

The Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, September 13, 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  
Dr. Matt Mallinson, Director  
Mrs. Jill Esry, Director  
Mrs. Denise Fears, Director

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, Ms. Cindy Konomos, 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 President, Mr. Ken Johnston, and minutes of the meeting were recorded by the secretary, Mrs. Annette Miller. Mr. Johnston welcomed three students from MCC-Blue River Campus that were in attendance.

Jana Waits made the motion to approve the September 13, 2011 Agenda and all items as presented. The motion was seconded by Ann Franklin and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Denise Fears made the motion to approve the September 13, 2011 Consent Agenda as printed.

1. Minutes – August 9, 2011 (Regular session and public hearing).
2. Approval of September 13, 2011 List of Bills totaling \$8,751,787.78
3. Personnel Recommendation #3
  - A. Employment of Certificated Staff for the 2011-2012 School Year.
    1. Kathleen Corley, Teacher/Santa Fe Trail Elementary School
    2. Katherine Hamburg, Teacher/Thomas Hart Benton Elementary School
    3. Kendalynne Hohe, Teacher/John W. Luff Elementary School
    4. Allison Howell, Teacher/William Southern Elementary School
    5. Stephen Moore, Literacy/Jim Bridger Middle School
    6. Elizabeth Mueller, Teacher/Santa Fe Trail Elementary School
    7. Ashley Pollman, Physical Education/Nowlin Middle School
    8. Kerri Snyder, Teacher/John W. Luff Elementary School
4. Approval of Right-of-Way and Easement for Water Pipeline Request at East Elementary School Site by the City of Independence.
5. Approval of 2011-2012 Assessment Plan

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

Dr. Hinson reported that the District had received the Assessed Valuation information from Jackson County last week. The AV in July's notice was \$934,233,285 and now it is \$931,212,531 which is over a \$3 million decrease. Dr. Hinson stated that September is Childhood Obesity month. Dr. David Katz, Yale University School of Medicine, will be in the District next week working with staff on projects and speaking to various community groups. We have the Nutrition Detectives and ABC for Fitness programs as part of our health and wellness plan for students. Some of our students are dealing with cholesterol and diabetes health issues.

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

Matt Mallinson made the motion that the Board of Education approves the Administration's recommendation to set the 2011-2012 tuition rate at \$8,895 as presented. The motion was seconded by Blake Roberson and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Blake Roberson made the motion that the Board of Education approves 285 Transportation Routes for the Independence School District for the 2011-2012 school year. The motion was seconded by Ann Franklin and was unanimously approved by the Board of Education. Dr. Herl explained that this is down from 304 in 2010-2011 due to more efficient route scheduling.

Dr. Hinson explained that the District reviewed the project to build a Facilities Department warehouse at the IREC location with the architects. The project was broken down into separate areas for bidding. Based on the bids received, it is the Administration's recommendation to accept the bid of Heartland Construction, Inc. at the price of \$857,500.00. This will allow for all of the Facilities Department to be located on the northeast side of Central Office.

Ann Franklin made the motion that the Board of Education approves accepting the bid from Heartland Construction, Inc. for construction of a Facilities maintenance warehouse for a total price of \$857,500.00. The motion was seconded by Denise Fears and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Hinson asked Dred Scott to update the Board regarding the 2011 Leadership Task Force groups. Mr. Scott stated that the groups were addressing 14 topics presented at the Model Schools Conference. The groups are: Looping; Student Engagement and Relevancy in Relation to Rigor; Technology from Home; Emphasis on Instructional Techniques; Freshmen "Elective" Year; Motivating Students; School Start Times; Title 1 Expenditures; Technology in Relation to Books and Efficiency; Interventions; Foreign Language; Year Round School; Centers of Excellence; and Performance Pay. The groups will report at a mid-year meeting on their findings. The Board said they were pleased that the Administration is being progressive regarding plans for future educational programs. The District has received good response from the staff relative to these initiatives.

Dr. Hinson updated the Board on the enrollment figures for the 2011-2012 school year. The official count will be reported to DESE at the end of September. Last Friday, September 9, compared to one year ago there are 119 more students this year. The District continues to see some trends with enrollment bubbles and is addressing these issues. He said that it was interesting looking at the enrollment information for the last five years. Over these five years, the enrollment of kids from other districts is over 22,496 students new to this District. This has an impact on schools and staff. The total enrollment K-12 is at 14,000 and does not include early education or adult education.

Bob Robinson reported on the following Bond Issue projects: Mill Creek's inside work is approximately 80% complete and should be finished by the end of October; Nowlin's interior work is finished and the roof work is being completed; Truman High School's parking lot should be completed in the next few days and ready for the landscaping; Ennovation Center's only work remaining is the kitchen/serving area which will be ready in 60-90 days; East Elementary construction is progressing – the gym walls are up, foundations are done, utilities are in, and the project is still on target to be completed June 2012; the West Elementary site is still in the planning stage and bids should go out in December or January.

Dr. Hinson added that future discussions will concern staffing for the new buildings; posting for elementary principal positions; and attendance boundary changes. The District will need to consider room for future growth at the schools also.

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 6:24 p.m. The motion was approved as follows:

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

Absent:

  
Secretary

  
President