

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
The School District of Independence

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The Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, November 8, 2011, 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, Vice President  
Mrs. Jana Waits, Treasurer  
Mr. Blake Roberson, Director  
Dr. Matt Mallinson, Director  
Mrs. Jill Esry, Director  
Mrs. Denise Fears, Director

Member Absent: Mr. Ken Johnston, President

Also Present: Dr. Jim Hinson, Superintendent  
Dr. Dale Herl, Mr. Dred Scott, Dr. Gary Hogue, Dr. Beth Savidge, Dr. Jason Dial, Dr. Linda Gray-Smith, Dr. Gloria Stephenson, Mr. Bob Robinson, Mrs. Nancy Lewis, 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 Vice President, Mrs. Ann Franklin, and minutes of the meeting were recorded by the secretary, Mrs. Annette Miller. Mrs. Franklin welcomed Angie Zarillo's Leadership Class from Truman High School and Joe Annello, student from Rockhurst College.

Jana Waits made the motion to approve the November 8, 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 November 8, 2011 Consent Agenda as printed.

1. Minutes – October 11, 2011 - Regular session.
2. Approval of November 8, 2011 List of Bills totaling \$8,948,564.06
3. Personnel Recommendation #7
  - A. Employment of Certificated Staff for the 2011-2012 School Year.
    1. Kristin Stovall, Kindergarten/Korte Elementary School
    2. Kari Morken, Special Education/Mill Creek Elementary School

The motion was seconded by Blake Roberson and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Hinson stated that the items on the Consent Agenda were regular business items (minutes, bills and personnel) presented for the Board of Education's consideration and approval.

Dr. Hinson reported that November 11 was Veterans Day and numerous programs will be going on throughout the schools to honor and salute veterans. The student led conferences held in October went well and the schools had great attendance. There has been considerable discussion regarding the State's Foundation Formula. The adequacy target is being changed and the Board and Administration will have to wait and see what impact it will have on the District. Previously, the District was a hold harmless district but that has changed. There is a lot of concern for the 2013 funding for public education given the State's budget shortfall. The odds for revenues staying neutral for the District are not good as we will most likely see a reduction in state revenue for this next year. What amount is unknown but it could be in the millions. The financial picture is bleak but the District is prepared.

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

Dr. Hinson reminded the Board that the changes to Board Policies 2230 and 2240 are for non-resident students.

Denise Fears made the motion that the Board of Education approves this as the second and final reading of changes to Board of Education Policies 2230 and 2240. The motion was seconded by Blake Roberson and unanimously approved by the Board of Education. (Pages 10494-96)

The motion was made by Blake Roberson that the Board of Education approves the Election Guidelines and Procedures for the April 3, 2012 School Board Member Election. The motion as seconded by Jana Waits and unanimously approved by the Board of Education. (Page 10497)

**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.

INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION - APRIL 3, 2012

I. Qualifications for Candidacy

- a. Must be a citizen of the United States.
- b. Must be a registered voter living in the School District.
- c. Must have resided in the State of Missouri for one year next preceding his/her election.
- d. Must be at least twenty-four years of age.

II. Nomination by Petition

Persons interested in filing for the April 3, 2012 school board election are required to file with the Secretary of the Board of Education a petition with at least one hundred (100) signatures of qualified registered voters of the School District of Independence.

Petition blanks may be picked up from the Board Secretary, 201 North Forest Avenue, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily beginning Tuesday, December 13, 2011 (except for Winter Recess - December 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30, 2011). Persons interested in running for the Board of Education will need to pick up petitions in person and have petitions initialed by the Board Secretary.

III. Petition Filing Date and Order on Ballot

Petitions properly completed must be filed with the Board Secretary at 201 North Forest Avenue, Independence, Missouri, no later than 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 17, 2012. The Board Secretary will indicate the time and date of filing on each petition as received. The petition will be forwarded to the Jackson County Board of Election Commissioners for determination of the validity of the signatures and residence in the school district. A random drawing for the order in which names shall appear on the ballot will be conducted for candidates who file a declaration of candidacy on the first day (December 13) prior to 5:00 p.m. (115.127 (5) RSMo). The names of candidates filing after December 13 will be listed on the ballot in the order in which valid petitions are received by the Board Secretary and as described in the Board Policy. Petitions found to be invalid may not be amended to preserve order of listing on the ballot.

Persons with petitions found to be in order with the proper number of valid signatures will be certified as candidates for election by the Secretary of the Board of Education of the School District of Independence.

IV. Certification of Candidates

The Secretary of the Board of Education will certify the candidates and their order on the ballot at the Board of Education Office, 3225 South Noland road, Independence, Missouri, at a special meeting to be scheduled prior to Tuesday, January 24, 2012 in the presence of candidates and others desiring to attend.

V. Candidate Name Policy

All names shall appear in the same form in which the candidate is registered to vote, except that:

1. Prefixes and suffixes which represent titles or degrees shall not be used.
2. The following exceptions, when certified by the candidate as a necessary means of identification, may be allowed: commonly used nicknames; or commonly used abbreviations.

The Board of Election Commissioners, in its discretion, may review the necessity of such identification after providing notice to the candidate.

Dr. Hinson reported that the Leadership Task Force groups will meet Thursday, November 17, and present their draft information in PowerPoints. The groups are working on a variety of different subject matters and it will be interesting to see what their research indicates.

Bob Robinson reported on the following Bond Issue projects. Mill Creek – the classroom addition will be completed and ready to start using following the floor tile installation that is scheduled the week of November 7. IREC – kitchen serving area remodeling is going well and it will be called the West Side Cafe. Facilities Warehouse – work has slowed down due to the rain but still hoping for a February completion date. East Elementary - the brick is going up, the gym is dried in and the rest of the areas should be dried in by the middle of December. West Elementary - working with the City of Sugar Creek on permits, construction documents should be ready for bidding in January and brought to the Board for approval in February, and projecting completion by 2013.


Dr. Hinson stated that due to testimonies and information presented (pro and con) at the 5:30 p.m. Public Hearing to the Board, he said he would also entertain questions regarding the National Maintenance Agreement. Following the discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that they will review the information that was presented and wait until the December Board meeting to make a decision.

Dr. Hinson discussed with the Board of Education the need to name the new east elementary school. A task force will need to be formed so the Board was asked to send two or more names to Annette Miller for consideration. The task force will be announced at the December Board meeting. The task force will then recommend one or more names to the Board for their consideration and approval. There are Board Policies and Regulations that will need to be adhered to also. Individuals that have some historical background of the District and community would be helpful.

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 6:22 p.m. The motion was approved as follows:

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

Absent: Ken Johnston

  
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 Secretary

  
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 Vice President