The Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Board of Education Office, 201 North Forest Avenue, Independence, Missouri.

Members Present:  
Mrs. Denise Fears, President  
Mr. Eric Knipp, Vice President  
Dr. Matt Mallinon, Treasurer  
Mrs. Jill Esry, Director  
Mr. Greg Finke, Director  
Mr. Blake Roberson, Director  
Mrs. Carrie Dixon, Director

Also Present:  
Dr. Dale Herl, Superintendent  
Dr. Lance Stout, Dr. Cindy Grant, Dr. Pam Boatright, Dr. Randy Maglinger, Dr. Prissy LeMay, Dr. Janet Richards, Mr. Dean Katt, Mrs. Sherry Potter, Mr. Todd Theen, PTA, INEA, interested patrons, staff, and Ms. Annette Miller.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Denise Fears, and minutes of the meeting were recorded by the secretary, Ms. Annette Miller. Mrs. Fears welcomed those in attendance.

Eric Knipp made the motion to approve the September 8, 2020 Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Carrie Dixon and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Herl reviewed the September 8, 2020 Consent Agenda with the Bills List totaling $9,639,603.09 which he said is approximately $2,000,000 less than usual for this time of year. He stated that the District started last spring reducing the expenditures outlay based on the reduction in revenues due to the COVID-19 issues.

Greg Finke made the motion that the Board of Education approves the September 8, 2020 Consent Agenda as printed.

1. Minutes – August 11, 2020
2. Approval of September 8, 2020 List of Bills totaling $9,639,603.09

The motion was seconded by Eric Knipp and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Herl reported that school has been in session for two weeks. He also said that this is the largest paradigm shift in education that has ever been seen. He said that a number of other school districts started classes today and some are dealing with technology issues. A robocall was sent out last week notifying parents that students could move from virtual to in-person but they would need to contact their school with this request. The District will continue maintaining 16 students per classroom and some may be lower. Dr. Herl said he received an amended Assessed Valuation report from Jackson County listing the District's AV at $1,113,299,833.00 which is a reduction of approximately $10 million and there may be more reductions as Jackson County is still hearing property assessment appeals. Dr. Herl stated that the District is in the process of developing a dashboard on the website that will state the number of active COVID cases by building (students and staff) as well as the individuals quarantined by percentage for the District and the percentage of active positives in the District.

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

Dr. Herl asked Dr. LeMay to present information on the 2020-2021 Assessment Plan. Dr. LeMay shared information regarding the four goals: provide student growth monitoring so teachers are able to differentiate and support each student's learning; provide the data so students are able to monitor their own learning; prepare college and career-ready graduates; and create a culture of achievement for all students. She said the District is using Illuminate Education which has two platforms: FastBridge and DnA. FastBridge (early reading and math, aReading and aMath) Benchmark: Fall (1-10 grades), Winter (K-10 grades), and Spring (K-10 grades). DnA Grade Level Core Content Common Assessments: End of Unit (K-HS). Dr. LeMay said three assessments are done per year. She shared information on the MAP grade level assessments and End of Course assessments by subjects and grade levels.

Following the presentation, Matt Mallinon made the motion that the Board of Education approves the District's 2020-2021 Assessment Plan, as required by the Missouri School Improvement Plan (MSIP) guidelines, for the Independence School District. The motion was seconded by Blake Roberson and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.
Dr. Stout reported that 81 buses and 4 vans are being used to provide student transportation this year. He said there are 237 routes for the 2020-2021 school year compared to 243 routes last year. He said that several of the propane fueled buses are being used.

Blake Roberson made the motion that the Board of Education approves the 237 Transportation Routes for the Independence School District for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. The motion was seconded by Greg Finke and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Grant provided information on the Local Plan for Compliance and the Assurance Statements-Part B, Sec. 613 of the IDEA. She shared that one language area was updated – changed impairment of a student to a young child with developmental delays.

The motion was made by Jill Esry, second by Carrie Dixon, that the Board of Education approves the Local Compliance Plan and Part B, Sec 613 of the IDEA, to provide special education services for all children (between the ages of 3 and 21) who meet the eligibility criteria as stated in this Plan for the 2020-2021 school year. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education. (Page 11991)

Dr. Herl said that as a cost saving measure, the District participates in a number of cooperatives. This allows the School District to secure much better prices for supplies, furniture, and equipment. The Administration is recommending approval of the membership in the following Cooperatives: AEPA, Buy Board, Education Plus, Kansas City Suburban Joint Purchasing Cooperative, NCPA, NPPGov, Omnia Partners (includes National IPA, TCPN, and U.S. Communities), Sourcewell (formerly NJPA), PEPPM, and TIPS-USA. He also said that the District may contact local vendors for some items.

Eric Knipp made the motion that the Board of Education approves District membership in the following Cooperatives: AEPA, Buy Board, Education Plus, Kansas City Suburban Joint Purchasing Cooperative, NCPA, NPPGov, Omnia Partners (includes National IPA, TCPN, and U.S. Communities), Sourcewell (formerly NJPA), PEPPM, and TIPS-USA. The motion was seconded by Matt Mallinson and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Herl reviewed the list of items submitted by the Facilities Department that are surplus and no longer needed for District use. These items will be sold as scrap, recycled, discarded, and listed for sale on GovDeals.com.

The motion was made by Blake Roberson, second by Greg Finke, that the Board of Education approves declaring the list of items as presented as surplus pursuant to Section 177.091 R.S.M.o. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education. (Page 11992)

Dr. Stout stated that the current video systems on the District’s buses are aging out and need to be replaced. The Administration is recommending approving the quote from REI (Radio Engineering Industries) for Digital Video Recorders and 2TB storage units in the amount of $142,680 with a credit amount of $1,177 per returned unit for a total price for 60 units at $70,380.00.

Matt Mallinson made the motion, second by Eric Knipp, that the Board of Education approves the quote from REI (Radio Engineering Industries) for Digital Video Recorders and 2TB storage units in the amount of $142,680.00 with a credit amount of $1,177.00 per returned unit for a total price for 60 units at $70,380.00. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

There being no further information to come before the Board of Education, Greg Finke made the motion, second by Blake Roberson, to adjourn the meeting and go into executive session for legal and personnel issues at 6:23 p.m. The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Denise Fears
       Eric Knipp
       Matt Mallinson
       Jill Esry
       Blake Roberson
       Greg Finke
       Carrie Dixon

Nays: 

Secretary

President
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION-COMPLIANCE

LOCAL COMPLIANCE PLAN CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

SCHOOL DISTRICT NAME
Independence School District

COUNTY-DISTRICT CODE
048-077

DISTRICT CONTACT
Sherry Potter

DISTRICT PHONE NUMBER
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INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the Adoption and Certification sections below. The form must be signed by the Board President, Superintendent, and Compliance Plan Contact.

Submit form via MAIL or FAX to:
Special Education Compliance
Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
PO Box 480
Jefferson City, MO 65102 or Fax 573-751-3910

QUESTIONS: Contact Special Education Compliance at 573-751-0699 or secompliance@dese.mo.gov

ADOPTION

The Responsible Public Agency has chosen the following (check only one) in regard to adoption of a local plan for compliance with state and federal regulations implementing the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA):

☒ Option A: Adopt the Model Compliance Plan made available by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

☐ Option B: Adapt the Model Compliance Plan made available by the Department with agency revisions. All pages on which revisions have been made to the Model Compliance Plan with highlighted revisions are enclosed. These revisions must be approved by DESE before the agency’s plan becomes final.

☐ Option C: Agency developed Compliance Plan (plan enclosed for DESE’s approval).

CERTIFICATION

The Responsible Public Agency assures that the agency’s Compliance Plan and applicable state and federal regulations constitute the basis for operation and administration of the activities to be carried out in the agency under Part B of the IDEA, to provide special education services for all children with disabilities between the ages of three (3) and twenty-one (21) who meet the eligibility criteria as stated in this plan and under the jurisdiction of the agency.

The Responsible Public Agency assures that programs administered under Part B of the IDEA are in accordance with the assurances provided in 34 CFR 76.301 of the General Education Provision Act (GEPA) and that federal funds made available under Part B of the IDEA are used in accordance with the excess cost and maintenance of fiscal effort and comparable services requirements of 34 CFR Sections 300.202 - 300.205 of the federal regulations governing the IDEA.

The local compliance plan was adopted by the Governing Board of the agency on 09/08/20 (mm/dd/yyyy).

SIGNATURE OF BOARD PRESIDENT

SIGNATURE OF SUPERINTENDENT

SIGNATURE OF COMPLIANCE PLAN CONTACT PERSON

DATE
9/8/2010

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