

The Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, November 5, 2015, 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
Mrs. Jill Esry, Vice President
Mrs. Denise Fears, Treasurer
Mr. Ken Johnston, Director
Dr. Matt Mallinson, Director
Mr. Greg Finke, Director
Mr. Blake Roberson, Director

Also Present: Dr. Dale Herl, Superintendent
Dr. Dred Scott, Dr. Lance Stout, Dr. Beth Savidge, Dr. Brad MacLaughlin,
Dr. Linda Gray-Smith, Dr. Janet Richards, Mrs. Sherry Potter, Mr. Robert
Burkey, interested patrons and staff, and Ms. Annette Miller.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Ann Franklin, and minutes of the meeting were recorded by the secretary, Ms. Annette Miller. Mrs. Franklin welcomed those in attendance including students from the Truman High School Leadership Class.

Dr. Herl shared a video on the Reviving Hope House Program. Heather Winship expressed how being able to utilize this program and house helped her family when she lost her husband, Rick, to cancer. Ronnie Carr also described how his family used the house when his brother, John Carr - Transportation employee, and his sister Patricia Truman also passed away from cancer. Regan Irvine, sister to Tasha Berls (Blackburn teacher), talked about how the program helped them during Tasha's illness and when she passed away. Jana Waits is the "behind the scenes" support for this program. She talked about how the program started and that it continues to grow. The program gives the District an opportunity to share from the heart with people who are facing very difficult futures. Mrs. Waits thanked the Board of Education and the School District for continuing this program. The Board of Education expressed appreciation to Mrs. Waits for her dedicated support and for coordinating this program for the staff members.

Jill Esry made the motion to approve the November 5, 2015 Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Denise Fears and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

There were no patrons or staff that wished to address the Board of Education in open session.

Dr. Herl explained the November Bills List, in the amount of \$10,133,937.59, is just slightly higher than last year at this time. He also stated that a recommendation to let bids for asphalt overlays, HVAC improvements, and partial roof replacements is part of the District's long-range maintenance program.

Greg Finke made the motion, second by Ken Johnston, to approve the November 5, 2015 Consent Agenda as printed.

1. Minutes – October 13, 2015
2. Approval of November 5, 2015 List of Bills totaling \$10,133,937.59
3. Approval to Let Bids for Asphalt Overlay at Hanthorn, Glendale, Three Trails, Bridger, and Van Horn; HVAC Improvements at the Central Warehouse, Nowlin, Bingham, and Central Office; and Partial Roof Replacement at the Central Warehouse, Bingham, and William Chrisman High School.

The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Herl reported the following: 1) that the Royals won the 2015 Baseball World Series, just in case people did not know; 2) the District's APR was 89.3% which showed the largest increase for any large district in the state; and 3) demolition started today on the concession stand and restrooms at the Truman High School football field. Dr. Herl thanked the Board of Education for changing the Board of Education meeting to today (Thursday, November 5) from the regularly scheduled day of next Tuesday, November 10. He appreciated the Board's flexibility since he will be out of town next week.

Items on the Agenda under New Business included information for the Board of Education's consideration.

Dr. Herl discussed the Legislative Priority issues and that following the Board of Education's approval, the list will be sent to State legislators. The District will ask them to consider these priorities as they work on legislation that will affect public education for the 2016 year.

Denise Fears made the motion that the Board of Education approves the Legislative Priority Position Platform for the 2015-2016 legislative session as presented. The motion was seconded by Blake Roberson and approved unanimously by the Board of Education. (Page 11007)

Dr. Herl stated that Missouri State statutes require the School District to set guidelines and procedures for School Board member elections. The District's next School Board member election will be Tuesday, April 5, 2016.

Greg Finke made the motion that the Board of Education approves the Election Guidelines and Procedures for the April 5, 2016 School Board Member Election. The motion was seconded by Jill Esry and unanimously approved by the Board of Education. (Page 11008)

Dr. Herl said the District's Transportation Department operates 162 buses on a three tier bussing system. Periodically buses have to be replaced as they are at the end of their life cycle. The Administration is recommending soliciting bids for up to ten (10) school buses before the end of this fiscal year.

