

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
The School District of Independence

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The Board of Education held a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, at 5:35 p.m. in the Large Classroom at George Caleb Bingham Middle School, 1716 South Speck Road, 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, Mr. Dale Herl, Mr. Jason Dial, Ms. Nancy Lewis, Mr. Bob Robinson, Ms. Kelly Evenson of *The Examiner*, INEA, interested patrons and staff, and Mrs. Annette Miller.

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.

Dr. Hinson stated that the School District had reviewed an agreement from the National Maintenance Agreement Policy, inc. regarding several large construction projects that the District will be letting for bids. The agreement would allow contractors (union and non-union) that are awarded contracts on these projects to meet together prior to work beginning to decide each contractors specific responsibilities. It would also eliminate any walk-outs or strikes by the contractors during the construction time.

Mr. David Kendrick from the Buildings and Trades Unions spoke in support of the School District entering into this agreement through the National Maintenance Agreement Policy, Inc.

There being no further information to come before the Board of Education, the meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

The Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, September 14, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Classroom at George Caleb Bingham Middle School, 1716 South Speck Road, Independence, Missouri.

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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, Mr. Dale Herl, Dr. Gary Hogue, Mr. Jason Dial, Dr. Gloria Stephenson, Mrs. Nancy Lewis, Mr. Bob Robinson, 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, Mr. Ken Johnston, and minutes of the meeting were recorded by the secretary, Mrs. Annette Miller. Mr. Johnston welcomed several college students that were in attendance: Julie Schmidli from Baker University; Brandon Barelmann from Longview Community College; Erin Callahan from Metropolitan Community Colleges; and Leslie Mills from Blue River Community College.

Ann Franklin made the motion to approve the September 14, 2010 Agenda and all items as presented. The motion was seconded by Blake Roberson and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Ms. Sandy Petty, 1422 North Pleasant Street, addressed the Board regarding her concern about the "Power of I" program that is being used at William Chrisman High School. She asked who she could talk with about this issue. Mr. Johnston said it would be Jason Dial and Mr. Dial talked with Ms. Petty.

Dr. Hinson stated that Mrs. Franklin has received her Advanced Certification in the Certified Board Member training program sponsored by the Missouri School Boards Association. This means that she has completed additional professional development requirements covering topics such as school finance, parliamentary procedures, board operations, and policy making. He also shared that the Independence School District had received Accreditation with Distinction in Performance from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The District received a perfect score by meeting all 14 standards. He congratulated the teachers for their outstanding work and commitment in achieving this honor.

Denise Fears made the motion to approve the September 14, 2010 Consent Agenda as printed.

Minutes – August 10, 2010.

Approval of September 14, 2010 List of Bills totaling \$18,100,437.57

Personnel Recommendation #5.

A. Employment of Certificated Staff for the 2010-2011 School Year.

1. Natalie More, Elementary Teacher/William Southern Elementary School.
2. Paul Cooper, In-School Suspension/Pioneer Ridge Middle School.
3. Eden Shirk, Elementary Teacher/Bryant Elementary School.
4. Traci Fadler, Elementary Teacher/Korte Elementary School.
5. Sara Ruhlman, Elementary Teacher/Three Trails Elementary School.
6. Deborah Chaney, Elementary Teacher/Three Trails Elementary School.
7. Julie Gosnell, Elementary Teacher/Blackburn Elementary School.
8. Jennifer Holtcamp, Kindergarten/Santa Fe Trail Elementary School.
9. Sarah Jaeger, Kindergarten/Three Trails Elementary School.

The motion was seconded by Jill Esry and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Hinson stated that a public hearing was held prior to this meeting on the National Maintenance Agreement. He reported that there were no dissenting public opinions. The District has extensively reviewed the agreement. Dr. Hinson said this agreement could create labor harmony and save time on the upcoming projects and that it would be beneficial to the School District to proceed with the National Maintenance Agreement.

The motion was made by Matt Mallinson, second by Jill Esry, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with the National Maintenance Agreement Policy Committee, Inc. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Hinson said that at the beginning of each year, an enrollment comparison is made with the previous year. Enrollment numbers have a tendency to change after the Labor Day holiday. Currently, the District's enrollment is up 291 students from one year ago. The District is planning to build two new elementary schools; one in the eastern part and one in the western part of the District. Because the District operates neighborhood schools, some classes in various schools are larger than others. Several schools have given up their teacher workrooms in order to provide more classroom space. The Administration is pleased with this enrollment report because just three years ago we were seeing a decline in enrollment. The official count will be taken the last Wednesday of September and reported to DESE. This is a great indicator of what is happening in the district.

Following a discussion about the next construction phase at IREC, Blake Roberson made the motion, second by Matt Mallinson, that the Board of Education approves the letting of bids for Phase IV construction at IREC under the National Maintenance Agreement. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Ann Franklin made the motion, second by Jana Waits, that the Board of Education approves the letting of bids for the New East Elementary School under the National Maintenance Agreement. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Hinson discussed upcoming Legislative Issues. He shared the legislation platform from the Cooperating School Districts of Greater Kansas City, of which the Independence School District is a member. They have a committee that recommends the platforms and many of the goals and priorities have not changed from last year. The adequacy target for the Foundation Formula was discussed. Dr. Hinson said it has been tweaked a little bit several times and the focus is to decrease the adequacy target. He stated that we should keep track of the state budget. He also strongly encourages Board members, through the MSBA legislative platform, to be highly involved in the political process that impacts public education because as a school governing body we need to follow the bills in the legislature as they affect public education. Mrs. Franklin said that a number of organizations interview candidates and determine who would have the best interest for public education. Usually, the education groups will agree on which candidates to support. She suggested helping your friends and family understand who will support public education. Some organizations will track legislators voting records and also send out questionnaires on their stance on public education issues. She suggested looking up candidates web sites and read their position/platform on educational issues. Dr. Hinson said there is an Educational Roundtable that meets every Monday during the legislative session to review legislation that would affect public education. School districts have learned from legislative term limits that as turnovers happen, we have to be proactive in educating the new legislators about public education and how decisions made by the legislature impacts school districts.

Mr. Robinson, Director of Facilities, reported that construction at Korte, Randall, Ott and Jim Bridger Schools is completed; Thomas Hart Benton's office remodeling is done but they are still working on the addition; at Truman High School, the contractors have started pouring the tilt-up concrete walls and they will start standing them up around the first of October; at the Santa Fe Trail Annex (previous Windsor building), the Impact Program has been moved into the lower level, the daycare program will move in early next week and the playground equipment still needs to be installed; at Van Horn, the entryway is done, the turf field is in and the track will be completed in the next two weeks; Fairmount's HVAC system should be operational this week; Sugar Creek and Three Trails' HVAC system was installed before school started; John W. Luff's addition should be completed and ready to move into around Winter Break; the new East Elementary School site – a replat of the site was done and submitted to the City for approval, MCC has agreed to an easement for grading that will affect their property, construction documents are 99% complete, site work and utility package bids will be let next week, site grading will take place this fall, and building will begin March 2011 with completion projected for 2012; William Chrisman High School – most of the administrative area is completed, students are still entering and exiting through the existing lobby, the courtyard is enclosed and the floor slab is being place with completion in December, and the new entry is scheduled to be completed in October. The Administration is still searching and evaluating sites for the new elementary school site in the western area.

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, and personnel issues at 6:40 p.m. The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Ken Johnston

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Ann Franklin  
Jana Waits  
Blake Roberson  
Matt Mallinson  
Jill Esry  
Denise Fears

Absent:

*C. Annette Miller*

Secretary

*Ken Johnston*

President