

The Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Board of Education Office, 201 North Forest Avenue, Independence, Missouri.

Members Present: Mr. Greg Finke, Vice President  
Mrs. Denise Fears, Treasurer  
Mrs. Ann Franklin, Director  
Mr. Ken Johnston, Director  
Dr. Matt Mallinson, Director  
Mr. Blake Roberson, Director

Member Absent: Mrs. Jill Esry, President

Also Present: Dr. Dale Herl, Superintendent  
Dr. Dred Scott, Dr. Lance Stout, Dr. Cindy Grant, Mr. Dean Katt, Dr. Bard MacLaughlin, Dr. Beth Savidge, Dr. Janet Richards, Mrs. Sherry Potter, Mr. Brent Catlett, Mr. Robert Burkey, INEA, MSTA/ICTA, PTA, interested patrons, staff, and Ms. Annette Miller.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President, Mr. Greg Finke, and minutes of the meeting were recorded by the secretary, Ms. Annette Miller. Mr. Finke welcomed the guests in attendance.

Dr. Herl shared a video featuring the Culinary Arts Program which is part of the Business Pathway. Jennifer Waterfield, instructor, said that it is a unique opportunity that these students can work side by side with professional chefs at The Ennovation Center and also be able to use commercial equipment with their food preparation. She said the students spend half their time in the classroom which gives them the business management aspect and half in the kitchens actually preparing food items. One of the students interviewed said this program has helped her understand what she does not want to do as a career. Dr. Herl echoed that is part of what the Career Pathways need to do for students. This way, the students can make the correct choice for a career or additional education based on these experiences.

Ann Franklin made the motion to approve the January 10, 2017 Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Matt Mallinson and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Mr. Finke asked Mr. Don Coffman, AFS Director, to share information on the American Field Service Program. Mr. Coffman stated that there are 65 students from 28 countries participating this year. Sixteen students have been placed in the Independence area. Currently, there are 11 students attending at our three high schools. He asked the students to come forward and introduce themselves. The following students shared information about their home country, which high school they were attending, the activities in which they were participating, what they would do when they return home, and they introduced their host families: Adrian Gjermundstad from Sogndal, Norway; Izabela Serban from Marghera, Italy; Salo Guillen Salvador from Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Spain; Mikel Casado from Berrioplano, Spain; Soeren Janssen from Norden, Germany; Kazuhiko Kurotani from Moriyama-ku Nagoya-shi, Japan; Caterina Andrenacci from Rome, Italy; Jonas Braune from Vellmar, Germany; and Hernan Fernandez Ortiz from Santiago, Chile. Mr. Coffman said that the extra-curricular activities are very important as the students do not have them in the schools in their home countries. Mr. Coffman introduced other members that help coordinate the AFS program: Lori Crozier, elementary teacher in the Ft. Osage District; Cheryl Coffman, liaison; and Brenda Stoll, liaison. He thanked the Board of Education and School District for everything they do to support AFS and he expressed appreciation to the host families that open their homes and welcome these students.

Mr. Finke asked if any patrons or staff wished to address the Board of Education. No one responded.

Dr. Herl reviewed the Consent Agenda which included the January Bills List of \$10,104,674.16 and compared it to last year's list of bills which were less due a problem syncing different computer software systems. He stated that the Administration is recommending approval of Item #4 which is to let bids for HVAC equipment installation at Truman High School and Sycamore Hills Elementary School.

Denise Fears made the motion that the Board of Education approves the January 10, 2017 Consent Agenda as printed.

1. Minutes – December 13, 2016
2. Approval of January 10, 2017 List of Bills totaling \$10,104,674.16
3. Approval of Personnel Recommendation #12 as follows:
  - A. Request to Retire (Teaching Staff) Effective End of the 2016-2017 School Year.
    1. Roger Stoll, ROTC Instructor/William Chrisman High School

B. Employment of Certificated Staff for the 2017-2018 School Year

1. Courtney Bromley, English Teacher
  2. Joshua Felz, Social Studies Teacher
  3. Hayley Trom, Elementary Teacher
  4. Amanda Whitesell, Elementary Teacher
4. Approval to Let Bids for the Installation of HVAC Equipment at Truman High School and Sycamore Hills Elementary School.

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

Dr. Herl said the new Governor was sworn in on Monday and that he hopes that we can work with the new legislature in the interest of public education. He said that he will be watching the corporate tax issue that has been discussed for the State of Missouri. Dr. Herl reported that the mid-term EOC for Algebra 1 and American Government were the highest scores for the District.

