Compliance  
 Local Compliance Plan Certification Statement

County/District Code: <b>048 - 077</b>	District Name: <b>Independence # 30</b>
<b>Submission Instructions</b>	
Complete the form and send to: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Special Education Compliance PO Box 480 Jefferson City, MO 65102 Fax: 573-526-5946 <b>DUE DATE: October 1, 2010</b>	
<b>Adoption</b>	
The Responsible Public Agency has chosen the following in regard to adoption of a local plan for compliance with State and Federal regulations implementing the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA):	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Option A:</b> Adopt the Model Compliance Plan made available by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option B:</b> Adapt the Model Compliance Plan made available by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education with agency revisions (All pages on which revisions have been made to the Model Compliance Plan with highlighted revisions are enclosed. These revisions must be approved by DESE before the agency's plan becomes final.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option C:</b> Agency developed Compliance Plan (Plan enclosed for DESE approval.)	
<b>Certification</b>	
The Responsible Public Agency assures that the agency's Compliance Plan and applicable state and federal regulations constitute the basis for operation and administration of the activities to be carried out in the agency under Part B of the IDEA, to provide special education services for all children with disabilities between the ages of three (3) and twenty-one (21) who meet the eligibility criteria as stated in this Plan and under the jurisdiction of the agency.	
The Responsible Public Agency assures that programs administered under Part B of the IDEA are in accordance with the assurances provided in 34 CFR 76.301 of the General Education Provision Act (GEPA) and that federal funds made available under Part B of the IDEA are used in accordance with the excess cost and maintenance of fiscal effort and comparable services requirements of 34 CFR Sections 300.202 - 300.205 of the federal regulations governing the IDEA.	
<b>The local compliance plan was adopted by the Governing Board of the agency on:</b> (meeting Date - mm/dd/yy) _____	
<b>Authorized Representative(s)</b>	
Board President <i>Kenneth L. Johnston</i>	Date <b>6-9-2010</b>
Superintendent/Chief Administrative Officer <i>Jim Hanson</i>	Date <b>6-9-2010</b>
Compliance Plan Contact Person	Date

It will be even more difficult for the District, as we cannot withstand additional cuts. The Administration will provide updated information as it is received from the State.

Dr. Hinson said the Board would hear an update on Bond Issue projects later in the meeting, but that it was now time to issue more Bonds. He introduced Dick Bartow from George K. Baum and Co. Mr. Bartow congratulated the Board of Education again on the success of the November 2009 Bond Issue election. He said the good news is that this is a good time to hit the market as GO Bonds are at the lowest rate ever. He also congratulated the District on receiving an AA- rating from Standard & Poor's. Due to the Bond issuance low interest rates, it will save about \$3 million for our taxpayers. Mr. Bartow reviewed the Bond Issuance information with the Board of Education. He said this issuance will close on June 23. The state auditor's fee is now \$1,000 per series and \$2000 for QSC and taxable bonds. This change happened due to Greg Bricker and Dick Bartow going to the State Auditor to get it changed from the 10% fee that was charged in the past. There is still another \$30 million in Bonds to be issued as it becomes needed. Mr. Bill Hess from Bryan Cave discussed the Resolution authorizing selling \$30 million in Bonds. The Bonds will carry an AA+ rating.

Following the presentation, Matt Mallinson made the motion that the Board of Education approves the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI OF \$5,925,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS (DIRECT PAY), SERIES 2010B (MISSOURI DIRECT DEPOSIT PROGRAM) AND \$24,075,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT TAXABLE BUILD AMERICA GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2010C (MISSOURI DIRECT DEPOSIT PROGRAM); PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF SAID BONDS AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CERTAIN RELATED DOCUMENTS, MATTERS AND ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF SAID BONDS.

The motion was seconded by Ann Franklin and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Mr. Bartow then reviewed the process to be used with the Build America Lease Purchase Certificates for IREC. He explained that there were two parts involved: Taxable Build America Bonds that will provide \$3.5 million for facility improvements and that an A+ rating would apply; and the second part would involve the County as they have access to Recovery Zone Facility Bonds. The Bonds will be awarded to the City of Independence, then the developer, and then to the Independence School District. He said the District will use tax exempt status on that portion of the bonds which will save a great deal of money. He said that now is the best time to capitalize on issuing Bonds. Mr. Hess presented the Resolution authorizing and directing the issuance and delivery of approximately \$3,500,000 in Lease Participation Certificates and cost of issuance and capitalized interest for the Lease Certificates.

