

The Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Board of Education Office, 201 North Forest Avenue, Independence, Missouri.

Members Present: Mr. Ken Johnston, President  
Mrs. Ann Franklin, Vice President  
Mrs. Jana Waits, Treasurer  
Mr. Blake Roberson, Director  
Mrs. Jill Esry, Director  
Mrs. Denise Fears, Director

Member Absent: Dr. Matt Mallinson, Director

Also Present: Dr. Jim Hinson, Superintendent  
Mr. Dred Scott, Mr. Dale Herl, Mr. Jason Dial, Dr. Gary Hogue,  
Dr. Beth Savidge, Dr. Linda Gray-Smith, Dr. Gloria Stephenson, Mrs.  
Nancy Lewis, Mr. Bob Robinson, Ms. Kelly Evenson of *The Examiner*,  
INEA, PTA, 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 Kyle Craker, BSA Troop 46, who was attending the meeting as part of his merit badge requirement, Kelly Crawford from MCC as part of her course requirement, and State Representative Ira Anders, former teacher and Board of Education director for the Independence School District.

Blake Roberson made the motion to approve the October 11, 2011 Agenda and all items as presented. The motion was seconded by Denise Fears and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Jill Esry made the motion to approve the October 11, 2011 Consent Agenda as printed.

Minutes – September 13, 2011.

October 11, 2011 List of Bills totaling \$12,043,093.15

Personnel Recommendation #5

- A. Employment of Certificated Staff for the 2011-2012 School Year.
  1. Connie Keller, Speech Pathologist/Hanthorn School
  2. Lisa Kilcoyne, Teacher/Korte Elementary School
  3. Sheryl Spencer, Special Education/Randall Elementary School
  4. Karly Stewart, Teacher/Spring Branch Elementary School
  5. Julie Hall, Early Childhood Special Education/Hanthorn School
4. Approval of Membership in the MU Partnership for Educational Renewal for 2011-2012.
5. Approval to Accept Bid for Asphalt on Drive Lane at Three Trails Elementary School.

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

Dr. Hinson reported that the District is approaching the end of the first quarter of the school year. Student conferences are scheduled for the end of this month. In reviewing enrollment trends over the past four years, the District has increased by 735 students. This indicates a growth of approximately 200 students per year. At this time, the District does not have a lot of new information regarding the Kansas City, Missouri School District being classified as unaccredited. The State Board of Education declared the district unaccredited effective January 1, 2012. Based on the Missouri Supreme Court ruling of the Turner vs. Clayton case, it states that those students in an unaccredited school district may elect to enroll in other adjacent districts or in districts in adjacent counties. Based on this ruling, the Circuit Court was to hear the case and make their decision concerning receiving school districts setting class sizes, which schools can accommodate additional enrollment, how the tuition payment from the sending to receiving district would be processed, etc. The quandary now is that the lower court doesn't hear the case until almost one month after receiving districts have to have a plan in place. A lot could happen in the next two months. It will take time to develop a plan to address these issues regarding the best process for the non-resident students. This is an entirely different matter from how the District was able to work through the Annexation issue three years ago.

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

Dr. Hinson explained that the District is looking at elementary attendance boundary changes for the 2012-2013 school year due to the new elementary school in the east that will be opening in the fall of 2012. The Administration is trying to project what areas will be affected. He said this will not be a massive boundary change across the District but that it will affect the eastern part. In 2013, the District will be looking at boundary changes on the western side when the new elementary school opens there.

Dr. Hinson explained that the proposed changes to Board of Education Policies 2230 and 2240 addresses issues pertaining to residency (2230) and clarifies that the Board of Education or Committee of the Board will make the decision; and Policy 2240 changes are similar with the District receiving tuition rates prior to students' attendance and clarification on transportation of non-resident students.

Ann Franklin made the motion that the Board of Education approves this as the first reading of changes to Board of Education Policies 2230 and 2240 as presented. The motion was seconded by Jana Waits and unanimously approved by the Board of Education. (Pages 10488-10490)

Dr. Hinson explained that the proposed change to Board of Education Regulation 2240 is necessary in order to be consistent with Policies.

The motion was made by Denise Fears, second by Blake Roberson, that the Board of Education approves adopting the changes to Board of Education Regulation 2240 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education. (Page 10491)

Dr. Hinson stated that the 2011 Leadership Task Force groups are researching various topics and it is fascinating to hear what some of these groups are finding. The groups will present their progress reports in approximately five weeks. The meeting is scheduled for November 17, 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria at Central Office. Several Board members expressed that they are impressed with the District being proactive and they like the research part that the Task Force groups are doing.

Mr. Robinson presented an update on the Bond Issue projects. Mill Creek Elementary School work is 98% complete. Nowlin Middle School's roof is 98% complete – still needs some flashing installed and inspections need to be done. Truman High School – the project is finished as the parking lot and landscaping are done. Work on the new East Elementary School is ahead of schedule and the project is starting to come together: gym walls are up; floor slab is poured; roofing joists are going on this week; the kitchen, cafeteria, and media center bearing walls are nearing completion; the bearing walls and floor slabs in the entry, Early Education, and Administration areas should be completed by the middle of October; the face brick installation will begin mid-October; and the contractors are working to have the building water tight before winter. IREC – work on the Kitchen/Serving area should be completed by mid-November; and the grading work on the Facilities Warehouse is finished and concrete footings and floor slab are scheduled to be poured the week of October 10. West Elementary – the front of the school will face west on Forest Avenue, the floor plan will be similar to the East Elementary building site with three classrooms per grade level with expansion to four classrooms for future enrollment, the Administration has met with City of Sugar Creek officials and will meet again next week to keep them informed of the progress of this project, and bid should be let in January.