Matt Mallinson made the motion that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to Solicit Bids for Replacement School Buses for up to ten (10) 71 passenger, Type C, Conventional Style Buses. The motion was seconded by Blake Roberson and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

There being no further information to come before the Board, Blake Roberson made the motion, second by Ken Johnston, to adjourn the meeting and go into executive session for legal, personnel, and real estate issues at 6:17 p.m. The motion was approved as follows:

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

C. Annette Miller

Secretary

Ann Franklin

President

Independence Board of Education Legislative Priority Positions

In the interest of public education in the Independence School District, we ask members of the Missouri General Assembly to:

1. Support the full funding of state mandates in accordance with the Missouri Constitution.
2. Support providing appropriations for fully funding the Foundation Formula.
3. Support maintaining the integrity of the current Foundation Formula and avoid adjustments that would significantly alter the manner in which the Formula is distributed.
4. Oppose legislation that would divert revenue to non-public educational entities.
5. Oppose transferring students out of unaccredited school districts as it is not in the best interest of all students and will not lead to improvement of unaccredited districts.
6. Support local school district authority to make the decisions about matters such as: open enrollment; employee compensation and working conditions; class sizes; curriculum and instruction materials; professional development; program and employee evaluation; and school calendar.
7. Support legislation that provides dedicated funding for early childhood education.
8. Support a consistent set of standards and tools to measure the progress of students and meet their educational needs while allowing districts to respond and implement these changes without further disruption to state standards or tests.

INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES
BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION - APRIL 5, 2016

I. Qualifications for Candidacy

- a. Must be a citizen of the United States.
- b. Must be a registered voter living in the School District.
- c. Must have resided in the State of Missouri for one year next preceding his/her election.
- d. Must be at least twenty-four years of age.

II. Nomination by Petition

Persons interested in filing for the April 5, 2016 school board election are required to file with the Secretary of the Board of Education a petition with at least one hundred (100) signatures of qualified registered voters of the School District of Independence.

Petition blanks may be picked up from the Board Secretary, 201 North Forest Avenue, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily beginning Tuesday, December 15, 2015 (except for Winter Recess - December 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, 2015 and January 1, 2016) through Tuesday, January 19, 2016. Persons interested in running for the Board of Education will need to pick up petitions in person and have petitions initialed by the Board Secretary.

III. Petition Filing Date and Order on Ballot

Petitions properly completed must be filed with the Board Secretary at 201 North Forest Avenue, Independence, Missouri, no later than 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 19, 2016. The Board Secretary will indicate the time and date of filing on each petition as received. The petitions will be forwarded to the Jackson County Board of Election Commissioners for determination of the validity of the signatures and residence in the school district. A random drawing for the order in which names shall appear on the ballot will be conducted for candidates who file a declaration of candidacy on the first day, December 15 (115.127 (5) RSMo). The names of candidates filing after December 15 will be listed on the ballot in the order in which valid petitions are received by the Board Secretary and as described in the Board Policy. Petitions found to be invalid may not be amended to preserve order of listing on the ballot.

Persons with petitions found to be in order with the proper number of valid signatures will be certified as candidates for election by the Secretary of the Board of Education of the School District of Independence.

IV. Certification of Candidates

The Secretary of the Board of Education will certify the candidates and their order on the ballot at the Board of Education Office, 201 North Forest Avenue, Independence, Missouri, at a special meeting to be scheduled prior to Tuesday, January 26, 2016 in the presence of candidates and others desiring to attend.

V. Candidate Name Policy

All names shall appear in the same form in which the candidate is registered to vote, except that:

1. Prefixes and suffixes which represent titles or degrees shall not be used.
2. The following exceptions, when certified by the candidate as a necessary means of identification, may be allowed: commonly used nicknames; or commonly used abbreviations.

The Board of Election Commissioners, in its discretion, may review the necessity of such identification after providing notice to the candidate.