

The Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 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, 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 Vice President, Mrs. Ann Franklin, and minutes of the meeting were recorded by the secretary, Mrs. Annette Miller. Mrs. Franklin welcomed Angie Zarillo and her Leadership Class from Truman High School and Zechariah Ritchheart from Boy Scout Troop 228 who is working on his Community and Citizenship Merit badge.

Jana Waits made the motion to approve the January 10, 2012 Agenda as amended to include under New Business number 8 – Approval of tuition rates for transfer students from unaccredited school districts and all other items as listed. The motion was seconded by Blake Roberson and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Angie Zarillo introduced Elle Esry and Preston Hickert. Elle and Preston presented information on the 64th Annual State Convention for the Missouri Association of Students Councils on March 15-17, 2012. Approximately 800 students and advisors will be attending from throughout the State. This is the first time the Convention has been hosted on this side of the state in fifteen years. Elle and Preston said they need the School District and the community's support in two ways: 1) provide housing for two or more students per home; and 2) provide donations for a welcome bag that will be presented to each attendee. They will also accept monetary donations for this event. The completed housing form and donations can be given to Angie Zarillo at Truman High School. Elle and Preston thanked the Board of Education and the Administration for their support of Truman High School's student council hosting this event. Mrs. Franklin thanked them for the presentation and assured them that several of the Board members and Administrators would be providing housing for the students and their advisors.

Dr. Hinson stated that the approval to let bids for partial roof replacements at five schools and the demolition of a portion of the East parking structure at the Ennovation Center were the only two additional items on the Consent Agenda that includes the regular business items of the minutes from the December 13 meeting, Personnel Recommendation #11 and the list of bills totaling \$9,265,834.71.

Blake Roberson made the motion to approve the January 10, 2012 Consent Agenda as printed.

1. Minutes – December 13, 2011 - Regular session.
2. Approval of January 10, 2012 List of Bills totaling \$9,265,834.72
3. Personnel Recommendation #11
 - A. Employment of Certificated Staff for the 2011-2012 School Year.
 1. Michaela Rowland, Special Education
 2. Kendra Burke, Special Education
4. Approval to Let Bids for Partial Roof Replacement at Procter Elementary, Sycamore Hills Elementary, Blackburn Elementary, Santa Fe Trail Elementary, and Nowlin Middle School.
5. Approval to Accept Bid for Partial Demolition of the Ennovation Center East Parking Structure.

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

The District will be looking at attendance boundaries for the elementary schools due to the opening of a new elementary school in July 2012 and another one in July 2013. The Administration is working with a demographer

on projecting enrollment trends. Recommendations for boundary changes could be brought to the Board in February or March. Dr. Hinson reported that the Legislative session is in full session and he is receiving numerous fiscal notes. A number of the fiscal notes do impact education. Some of these will become Bills that will have committee hearings and then passed out to the floor of the House and Senate and if approved then on to the Governor. In planning for the Budget, it is very significant to review each of these bills that may impact the School District. Several Legislative days have been set and this is a way that the Board can be involved with their legislators.

Dr. Hinson talked about the Kansas City, Missouri School District being unaccredited and the policy they adopted which they admitted in court that is against state law. Whether they amend this policy or continue to operate by it is unknown at this time. A meeting in Court is scheduled for this Thursday morning, January 12. It is not a hearing but it is to schedule a day in Court to set a hearing for the injunctive relief. It is possible that the Judge will set a date to hear all sides of the injunctive relief request. Dr. Hinson explained that the injunctive relief request is asking the Judge not to allow students from unaccredited school districts to enroll and attend in other school districts at this time based on the Turner vs. Clayton case. The clarification goes to the lower court in March. If approved, the injunctive relief would put everything on hold regarding transfer/enrollment of students until everything has been resolved through the judicial system or the legislature.

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

Dr. Herl reported on the District's letting of bids for insurance coverage. He stated that the cost had increased this year due to several claims that had been filed by District employees.

Blake Roberson made the motion that the Board of Education approves Wright Risk Management America (WRMA) to provide property, liability, automobile, crime, umbrella, and school leadership insurance and Missouri Employer's Mutual (MEM) to provide worker's compensation insurance for calendar year 2012. The motion was seconded by Denise Fears and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

The motion was made by Matt Mallinson that the Board of Education approves letting bids for construction of the new West Elementary School under the National Maintenance Agreement. The motion was seconded by Jana Waits and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Matt Mallinson made the motion that the Board of Education approves letting of bids for grading work at the new West Elementary School site under the National Maintenance Agreement. Jill Esry seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Herl explained that the District typically does two Budget amendments annually - one in January and one in June. He stated that District schools with carryover funds from the previous year are allowed to add those into their budgets annually. Another part of the amendment is due to the updating of Bond Issue projects funds.

Denise Fears made the motion, second by Blake Roberson, that the Board of Education approves the Budget adjustments as attached and presented. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education. (Page 10506)

Dr. Hinson shared that the Missouri School Boards Association is asking Boards of Education to support a Resolution for their Vision Project. This Resolution addresses suggestions for improving the quality of education in the state of Missouri.

The motion was made by Jana Waits, second by Jill Esry, that the Board of Education approves the attached Resolution to Support Vision Project that will improve educational opportunities for all students. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education. (Page 10507)

Dr. Hinson explained that the Board is required to certify candidates for the three Board of Education positions for the April 3, 2012 election. Therefore, a special Board meeting needs to be scheduled.

