The Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, July 10, 2012, at 7:30 a.m. in the Board Room at the Board of Education Office, 201 North Forest Avenue, Independence, Missouri.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Ken Johnston, Director  
Mr. Greg Finke, Director  

Also Present: Dr. Jim Hinson, Superintendent  
Dr. Dale Herl, Dr. Dred Scott, Dr. Beth Savidge, Dr. Jason Dial, Dr. Linda Gray-Smith, Dr. Gloria Stephenson, Mr. Bob Robinson, Mrs. Nancy Lewis, INEA, 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, Mrs. Ann Franklin, and minutes of the meeting were recorded by the secretary, Mrs. Annette Miller.

Jana Waits made the motion to approve the July 10, 2012 Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded Jill Esry and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Hinson stated that the Bills List for July was higher than usual due to summer payroll being issued (June, July, and August) for certificated staff.

Denise Fears made the motion to approve the July 10, 2012 Consent Agenda as printed.

2. Approval of July 10, 2012 List of Bills totaling $18,744,974.42  
3. Personnel Recommendation #1  
   A. Employment of Certificated Staff for the 2012-2013 School Year.  
   1. Jason Grubb, Social Studies Teacher  
   2. Jesse Taylor, Art Teacher  
   3. Sarah Luster, Math Teacher  
   4. Jenny Little, Elementary Teacher  
   5. Alison Saunders, Math Teacher  
   6. Sarah Sims, Elementary Teacher  
   7. Joel Page, Physical Education Teacher  
   8. Cheryl Christich, Elementary Teacher  
   9. Rebecca Fondren, Elementary Teacher  
  10. Miquela Perez, Deaf/Hearing Impaired Teacher  
  11. Maggie Henry, Elementary Teacher  
  12. Miranda Burris, Elementary Teacher  
  13. Kevin Wackerman, Business Teacher  
  14. Scot Squires, Instructional Coach  
  15. Leslie Griffin, Speech language Pathologist  
  16. Robyn Smith, Elementary Teacher  
  17. Emily Webb, Special Education Teacher  
  18. Kathryn Nichols, Special Education Teacher  

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

Dr. Hinson explained that the Assessed Valuation for the School District has declined from $931,000,000 to $926,000,000. The $5 million loss actually represents a loss in revenue of $286,000. The State of Missouri applied for and received a waiver for No Child Left Behind. More information will be coming out so the Administration is not responding at this time regarding the impact to the School District. Project Shine is scheduled for this Saturday, July 14, and the community has been very proactive. The five 2012 Project Shine schools are: Thomas Hart Benton, Hanthorn, Santa Fe Trail, Spring Branch, and Van Horn. We are expecting great participation from the community and are elated with the response that has already been received. Rather than continuing to hold a
‘Moment of Silence’ at the beginning of each Board meeting, it has been suggested that a program which impacts kids be presented. These presentations will start with the August 14 Board of Education meeting featuring a club/program that benefits kids.

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

Jill Esry made the motion that the Board of Education approves the renewal of the cash management resolution for the 2012-2013 school year. The motion was seconded by Jana Waits and unanimously approved by the Board of Education. This is updated annually due to personnel changes.

Dr. Herl said that he was pleased with the number of low bids received to remodel space at the Ennovation Center for a Health Clinic. He said the six bids were very competitive/comparable. The Administration recommends awarding the bid to Glen Rogers Construction for a cost of $355,830.00.

The motion was made by Matt Mallinson, second by Denise Fears, that the Board of Education approves the bid from Glen Rogers Construction to remodel space in the Ennovation Center for a Health Clinic at a cost of $355,830.00. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Several staff and Board of Education members attended the recent Model Schools Conference. Conversations are occurring and the task force groups will revisit their progress and share the new information that was provided at the Conference. This will infuse new information into these groups. Dr. Hinson asked the Board members to send any information they received to him and he will share with the groups. Several Board members commented that it was a great conference and they appreciated hearing new ideas. They think it is beneficial for the District to take the time to hear and process the information to challenge the District to continue moving forward in providing an outstanding education program for our students.

Bob Robinson reported on the following Bond Issue projects: Jim Bridger’s ADA lift will be installed this month; remodeling for the Health Clinic site at the Ennovation Center will begin following the Board of Education’s bid approval; John W. Luff’s kitchen remodeling project is well underway – electrical and plumbing work is 90% complete, masonry and waterproofing are finished, and the new walk in freezer and cooler will be installed this month; Nowlin repairs: painting, masonry, and structural concrete work on the exterior of the building and courtyard are complete, replacement windows and exterior metal paneling will be completed this week, the interior drywall installation is 80% complete, and painting will be finished following the drywall installation; Little Blue: canopy skylights will be installed the second week of July, the punch list and walk through is scheduled for July 12, and Open House will be held on July 19; West Elementary: drilled piers are complete, masonry work will start the last part of July, shop drawings from the contractor are being processed by the architect and engineer, and the completion date is still July 2013. The list on the Bond Issue projects is getting shorter.

Dr. Hinson introduced Ms. Sherry Potter, Co-Director of Special Services, and Mrs. Cindy Grant, Human Resources Director, to the Board of Education.

There being no further information to come before the Board, Matt Mallinson made the motion, second by Jana Waits, to adjourn the meeting and go into executive session for legal, real estate, and personnel issues at 7:45 a.m. The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Ann Franklin
      Matt Mallinson
      Jill Esry

Absent: Ken Johnston
        Greg Finke

Ayes: Jana Waits
      Denise Fears

Abs.: Matt Mallinson

Secretary
President