

## The School District of Independence

The Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Board of Education Office, 201 North Forest Avenue, 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, Dr. Dale Herl, Mr. Jason Dial, Dr. Gary Hogue,  
Dr. Beth Savidge, Dr. Linda Gray-Smith, Dr. Gloria Stephenson, Mrs. Nancy Lewis, Mr. Bob Robinson, Ms. Kelly Evenson of *The Examiner*, INEA, 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. Mr. Johnston welcomed students from Ms. Angie Zarillo's Leadership Class from Truman High School.

Ann Franklin made the motion to approve the December 13, 2011 Agenda and all items as presented. The motion was seconded by Jana Waits and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Mr. Johnston asked if any patrons or employees would like to address the Board of Education. There were no comments.

Denise Fears made the motion to approve the December 13, 2011 Consent Agenda as printed.  
Minutes – November 8, 2011.

December 13, 2011 List of Bills totaling \$8,773,447.84

Personnel Recommendation #9

A. Request for Retirement of Certificated Staff Effective June 30, 2012.

1. Brian Holmgren, Chemistry/Van Horn High School

4. Approval to Let Bids for Locker Replacement at Jim Bridger Middle School and Nowlin Middle School.

5. Approval to Purchase Copy Paper and Janitorial Supplies for the 2012-2013 School Year.

6. Approval to Let Bids for District Trash Service.

7. Approval to Let Bids for Partial Demolition of the Ennovation Center East Parking Structure.

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

Dr. Hinson explained that the Consent Agenda included letting bids for locker replacements at Bridger and Nowlin Middle Schools; ordering copy paper and janitorial supplies; letting bids for trash service; letting bids for partial demolition of the upper section of the east level parking by the Facilities Department; and the normal Personnel and Bills information.

Under the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Hinson displayed the "Excellence in Partnership Award" plaque from the MCC Blue River Trail Blazers in recognition of the District allowing their Soccer Team to use District fields. He said that the Missouri School Boards Association has prepared a resolution in support of their Vision Missouri Project. This Resolution will be presented to the Board of Education at the January meeting for consideration of adoption. Also, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's persistence to graduation rate for the School District is being revised. DESE is in the process of updating the 2009 information for Van Horn High School students, as they had been coded incorrectly in MOSIS, and then the District's percentage rate will be in the 80's. Dr. Hinson said there are a lot of questions regarding the Kansas City, Missouri School District and the media is very interested in the subject. The unaccreditation issue is still looming for January 1, 2012. He reviewed what the Turner vs. Clayton case states - that students residing in an unaccredited school district may transfer to an adjoining school district or a school district in an adjoining county. Dr. Hinson said he anticipates a significant amount of activity regarding this issue during the

holidays. He emphasized that this is very significant for our state, community and the Independence School District. Announcements from the Kansas City, Missouri School District tomorrow may be interesting.

Several items were presented for the Board of Education's consideration under New Business.

Dr. Dial presented information on the changes for the 2012-2013 Program of Studies. He said that every year a committee reviews the Program of Studies for any changes that need be approved. Starting this year, only updates will be copied and replaced in the printed booklet that was created last year (2011-2012). This way the District does not have to go to the expense of printing totally new booklets every year. He said that very few changes have been made for this coming year. Due to State and Federal requirements that the District has to meet, there is not a lot of flexibility in course selections for students. The Program of Studies is on CD and can be checked out through the school libraries or accessed through the District's web site.

Following the presentation, Jana Waits made the motion that the Board of Education approves the District's 2012-2013 Program of Studies document and the Career Pathway Planning Guide booklet, which outlines the course changes for the 2012-2013 school year. Blake Roberson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board of Education. (Page 10501)

Dr. Hinson shared information with the Board of Education based on the District using the National Maintenance Agreement for the construction of the new east elementary school. He said using the NMA has had a positive impact for the District and he recommended approval of the NMA for construction of the new west elementary school.

Following this discussion, Matt Mallinson made the motion, second by Ann Franklin, that the Board of Education approves the National Maintenance Agreement for the construction of the new west elementary school. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Hogue presented information on the proposed 2012-2013 School District calendar. He thanked the committee members (teachers, PTA, INEA, Administrators and Board member, Jill Esry). He stated the proposed calendar mirrors the 2011-2012 calendar. He did say that the Parent/Teacher Conference time has changed to Thursday, Friday and Monday in October. The school year will begin on August 15, 2012 and end on May 17, 2013. The calendar does include five early release days again. Dr. Hinson reminded everyone that all inclement weather days will be made up at the end of the school year.

Jill Esry made the motion that the Board of Education approves the 2012-2013 School District Calendar as presented. Denise Fears seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board of Education. (Page 10502)

Dr. Hinson commended Dr. Herl, Molly Johnson and the Business Office staff for their work on preparing for the 2011 audit process. Dr. Herl explained that the District is very complex with the local, state, and federal revenues and expenditures. The District did receive an exceptionally clean audit with only one finding and that was the investment of TVA funds that is required by a scholarship donor. Dr. Herl reported that \$400 million of revenue and expenditures went through the Business Office during the FY 2011.

The motion was made by Blake Roberson, second by Ann Franklin, that the Board of Education approves the audit for the 2010-2011 school year as presented. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Hinson stated that the individuals whose names have been submitted by the Board of Education to serve on the Naming Task Force will be contacted to see if they are willing to serve. The Naming Task Force will then meet and make recommendations to the Board of Education. The Task Force will be launched in January so if the Board has any additional names to please submit them quickly.

Mr. Robinson reported on the status of the following Bond Issue Projects. The Mill Creek addition of two classrooms has been completed. The Facilities' Warehouse building's walls are going up and hope to have it finished and move in during February. Lots of work is being done at the East Elementary – the gym cafeteria, kitchen and media center are all dried in; installation of dry wall has begun in the Media Center; power should be connected next week to the facility as well as the natural gas line hookup; and the project is still on target for completion in July 2012. The construction documents for the new West Elementary School should be completed by the end of December with bidding taking place after the first of the year. The grading bid documents will be the first to go out in January and then start the bid process for construction in February.

There being no further information to come before the Board; Jill Esry made the motion, second by Jana Waits, to adjourn the meeting and go into executive session for legal, real estate, personnel, and student issues at 6:36 p.m. The motion was approved as follows:

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

Absent:

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Secretary

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President