Following the presentation, Blake Roberson made the motion that the Board of Education approves the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DELIVERY OF \$1,750,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF INSURED TAXABLE BUILD AMERICA LEASE PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES, (THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI PROJECT), SERIES 2010A, AND \$2,630,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF INSURED TAX-EXEMPT RECOVERY ZONE FACILITY LEASE PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES (THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI PROJECT), SERIES 2010B, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO PAY THE COSTS OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO DISTRICT FACILITIES; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DELIVERY OF SAID CERTIFICATES; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DELIVERY OF SAID CERTIFICATES.

The motion was seconded by Jana Waits and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Hinson presented the 2010-2011 Cooperating School Districts of Greater Kansas City dues for the Board's consideration. The dues are based on \$2.00 per student. Approximately 30 school districts have renewed their memberships. As a member of the CSDGKC, the District is able to save a lot on supply orders due to the large quantity ordered by all of the member districts.

The motion as made by Ann Franklin, second by Jill Esry, that the Board of Education approves the Independence School District's membership dues of \$26,256.00 for the 2010-2011 year with the Cooperating School Districts of Greater Kansas City. Mrs. Franklin said that this is a premiere organization that provides services to the great Kansas City school districts. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Blake Roberson made the motion, second by Matt Mallinson, to schedule the 2010-2011 Budget Hearing for Tuesday, June 29, 7:30 a.m. at Central Office. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Bob Robinson updated the Board regarding ongoing Bond Issue projects. He has been struggling getting various renovations/remodeling construction permits issued from the City of Independence. John W. Luff and Thomas Hart Benton have now been approved and work will begin. By June 3, Blackburn permits should be approved. WCHS permits for demolition have been approved so work can begin on the new office plan. The East elementary school project bid will be out in July for grading work. The entry way and HVAC work at Van Horn is starting. He said he is still in the process of locating a site for the new western elementary school. Fairmount, Sugar Creek, and Three Trails will all have HVAC work starting. Restroom renovations at Randall Elementary School and Jim Bridger Middle School have begun. Demolition work at Truman High School will begin by Thursday of this week. Christian Ott's kitchen demolition work has started. Following the demolition work at the Windsor building, construction work will begin. After Summer School is finished, work will begin at William Southern Elementary School. He said the work on the fields and tracks was going well until today when the rain set in.

Dr. Hinson presented a power point regarding the survey conducted with employees and patrons on school safety. Dr. Hinson cited two incidents in neighboring school districts, Pleasant Hill and Blue Springs, where an unidentified individual entered their buildings. A number of school districts have already initiated the process of locking their doors after school has started as a safety measure. The District would use a surveillance camera and individuals would be buzzed in after showing identification. 1,322 individuals responded to the survey as follows with the following results: 90.9% said yes and 9.1% said no. The program was piloted at Mill Creek and the parents were very supportive. Protecting kids is the District's main focus with this program. The questions are: does the District start with the 2010-2011 school year (would lock the doors after the school day has started); and do we lock all the doors at each school? Visitors would have to be buzzed into the building.

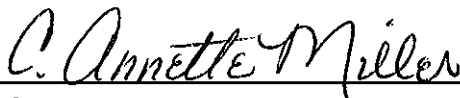
Following the presentation, the motion was made by Ann Franklin, second by Jill Esry, that the Board of Education approves the Independence School District starting a new program with the 2010-2011 school year that would lock the doors at all of the schools after the school day is in session and individuals would be buzzed into the buildings after showing identification. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

The District will work very hard to make sure that the public is not inconvenienced or as little as possible. Currently, patrons and employees are in support of this new process. Our priority is to protect the students and employees. A notice will be posted on the school doors as well as listing the office phone number. The consensus was that it is better to use too much precaution rather than be too lax.


There being no further information to come before the Board, Jill Esry made the motion, second by Jana Waits, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. The motion was approved as follows:

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

Absent:



Secretary



President