Dr. Herl recognized the Board of Education members with certificates expressing appreciation for their outstanding leadership skills and support for public education in the Independence School District.

Mr. Katt reviewed the proposed 2017-2018 School District Calendar. He said the Calendar Committee is composed of members from the PTA, Board of Education, Administration, and teachers from the elementary, middle school, and high school levels. He said the Administration is recommending August 17, 2017 as the first day of school. (Page 11252)

Matt Mallinson made the motion, second by Ann Franklin, that the Board of Education approves the 2017-2018 School District Calendar as presented. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Herl said that he was very pleased with the 2015-2016 Audit and that there were no material weaknesses. He stated that the significant deficiency is due to nearly \$2,000,000 that are invested in TVA Bonds. This investment is stipulated by the donor who provides student scholarships. Dr. Herl also said that he is proud of the work done by the Business Office and Molly Johnson for their work on this audit.

Denise Fears made the motion that the Board of Education approves the Audit for the 2015-2016 school year as presented. The motion was seconded by Blake Roberson and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Stout reviewed the school bus replacement bids. He said the Administration is recommending approval of the Central States Bus Sales bid. Dr. Herl said that the five (5) replacement buses are a reduction from the original proposals due to lack of revenue from the State.

Blake Roberson made the motion, second by Ken Johnston, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent, or his designee, to purchase from Central States Bus Sales five (5) – 77 passenger, Type C, conventional bus vehicles to be purchased and delivered to the Independence School District Transportation Department no later than June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$101,649 per bus for a total of \$508,245.00. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Herl said the Administration recommends accepting the quote, through the membership in EdPlus, from SSI Furnishings for replacement of cafeteria tables at James Bridger Middle School.

Denise Fears made the motion that the Board of Education approves the quote under contract with EdPlus (Education Plus) from SSI Furnishings for the replacement of Cafeteria Tables for James Bridger Middle School for a cost of \$36,006.88.

Dr. Herl stated that the District's postage mailing equipment needs to be replaced and the Administration is recommending approval to accept the quote from Neopost under the State of Missouri contract C112169002 for the Folder Inserter and five mailing machines. He said that this new equipment will save staff time.

The motion was made by Blake Roberson, second by Matt Mallinson, that the Board of Education approves the quote for a DS-75 Folder Inserter and five Mailing Systems: one IN700DS, two IN600AF, and two IS280 from Neopost USA, Inc. under state of Missouri contract C112169002, for a monthly lease cost of \$1,323.37 or \$15,880.44 annually. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Herl stated that currently the School District uses Sprint for cell phone services. Based on comparisons received from other cell phone companies, the Administration is recommending approval of the agreement with Sprint Cell Phone Services as it includes unlimited voice, text, and data usage.

## INDEPENDENCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2017-18 SCHOOL CALENDAR

JULY 2017					AUGUST 2017					SEPTEMBER 2017					OCTOBER 2017					
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Student Attendance 11					Student Attendance 19					Student Attendance 21										
Teacher Contract 15					Teacher Contract 20					Teacher Contract 22										
End of 1st Qtr Oct 13																				
NOVEMBER 2017					DECEMBER 2017					JANUARY 2018					FEBRUARY 2018					
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Student Attendance 18					Student Attendance 14					Student Attendance 20					Student Attendance 18					
Teacher Contract 19					Teacher Contract 15					Teacher Contract 21					Teacher Contract 19					
End of First Semester Dec. 20																				
MARCH 2018					APRIL 2018					MAY 2018					JUNE 2018					
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Student Attendance 16					Student Attendance 20					Student Attendance 16					Summer School					
Teacher Contract 17					Teacher Contract 21					Teacher Contract 16					TBA					
End of 3rd Qtr March 9					Anticipated Final Student Attendance Day, May 22, 2018															

Non-Student Attendance/Non-Contract

Non-Student Attendance/Contract Day

Non-Student Attendance/Professional Development

Parent Conference Week

First/Last Day of School

**ELEMENTARY/SECONDARY**

First Quarter	40
Second Quarter	43
Third Quarter	45
Fourth Quarter	45
	173

**TEACHER CONTRACT DAYS**

First Quarter	45
Second Quarter	46
Third Quarter	47
Fourth Quarter	47
	185

**\*\*All Attendance and contract days that are postponed due to inclement weather will be added to the calendar.**

**(\*\* are protected as potential attendance and contract days and will be used first as makeup days in the case of adverse weather)**

