

The Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, July 12, 2016, 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  
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, Mr. Brent Catlett, Mrs. Sherry Potter, INEA, 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.

Ken Johnston made the motion to approve the July 12, 2016 Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Blake Roberson and was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Herl shared a video on the 2016 Summer School Program and also the Learning League Program. The Learning League provides students with another month of reading instruction with a large emphasis on lessons from Summer School classes. This curriculum alignment eliminates the summer drain on students as it provides for a continuous learning process. Summer School is held in June, following the regular school year, and Learning League is held in July.

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

Dr. Herl stated that the Bills List total, \$19,101,650.26, which is typical for July due to payroll and finalizing ordering for the new school year.

Blake Roberson made the motion that the Board of Education approves the July 12, 2016 Consent Agenda as printed.

1. Minutes – June 14 and 29, 2016
2. Approval of July 12, 2016 List of Bills totaling \$19,101,650.26
3. Personnel Recommendation #1
  - A. Employment of Certificated Staff for the 2016-2017 School Year.
    1. Cynthia Barchers, Science Teacher
    2. Heather Foose, Special Education Teacher
    3. Steven Korey Nagel, Long Term Suspension Teacher
    4. Andrew Wessley, Music Teacher

The motion was seconded by Ann Franklin and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Herl reported that Summer School went exceptionally well. The Learning League Program teacher/student ratio is 1/9. This allows the teachers to really focus on the instruction each student receives especially with their reading. It was exciting to see nearly 160 teachers attending Professional Development sessions today throughout the District. Several building projects are still in progress: the Truman High School stadium is almost finished; Three Trails remodeling is going very well - the hallways, classrooms, and auditorium look fabulous; the Middle School Campus' new signs are being installed; the new signage on Blackburn is done; the K-1 classroom remodeling is going well; and all of the interior doors at Truman High School will be done in the next two weeks. Dr. Herl said that Project Shine went very well again. The volunteers did an outstanding job at each of the five schools with work at William Southern still going at 12:30 and Procter's volunteers were having lunch by 9:30 a.m.

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

Dr. Herl said that the Administration is recommending approval of the quote for a Hobart Model CLPS66e – 480/60/3 Dishwasher which includes stainless fabrication, dirty and clean dish tables, removal of the existing equipment, and installation for Jim Bridger Middle School.

Denise Fears made the motion that the Board of Education accepts the quote under contract U.S. Communities #090414-USF from US Foods for a Hobart Model CLPS66e dishwasher as presented for a total cost of \$43,023.90. The motion was seconded by Greg Finke and approved unanimously by the Board of Education.

Dr. Herl explained that each year the School District is required to hold a public Tax Rate Levy Hearing and set the Tax Rate prior to September 1. The Administration recommends scheduling the public hearing on Tuesday, August 9, at 5:45 p.m. prior to the regular Board of Education meeting. Dr. Herl also stated that the District has not received the Assessed Valuation information from Jackson County yet.

Ann Franklin made the motion that the Board of Education approves scheduling Tuesday, August 9, at 5:45 p.m. for a Tax Rate Levy hearing. The motion was seconded by Ken Johnston 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 Greg Finke, to adjourn the meeting and go into executive session for legal, personnel, and real estate issues at 6:13 p.m. The motion was approved as follows:

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

*A. Annette Miller*

Secretary

*Jill Esry*

President