

**JEFFERSON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President John Ruth at 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Education offices, 315 East Dunklin. President Ruth read the District's Mission Statement and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with the following Board members present: Pam Murray, Steve Bruce, Doug Whitehead, John Ruth, Dennis Nickelson, Michael Couty, and Ken Theroff. A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

A motion was made by Doug Whitehead and seconded by Pam Murray to approve the amended agenda. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: 7; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0.

TAX RATE HEARING

2015 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 pages 3 through 11 of the packet. Mr. Jason Hoffman, Chief Operating and Financial Officer, outlined information relating to the establishment of the tax rate through a power point presentation (attached to original minutes). He stated with the Board's approval, the tax rate would remain at \$3.6928 as it has for the past few years. No one came forward during Open Forum to speak to the tax rate as proposed. Michael Couty presented a motion to establish the 2015-16 tax rate of \$3.6928 as detailed and presented. Doug Whitehead seconded. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: 7; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0.

OPEN FORUM

No one came forward to address any item on the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

President Ruth next presented the Consent Agenda items for approval (pages 12 through 25 of the packet – Regular Meeting Minutes of July 13, and August 3 special open and closed minutes, Financials, Transfer of Funds, Disbursements, Personnel Report, and surplus property). Doug Whitehead presented a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items, and Dennis Nickelson seconded. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: 7; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0.

REPORTS AND/OR COMMUNICATIONS

Superintendent Linthacum updated the Board of patron issues which were presented at the last meeting during open forum along with expectations for the upcoming school year. He has Dr. Kathy Foster (Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education), Dr. Tammy Ridgeway (Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education), and Dr. Sheila Logan (Assistant Superintendent for Special Services) to present short verbal updates on the learning environment and classroom management plans for the coming year as well. President Ruth spoke to facility needs and providing resources therefor. He also informed the Board that Dennis Nickelson and Doug Whitehead would be working with Superintendent Linthacum to develop plans for board development and evaluation.

FUTURE DATES

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

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to be considered.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to be considered.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Doug Whitehead presented a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Ken Theroff. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: 7; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0. The regular meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

John Ruth, President

Claudia Borgmeyer, Secretary