

The Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, July 9, 2013, 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  
Dr. Matt Mallinson, Vice President  
Mrs. Jill Esry, Treasurer  
Mrs. Jana Waits, Director  
Mr. Ken Johnston, Director  
Mrs. Denise Fears, Director  
Mr. Greg Finke, Director

Also Present: Dr. Dale Herl, Superintendent  
Dr. Dred Scott, Dr. Lance Stout, Dr. Brad MacLaughlin, Dr. Beth Savidge,  
Mrs. Sherry Potter, Mrs. Cindy Grant, Mrs. Nancy Lewis, Mr. Bob  
Robinson, INEA, interested patrons and staff, and Mrs. Annette Miller.

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.

Ken Johnston made the motion to approve the July 9, 2013 Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Jana Waits and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Herl introduced Doug Cowan, Director of Community Services League, and Lori Smith. They presented information on the Shout Out Independence Program. This was a grass roots initiative that came from the Twelve Blocks West Coalition in an effort to change/improve our community. The City of Independence was also working on community improvements, so the City and Coalition joined together. The Shout Out Independence is symbolic of our community – it came from and is the community. The message conveys that positive attitude and actions are being displayed through our School District, businesses, faith based groups, etc. A video was shown with local patrons and business leaders talking about the many attributes that Independence provides. Doug said this was a wonderful opportunity to tell the story of what was going on in our City of over 116,000 residents. The message is to keep telling and shouting out our progress. The web site address is - shoutoutindependence.com. Four committees are being formed: social media, grassroots, small victories, and youth if anyone would like to become involved. The District was commended on their part in this initiative and their continuing support. Dr. Herl thanked Mr. Cowen and Ms. Smith for sharing this information at the Board of Education meeting.

Dr. Herl introduced a new administrator, Dr. Lance Stout, Deputy Superintendent. Dr. Herl stated that the Bills are \$18,489,479.17 which is larger than normal due to paying teacher salaries for the 2012-2013 summer months.

Denise Fears made the motion to approve the July 9, 2013 Consent Agenda as printed.

1. Minutes – June 11 and 27, 2013 – Regular and Special sessions.
2. Approval of July 9, 2013 List of Bills totaling \$18,489,479.17
3. Personnel Recommendation #2
  - A. Employment of Certificated Staff for the 2013-2014 School Year
    1. Brenda Hall, Elementary Teacher (pending release from current contract)
    2. Eden Ludy, Spanish Teacher
    3. Laurie Pitcher, Library Media Specialist (pending release from current contract)

The motion was seconded by Greg Finke and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Herl reminded the Board of Education that Project Shine is scheduled for Saturday, July 13, and that everyone is welcome to attend and participate. Last year over 1,000 volunteers helped and this year, the District is expecting over 1,200. The Project Shine schools this year will be Jim Bridger Middle School, Nowlin Middle School, Korte Elementary, Mill Creek Elementary, and Three Trails Elementary. Dr. Herl reported that over 7,800 students were enrolled in the District's Summer School Program. He also announced that this Thursday at 6 p.m. will be the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for Abraham Mallinson Elementary School. The School will unveil their mascot and school colors at this time.

Dr. Herl explained that Governor Nixon vetoed HB 253 but that it will come back to the Legislature in September. A number of the legislators oppose Governor Nixon's veto and they will work to override the veto. If fully implemented, this Bill would cost the state more than \$800 million. Transportation funding has been cut \$77 million, elimination of the Career Ladder in the amount of \$38 million, Parents As Teachers Program has been cut \$15 million over the last 6 years, MOVIP has been cut \$10 million, and the Foundation Formula has been underfunded by more than \$700 million. HB 253 would devastate public education, higher education, etc. in the state of Missouri.

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

Dr. Herl said that school meal prices are mandated by the Federal government. With increases in food costs, gasoline, and the Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 it necessitates an increase for the 2013-2014 school year. Breakfast prices will remain the same as the 2012-2013 school year: Elementary - \$1.60; Middle/High School - \$1.70; and Adult - \$2.00. Lunch prices will increase \$.05: Elementary - \$2.30; Middle/High School - \$2.45; and Adult - \$2.90. Milk will increase \$.05 also to \$.45 and Snacks will increase \$.10 to \$.75.

Jana Waits made the motion that the Board of Education approves the meal prices for 2013-2014 as presented. The motion was seconded by Jill Esry and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Herl explained that the School District annually updates the Cash Management Resolution based on personnel changes, etc. This resolution allows the District to utilize a variety of banking/investment opportunities.

The motion was made by Jill Esry, second by Ken Johnston, that the Board of Education approves the renewal of the Cash Management Resolution for the 2013-2014 school year. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Herl stated that the District operates a very extensive Early Childhood Education Program. The Administration is recommending a \$10.00 per week increase for children ages three-five years for total of \$150 per week. The under three years old program will remain the same - \$200 per week. The District has checked on fees charged by other daycare/childcare providers in order to stay competitive. The District does provide benefits for Early Childhood staff.

Greg Finke made the motion that the Board of Education approves a \$10.00 weekly fee increase for the three-five years old Early Childhood Education Program. The motion was seconded by Denise Fears and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Herl discussed HB253 and the effect that it would have on public education in the state of Missouri. Currently, Missouri has the fifth lowest tax rate and the District is very concerned about the effect this bill will have on children's education. The Foundation Formula is underfunded by approximately \$600 million dollars already. The Independence School District will lose \$5 million annually in revenue if this bill is passed by the legislature. Governor Nixon has vetoed HB253 but some of the legislature will try to override the Governor's veto when it reconvenes. It is the Administration's recommendation to support Governor Nixon's veto.

Jana Waits made the motion that the Board of Education approves a Resolution to Support the Governor's Veto of House Bill 253. The motion was seconded by Ken Johnston and unanimously approved by the Board of Education (Page 10651)

There being no further information to come before the Board, Greg Finke made the motion, second by Jana Waits, to adjourn the meeting and go into executive session for legal and personnel issues at 6:35 p.m. The motion was approved as follows:

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

Absent:

## RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE VETO OF HOUSE BILL 253

**Independence Board of Education**

WHEREAS, House Bill 253 would undermine our state's economy and quality of life and make Missouri less attractive for business investment; and

WHEREAS, House bill 253 would reduce state revenue by more than \$800 million; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 253 would jeopardize the ability of the state to provide adequate funding for our public schools for years to come; and

WHEREAS, the foundation formula for funding public schools is already underfunded by approximately \$600 million; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 253 would also jeopardize the ability of the state to fund higher education and other critical state services; and

WHEREAS, Missouri already has one of the lowest state tax burdens in the nation; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 253 is a fiscally irresponsible bill that would threaten the credit rating of the state and increase borrowing costs for the state;

Therefore be it RESOLVED, the Independence School District Board of Education on this 9th day of July, hereby urges the General Assembly to sustain the veto of House Bill 253.



NAME OF BOARD PRESIDENT