Jill Esry made the motion that the Board of Education approves scheduling a special Board of Education meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 7:30 a.m. to certify candidates for the April 3, 2012 School Board Election. The motion was seconded by Denise Fears and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Budget Amendments 12 - BOE - December

Fund	Revenue	Expenditures	Change
10 Incidental	53,659.00	755,353.62	(701,694.62)
13 Textbook	-	(31,000.00)	31,000.00
15 Scholarship	-	-	-
16 Food Service	-	-	-
17 Activity	-	-	-
18 Dental Reimbursement	-	-	-
19 21st Century	-	-	-
General - total	53,659.00	724,353.62	(670,694.62)
20 Special Revenue	(86,098.00)	(2,824.80)	(83,273.20)
30 Debt Service	10,704,676.51	285,879.74	10,418,796.77
40 Capital Projects	119,124.00	223,236.17	(104,112.17)
41 OSCB Series 2010B	-	-	-
42 GO Series 2010A	-	-	-
43 GO Series 2011A	-	-	-
44 GO Series 2010C	-	-	-
	10,791,361.51	1,230,644.73	9,560,716.78

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT VISION PROJECT
Independence School District**

WHEREAS, the Independence Board of Education and Superintendent believe it is imperative to build trust and support for public education; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to ensure meaningful engagement of communities with their public schools; and

WHEREAS, Missouri needs a vision to improve significantly the education culture in our state; and

WHEREAS, the goal of every school district in Missouri is to provide an exemplary educational experience for all students; and

WHEREAS, we must ensure our students are competitive in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, we must be committed to provide the resources necessary to provide our students with a world-class education; and

WHEREAS, we must make learning more rigorous, more relevant, and more real; and

WHEREAS, we are dedicated to being responsive to students' individual needs; and

WHEREAS, we support the partnership between the Missouri School Boards' Association and Missouri Association of School Administrators that culminated in the development of a vision to transform public education in Missouri through specific recommendations; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Independence Board of Education and Superintendent on this 10th day of January 2012, hereby indicate our support for the work embedded in the *Missouri Public Education Vision Project* report and will determine areas of transformation for our district in our continuing efforts to improve educational opportunities for all students.

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF EDUCATION

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Bob Robinson reported on the following Bond Issue projects. Facilities Warehouse addition at the Ennovation Center – exterior work has been completed and finishing work should be completed by the end of January; New East Elementary School – much of the roof installation is complete, power has been connected to the transformer, the natural gas line is complete to the meter; HVAC units have been installed, and the project is scheduled for completion by June 2012; and the New West Elementary School – the site plan will be shared with the Sugar Creek City Council and their Board of Planning this week, bids for grading/earthwork and building package should be released for bids in February and back to the Board for approval in March; and the project is scheduled for completion July 2013.

Dr. Hinson explained that the Board needs to set District non-resident tuition rates for students from unaccredited school districts. The Statute requirement is different for students from unaccredited school districts based on State Statute 167.131. Additional factors are included in the amount for students attending from unaccredited school districts. Dr. Herl and Molly Johnson have spent a lot of time on this issue. The Administrations recommendation is as follows: Elementary students - \$9309.73; Middle school students - \$9,356.61; and High School students - \$10,254.56. These tuition rates will need to be revised on an annual basis which means they will be recalculated every year.

Matt Mallinson made the motion that the Board of Education approves the tuition rates for students from unaccredited school districts as follows: Elementary students - \$9309.73; Middle school students - \$9,356.61; and High School students - \$10,254.56. The motion was seconded by Denise Fears and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

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 6:37 p.m. The motion was approved as follows:

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

Absent: Ken Johnston

Secretary

Vice President

The Board of Education met in a Special Session on Thursday, January 19, 2012, at 7:30 a.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
Mr. Dred Scott, Dr. Dale Herl, Dr. Jason Dial, Mr. Bob Robinson, 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. Mr. Johnston stated the purpose of the meeting was to certify candidates for the April 3, 2012 School Board Election and approve one item of business.

Blake Roberson made the motion to approve the January 19, 2012 Special Board Meeting Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Jana Waits and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Hinson reported that four people had picked up candidate packet information. Three candidates met the requirements of the application process and their petitions have been certified by the Jackson County Board of Election Commissioners as having the necessary 100 registered voter signatures: Mr. Greg Finke, Mrs. Ann Franklin, and Mr. Ken Johnston. There are three six-year positions open for the April 3, 2012 Election.

Blake Roberson made the motion that the Board of Education approves the following candidates for the April 3, 2012 School Board Election:

Six (6) year term - Three (3) positions:

1. Greg Finke
2. An Franklin
3. Ken Johnson

The motion was seconded by Denise Fears and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Hinson recommended that the Board of Education approve letting bids to lease 3,600 square feet of property at 18200 East M-78 Highway for a Fiber Optic Repeater Node Facility. This is not a tower but a small building structure.

Matt Mallinson made the motion that the Board of Education approves the letting of bids to lease 3,600 square feet of property at 18200 East M-78 Highway for a fiber optic repeater node facility. The motion was seconded by Jill Esry and unanimously approved by the Board of Education

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, the motion was made by Ann Franklin, second by Jana Waits, at 7:40 a.m. to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Secretary

President