There being no further information to come before the Board, Jill Esry made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. and go into executive session for legal, real estate, and personnel issues, The motion was seconded by Jana Waits and approved as follows:

Ayes: Ken Johnston  
Ann Franklin  
Jana Waits  
Blake Roberson  
Jill Esry  
Denise Fears

Absent: Matt Mallinson



Secretary



President

**STUDENTS**

**Policy 2230**  
**(Regulation 2230)**  
**(Form 2230)**

**Admission and Withdrawal****Admission of Resident Students**

All students, five to twenty-one (5-21) years of age, who reside within the boundaries of the District may attend District schools tuition free. In order to "reside" within the District, the student must be physically domiciled within District boundaries. The domicile of a minor child is the domicile of a parent, military guardian pursuant to a military issued guardianship, or court-appointed legal guardian.

A student may only register in the District if the student provides proof of residency or if the student or parent/guardian requests a waiver from the Board of Education on the basis of hardship or good cause. A Residency Enrollment Checklist (Form 2230) and Affidavit Regarding Prior Discipline (Form 2230.2) will be completed at the time of enrollment. If the Superintendent has reason to suspect that the admission of a student will create an immediate danger to the safety of others, a hearing will be convened within three (3) working days of the request to register. At the hearing, the ~~District~~ Board of Education or a Committee of the Board will determine whether the student may enroll.

**Waiver**

Students or parents/guardians seeking a waiver of the District's residency requirement must complete and submit to the Superintendent/Designee a Request for Waiver of Proof of Residency (Form 2230.1) stating the reasons for which the waiver is requested. If a waiver is requested, the Board of Education or Committee of the Board must convene a hearing no later than forty-five (45) days after the request for waiver is filed with the Superintendent/Designee. ~~If the District fails to convene a timely hearing, the request for waiver is automatically granted.~~ Following the hearing, the Board or Committee of the Board will provide written notice of its decision and the reasons for its approval or denial of the waiver request. If the waiver request is denied, the student will not be allowed to attend school in the district. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Board or Committee of the Board on a request for waiver may appeal such decision to the local circuit court.

**Records Review**

Within two (2) business days of enrolling a new student, the Superintendent/designee will request copies of the new student's transfer and discipline records from all schools in which the new student attended at any time within a twelve (12) month period preceding enrollment in the District. In addition, parents/guardians of students new to the District will be required to complete and sign the Affidavit Regarding Prior Discipline informing the District of suspensions or expulsions incurred at schools previously attended.

**Exceptions**

The residency provisions of this policy are not applicable to homeless students, wards of the state, students placed in residential care facility due to a mental illness or developmental disability, a student placed in a residential facility by a juvenile court, or students attending regional or cooperative alternative education programs. The exemptions are expressly established by state law and entitle such students to tuition free school attendance.

**Students of Nonresident Teachers and Regular Employees**

Employees, staff employed to work more than 25 hours per week on an annual basis, that are non-residents of the Independence School District may enroll their children, Grades K-12, in the Independence School District. For the purpose of state aid, such students will be counted as resident students.

Enrollment should be made prior to the start of each school year. Students may be enrolled at the school of their parent's choice, contingent on the capacity for additional enrollment at the particular grade level of the student. Students will not be enrolled in grades where the average class size is above the M.S.I.P. minimum standard. Building principals are responsible for enrollment decisions and their decision shall be final.

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**STUDENTS****Policy 2240  
(Regulation 2240)****Admission and Withdrawal****Admission and Tuition – Nonresident Students**

Nonresident students ~~may~~ will be permitted to attend the District schools only upon the processing of the student's Request for Waiver of Proof of Residency (Form 2230.1) and payment in full of tuition as determined by District representatives in their sole discretion, and provided the student is not barred from enrollment by provisions of the Safe Schools Act. (See Policy 2664.) Prior to the first day of school, the District must receive the full tuition payment as established by the Board, unless the student is exempt from tuition as required by law. All costs of transportation for any student admitted on a tuition basis will be the sole responsibility of the person enrolling the student, unless otherwise required by law. In no event shall the Independence School District be responsible for the transportation costs for a student admitted on a tuition basis. Tuition rates will be determined annually by the Board of Education on the basis of the per-pupil cost for the preceding year including operation, maintenance, and debt service of the schools.

Within two (2) business days of enrollment in the District by state officials of a nonresident student pursuant to state statute, the Superintendent/designee will request the student's transfer and discipline records from all schools or facilities previously attended and from other state agencies and entities involved in the placement of the student within the twenty-four (24) month period preceding enrollment. The Superintendent/designee is authorized to share relevant portions of such student's transfer and discipline records with District employees who, based upon their duties, have a need to know such information. Such records will be maintained in confidence for purposes of maintaining discipline and for assistance to the student.

**STUDENTS****Regulation 2240****Admission and Withdrawal****Admission and Tuition - Non-Resident Students**

The following students who live within the District will be considered residents and may enroll without payment of tuition.

1. Orphaned children or children with only one living parent.
2. Children whose parents/guardians do not contribute to the support of the child.
3. Children who participate in an American Field Service or similar foreign exchange program subject to District approval and provided that the student resides in the home of a District resident.
4. Children whose parent/guardian owns real property within the District, but who reside outside of District boundaries. Such children may attend school upon payment of tuition which will be reduced by the amount of real estate tax paid by the child's parent/guardian for School District purposes. Tuition payment shall be paid in full prior to the first day of the non-resident student attending school.
5. Children whose parents/guardians own and reside upon property at least 80 acres of which are used for agricultural purpose provided at least 35% of the property is within the District.

The administration may investigate the eligibility of children attending schools under the provisions of this policy.

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