**(\*\*\* are protected as potential attendance and contract days and will be used after \*\* days)**

**Student Evaluation Schedule**

First Quarter (Grades K-8)	August 17, 2017 through October 13, 2017
End of First Semester	December 20, 2017
Third Quarter (Grades K-8)	January 3, 2018-March 09, 2018
End of Second Semester	May 22, 2018

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A motion was made by Matt Mallinson, second by Ann Franklin, that the Board of Education approves accepting the agreement from Sprint Cell Phone Services for a cost of \$115,214.99 for twelve months. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Stout reviewed the proposals received from five vendors to provide transportation for students that live outside the School District boundaries or for students with special needs. He said the Administration is recommending accepting the proposals from the Kansas City Transportation Group (KCTG) and Express Medical Transporters (EMT). Dr. Stout said that approximately 65 District students require this type of transportation.

Matt Mallinson made the motion that the Board of Education approves accepting the proposals from Kansas City Transportation Group (KCTG) and Express Medical Transporters (EMT) to provide transportation services for students residing outside of the School District's boundaries that require transportation services and for transportation of special needs students. The motion was seconded by Denise Fears and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

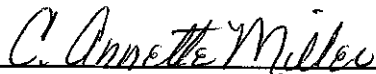
Dr. Herl said that he was excited about the recommendation to place a Bond Issue on the April 4, 2017 election ballot. He said the Independence School District's enrollment continues to grow which necessitates additional classrooms. Dr. Herl said the Bond Issue for \$38,000,000 would include construction of a new elementary school at the corner of 31st Street and Hardy Avenue which would accommodate approximately 450 students. It would also include renovation projects at all three high schools and would eliminate all mobile trailers in the District. He explained that this is a NO tax increase Bond Issue for the School District patrons. Dick Bartow, George K. Baum Company, explained that the \$38,000,000 is based on the constitutional capacity for General Obligation Bonds. The District can only use 15% of its total tangible property for bond issues. He said their company is trying to get the legislature to address this issue and allow a 20% bonding capacity. Mr. Bartow reviewed the Resolution proposing the NO tax increase Bond Issue and allowing the Board of Education to place it on the April 4, 2017 election ballot. He said this election requires a 4/7ths majority for passage.

Blake Roberson made the motion, second by Ann Franklin, that the Board of Education approves the Resolution to place a \$38,000,000 General Obligation Bond Issue on the April 4, 2017 ballot for the purpose of building an elementary school and renovating, repairing, and improving Truman, Van Horn, and William Chrisman High Schools. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education. (Page 11253)

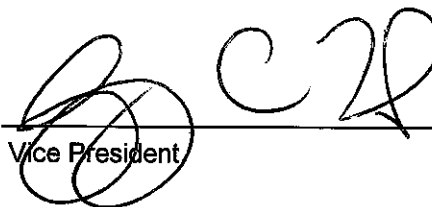
There being no further information to come before the Board, Blake Roberson made the motion, second by Denise Fears, to adjourn the meeting and go into executive session for legal, personnel, and real estate issues at 6:54 p.m. The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Greg Finke  
Denise Fears  
Ann Franklin  
Ken Johnston  
Matt Mallinson  
Blake Roberson

Absent: Jill Esry



Secretary



Vice President

**THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE  
CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of The School District of the City of Independence, Missouri, that the Board of Education in said School District has called a special election to be held in said School District on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, commencing at six o'clock A.M. and closing at seven o'clock P.M., on the question contained in the following sample ballot.

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
SPECIAL BOND ELECTION  
THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF  
THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

QUESTION

Shall The School District of the City of Independence, Missouri borrow money in the amount of \$38,000,000 for the purpose of constructing, renovating, improving, furnishing and equipping school facilities of the District, including:

YES

- constructing and equipping a new elementary school; and
- completing facility maintenance and improvement projects at Truman, Van Horn, and William Chrisman High Schools,

NO

and issue bonds for the payment thereof resulting in no increase to the debt service levy?

If this question is approved, the debt service levy of the District is estimated to remain unchanged at \$1.2430 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation of real and personal property.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:** If you are in favor of the question, place an X in the box opposite "YES". If you are opposed to the question, place an X in the box opposite "NO".

The authorization of said bonds will authorize the levy and collection of an annual tax in addition to all other taxes provided for by law on all taxable tangible property in said School District sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as they fall due and to retire the same within twenty (20) years from the date thereof.

The polling place for voters in the School District will be at: