

**JEFFERSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 14, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Steve Bruce at 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Education offices, 315 East Dunklin.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present: Steve Bruce, Lorelei Schwartz, Pam Murray, Michael Couty, Lori Massman and Scott Hovis. Rich AuBuchon was absent.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Bruce led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Lorelei Schwartz and seconded by Lori Massman. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Abstentions - 0. Absent - 1.

**OPEN FORUM**

Pat Martin, 1065 Choctaw Ridge, spoke in reference to the Food Service Bid under Consent Agenda Items. Bids should not be approved only by the lowest bidder, but by customer service, company integrity, and record of past performance.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

President Bruce presented the Consent Agenda items for approval, including Regular Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2017 and Work Session Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2017. A motion was made by Lorelei Schwartz and seconded by Scott Hovis to approve the Consent Agenda items. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes - 6 Nays - 0. Abstentions - 0. Absent - 1.

**RECOGNITIONS**

Dr. Larry Linthacum, Superintendent, recognized Mrs. Denise Pierce for being named the Missouri Association of School Business Officials Support Staff of the Year.

**TAX RATE HEARING**

As required by law and to inform the public, the tax rate hearing was held, pursuant to proper notice, to formally establish the district's levy for the upcoming school year. See page 142-152 of the packet. Mr. Jason Hoffman, CFO/COO, outlined the information relating to the establishment of the tax rate through a powerpoint presentation. He stated with the Board's approval, the tax rate would go up to \$4.5428. The operating expense will go up .20 cents and the debt service would go up by .65 cents. No one came forward during Open Forum to speak to the tax rate as proposed. Lorelei Schwartz presented a motion to establish the 2017-2018 tax rate of \$4.528. Lori Massman seconded. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Abstentions - 0. Absent - 1.

## **REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Superintendent Update**

Strategic Plan for 2017-2018:

Vision : To become the premier school district in Missouri.

Mission: To give every student hope for a better tomorrow.

Pillars:

1. Learning - We are learners inside and outside of the classroom.
2. Partnership - We are “Stronger Together” through collective action.
3. Stewardship - We are good stewards of patron resources.

Priorities:

1. Focus on the learning process.
2. Focus on the workplace culture.
3. Focus on student behavior.

### **Chief of Learning Update**

Dr. Brian Shindorf welcomed 120 new teachers to the JCPS family this week. All new teachers were involved in professional development the week of August 7 - 11. Go Math training is scheduled for K-12 on Tuesday, August 15.

### **Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operating Officer Update**

Mr. Jason Hoffman has been working on the construction dollars allocated for the new high school and the renovation of the current high school. Progress is moving forward with as planned.

### **Safety and Security Update**

Mr. Michael Couty is the chair for the Safety and Security Committee. Also, on the committee is Jason Hoffman, Bob Weber and Kurt Mueller. The focus is 1). Security 2). Behavior and 3). Learning Environment. The committee will meet quarterly to review safety and security in each building.

### **Policy Committee Update**

Mrs. Pam Murray is the chair of the Policy Committee. Also, on the committee is Mr. Steve Bruce, Mr. Rich AuBuchon, Dr. Larry Linthacum, Dr. Brian Shindorf and Mr. Jason Hoffman. The committee met for the first time on Thursday, August 3rd and will meet quarterly to review policies.

## **FUTURE DATES**

President Bruce reminded the Board members of the upcoming events as listed on the Agenda.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Mentoring Update**

Mr. Hoffman presented the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Big Brothers and Big Sisters. A motion was made to accept the MOU was made by Lori Massman and seconded by Lorelei Schwartz. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Abstentions - 0. Absent - 1.

### Construction Manager at Risk

Mr. Hoffman asked to table until the September Board of Education meeting.

### Tennis Courts

Dr. Linthacum shared that he will proceed with a partnership with Lincoln University and Parks and Recreation designed to construct and maintain tennis facilities at the northwest corner of Dunklin and Lafayette Streets. A Memorandum of Understanding will be presented at the September Board of Education meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Special Education Compliance Program

Mrs. Bridget Frank, Director of Special Services, asked that we adopt the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Special Compliance Program Review Standards and Indicators. A motion was made by Lorelei Schwartz to approve the Special Education Compliance Plan as presented. Scott Hovis seconded. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Abstentions - 0. Absent - 1.

### St. Mary's Hospital

Mrs. Frank presented the new contract for SSM Health for Physical/Speech/Occupational therapy. After much discussion, Bridget will have the contract revised and will present at the September Board of Education meeting.

### Specialized Education of Missouri, Inc.

Mrs. Frank presented the new contract for Specialized Education of Missouri, Inc. A motion was made by Michael Couty and seconded by Lorelei Schwartz. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Abstentions - 0. Absent - 1.

### First Read of Policies

Mrs. Murray presented Board Policies BDDDB-1 and BDDH-1 for first read.

### Easement of Belair Elementary

Mr. Hoffman shared the City of Jefferson would like an easement for the surface water drainage at Belair Elementary. A motion was made by Lorelei Schwartz and seconded by Scott Hovis. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Abstentions - 0. Absent - 1.

### Staffing

#### Foundation Associate Director

Mr. Hoffman shared the JCPS Foundation Associate Director will partner with the Executive Director to increase funds in support of the Jefferson City Public Schools. A motion was made by Scott Hovis and seconded by Pam Murray. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Abstentions - 0. Absent - 1.

### Hearing Officer

Dr. Linthacum shared the primary function of the Hearing Officer is to manage and oversee the district's student discipline hearings. This is a part time position (550 hours). A motion was made by Lorelei Schwartz and seconded by Scott Hovis. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Abstentions - 0. Absent - 1.

### Interim Assistant Activities Director

Dr. Linthacum shared the primary function of the Assistant Activities Director is to manage and oversee the district's interscholastic activity program while working with local community groups to ensure a quality program. A motion was made by Scott Hovis and seconded by Lorelei Schwartz. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Abstentions - 0. Absent - 1.

### **MOTION TO SUSPEND OPEN TO ENTER INTO CLOSED MEETING**

At 7:39 p.m. a motion was made to suspend the regular meeting to enter into closed meeting pursuant to §610.021 (1) legal action, causes of action or litigation,..., (13) individually identifiable personnel records,...; and, (14) records which are protected from disclosure by law. The motion was made by Lori Massman and seconded by Lorelei Schwartz. The motion carried with a roll call vote: Steve Bruce – Aye. Rich AuBuchon – Absent. Lorelei Schwartz – Aye. Pam Murray–Aye. Michael Couty – Aye. Lori Massman - Aye. Scott Hovis - Aye.

### **ADJOURN CLOSED MEETING**

The Board adjourned the closed meeting at 8:40 p.m. with a motion made by Michael Couty and seconded by Lorelei Schwartz. The motion carried with a roll call vote: Steve Bruce – Aye. Rich AuBuchon – Absent. Lorelei Schwartz – Aye. Pam Murray–Aye. Michael Couty – Aye. Lori Massman - Aye. Scott Hovis - Aye.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Lorelei Schwartz presented a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Pam Murray. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Abstentions - 0. Absent – 1. The regular, open meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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Steve Bruce, President

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Stephanie Sappenfield, Secretary