

The Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Board of Education Office, 201 North Forest Avenue, Independence, Missouri.

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

Member Absent: Mr. Blake Roberson, Director

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

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Jill Esry, and minutes of the meeting were recorded by the secretary, Ms. Annette Miller. Mrs. Esry welcomed those in attendance.

Greg Finke made the motion to approve the July 11, 2017 Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ann Franklin and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

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

Dr. Herl said the Bills amount for July is usually large due to end of year expenses. He said the Administration is recommending letting bids for the Final Phase (3) for the Central Warehouse renovation/construction. The work may be completed and ready for the Nutrition Services Department to move in by January 1, 2018. The Space Center will start marketing the current space leased for Nutrition Services.

Ann Franklin made the motion that the Board of Education approves the July 11, 2017 Consent Agenda as printed.

1. Minutes – June 13 and 29, 2017
2. Approval of July 11, 2017 List of Bills totaling \$17,405,532.41
3. Approval of Personnel Recommendation #1 as follows:
 - A. Employment of Certificated Staff for the 2017-2018 School Year.
 1. Michelle Clark, Reading Teacher
 2. Timothy Dougherty, ROTC Teacher
 3. Caitlyn Guy, Math Teacher
 4. Kenneth Lineberry, Library Media Specialist
 5. Antoinette Moats, Science Teacher
 6. Barbara Muckey, Family and Consumer Science Teacher
 7. Lauren Seeger, Elementary Teacher
 8. Monica Tremaine, Science Teacher
 9. Jessica Willetts, Math Teacher

The motion was seconded by Denise Fears and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Herl reported that the Learning League Session has started for students in grades 1-6 at Bryant Elementary School. He said that a lot of maintenance work, along with the Bond projects, is going on throughout the District. The City is trying to work with the School District by getting permits issued in a timely manner for the Bond projects. The demolition of the E Building at Van Horn High School will start on Thursday. Dr. Herl also said that using the YMCA building for the District's Central Warehouse and moving Nutrition Services to the location will eliminate the current lease for Nutrition Services in the Space Center and will save the District money. He stated that 85 new teachers did a jump start session in order to get ready for the new school year. A lot of Professional Development sessions are going on throughout the District. Dr. Herl also reported that DESE is doing away with the ACT that is provided free to juniors. He said this will have an impact on MSIP 5. He said other tests (work keys test, which the District will have to pay the cost) can be taken but it is not the same as the ACT. This was due to a budget cut by the Legislature.

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

Dr. Stout introduced Monte Giddings, CBIZ insurance broker, who presented information on the District's property insurance coverage for the 2017-2018 school year. He stated that they had marketed the coverage to several

alterative insurance providers due to the large hail damage claim that hit the District in March. Based on the results provided by insurance companies, Mr. Giddings said the recommendation would be to purchase property coverage for a cost of \$341,867 and wind/hail buy down through Lloyds of London for \$115,000 for a total coverage cost of \$456,867.

Denise Fears made the motion that the Board of Education approves the Property and Casualty insurance coverage for 2017 as detailed above in the total amount of \$456,867. The motion was seconded by Denise Fears and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Herl stated that as part of the District's ongoing capital improvements program, the Administration is recommending the installation of a new playground structure for elementary students attending Independence Academy. The recommendation is to accept the bid from Athco, LLC for \$52,036.00.

Ann Franklin made the motion, second by Ken Johnston, that the Board of Education approves the proposal of \$52,060.00 from Athco, LLC., for purchase and installation of playground equipment for Independence Academy. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Herl explained that due to the changes at Randall Elementary School to make it a Model School, upgrades are necessary for the technology devices. The Administration is recommending the purchase of Chromebooks, charging carts, and interactive projectors at a cost of \$90,240.00.

Matt Mallinson made the motion that the Board of Education approves Quote #JBJQ319 from CDW to purchase 240 Dell Chromebooks, 9 Epson Brightlink Interactive Projectors, and 8 Aver Charging Carts for a total cost of \$90,240.00 for Randall Elementary School. The motion was seconded by Denise Fears and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Herl stated that School District is required to hold a public tax rate hearing each year. He is recommending that it be held on August 8th at 5:45 p.m. prior to the Regular Board of Education meeting.

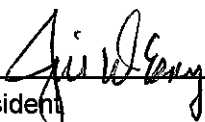
The motion was made by Denise Fears, second by Ann Franklin, that the Board of Education approves scheduling a Tax Levy Rate Hearing on August 8, 2017 at 5:45 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

There being no further information to come before the Board, Greg Finke made the motion, second by Ken Johnston, to adjourn the meeting and go into executive session for legal, personnel, and real estate issues at 6:20 p.m. The motion was approved as follows:

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

Absent: Blake Roberson


Secretary


President