

BOARD OF EDUCATION
The School District of Independence

The Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, January 13, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Classroom at George Caleb Bingham Middle School, 1716 South Speck Road, Independence, Missouri.

Members Present: Mr. Blake Roberson, President
Mr. Ken Johnston, Vice President
Mrs. Ann Franklin, Treasurer
Mrs. Susan Jones, Director
Mr. Ira Anders, Director

Member Absent: Mrs. Jana Waits, Director

Also Present: Dr. Jim Hinson, Superintendent
Dr. Henry Russell, Dr. Brian Mitchell, Dr. Beth Savidge, Mr. Dred Scott, Mrs. Elizabeth Streich, Mrs. Nancy Lewis, members of 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. Blake Roberson, and minutes of the meeting were recorded by the secretary, Mrs. Annette Miller. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Roberson extended condolences to the family of Dr. Robert Clothier on his recent passing.

Ken Johnston made the motion to approve the January 13, 2009 Agenda as printed. The motion was seconded by Susan Jones and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

The motion was made by Ann Franklin to approve the January 13, 2008 Consent Agenda as printed.

Minutes - regular meeting December 17, 2008 as printed
Approval of January 13, 2009 List of Bills totaling \$9,022,670.02
Personnel Recommendation #34.

- A. Request to Assume Retirement Status Effective End of the 2008-2009 School Year.
 1. Larry Lasater, Industrial Technology/Truman High School
- B. Resignation of Certificated Staff Effective End of the 2008-2009 School Year.
 1. Dustin McMurry, Spanish/William Chrisman High School
 2. R. Brad Black, Counselor/Three Trails Elementary School
4. Approval to Purchase Copy Paper and Janitorial Supplies
5. Approval to Enter Into a Contract for Local and Long Distance Phone Service

The motion was seconded by Ken Johnston and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Hinson explained that encumbering funds to purchase paper and janitorial supplies for 2009-2010 will allow the District to save money by going through the Kansas City Suburban Purchasing Co-Operative. The Co-Op receives reduced costs by ordering larger quantities. He also stated that the 2009-2010 contract for local and long distance phone service depends on the E-Rate approval.

In regards to future District budget issues, Dr. Hinson is formulating a task force to review and evaluate current programs and services. This process will help to eliminate duplicate services and programs in order to more efficiently serve students.

Dr. Hinson, on behalf of the School District, recognized the Board of Education for their service and dedication to staff, parents, and students. Each member received a small gift as a token of the District's appreciation.

Don Coffman, American Field Service representative, stated that the District was hosting 12 students this year representing 11 different countries. Each student introduced their host families and told about their school activities/involvement: Peter Balonier, Austria; Lukas Bayer, Germany; Khayal Guliyev, Azerbaijan; Atom Harnchonboth, Thailand; Built Saengsurisri, Thailand; Bruno Zappia, Brazil; Therese Boekheid, Norway; Boong Rongdechprateep, Thailand; Clara Otolara, Columbia; Ted Sikkens, Italy; Marie Czech, Germany; and Dania Herrera, Guatemala. They expressed appreciation to the Board of Education for allowing them to attend during the 2008-2009 school year and for providing the necessary support. They have enjoyed their stay and will remember this as a special time in their life.

Nancy Lewis introduced Delores Walton, Deffenbaugh Recycling Company. Ms. Walton provided a power point presentation on the program which will start throughout the District on March 2nd. Besides providing outdoor recycling bins, the program will include classroom containers as well as event containers at each school. Information listing acceptable/not acceptable recycling items will be posted also. Each school will receive a kit explaining the program consisting of a cover letter, guidelines, letters to parents, teacher letters, poster contest information, posters for classrooms, as well as a power point presentation. The recycling program's goal is to impact the environment through recycling.

The District had solicited bids for a realtor to negotiate the potential sale of two schools: Anderson and Mt. Washington Schools. Following review of the bids, the Administration recommends CEAH Realtors to act as the broker on behalf of the Independence School District.

The motion was made by Ira Anders, second by Ann Franklin, to approve the proposal from CEAH Realtors as the broker to negotiate the potential sale of Anderson and Mt. Washington Schools. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Ken Johnston made the motion, second by Susan Jones, at 6:35 p.m. to adjourn the meeting and go into executive session for legal, real estate, and personnel issues. The motion was approved by the Board of Education as follows:

Ayes: Blake Roberson
Ken Johnston
Ann Franklin
Susan Jones
Ira Anders

Absent: Jana Waits

Secretary

President