

**JEFFERSON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Tami Turner at 6:05 p.m. at the Board of Education Building, 315 East Dunklin Street in Jefferson City. President Turner read the District's Mission and statement "Inspiring Possibilities...Defining Success", announced the Character Trait for December "Compassion and Kindness" and recognized the artwork from Thomas Jefferson and Simonsen. Roll call was taken with all members present: Joy Sweeney, Doug Whitehead, Dennis Nickelson, Tami Turner, John Ruth, Alan Mudd, and Ken Theroff. A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the Agenda was presented by Alan Mudd. John Ruth seconded. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes-7. Nays-None. Abstentions-None. Absent-None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was led by the Board.

OPEN FORUM

No one came forward to address the Board.

BRINGING IT TO THE BOARD VIDEO AND RECOGNITION

This month, Mallory McGowin, Communications and Marketing Specialist for School-Community Relations, provided video of the recently held Academy Jamboree and Academy Showcase.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

President Turner next presented the Consent Agenda items for approval (see pages 3 through 46 of the packet). The Consent Agenda included the regular open and executive minutes of November 11, 2013 and special open of November 15, 2013, the financials and transfer from the general fund to the teacher's fund, the personnel report, as well as a contract for professional services to be rendered. Joy Sweeney presented a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. John Ruth seconded. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes-7. Nays-None. Abstentions-None. Absent-None.

REPORTS AND/OR COMMUNICATIONS

MAP/APR Assessment

Mrs. Dawn Berhorst, Assistant to the Superintendent for Planning and Assessment, presented the data from the most recent MAP/APR assessments. She stated the areas of focus from the data shows us why implementing the strategies in our Strategic Plan are so critical to improve student performance.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Mitchell reported that the most recently completed demographic study is now on the district website which will aid the Long Range Facility Planning Committee in their work to formulate a long range capital improvement plan for the district. He also told the Board the most recent town hall meeting hosted by that Committee was productive and that the committee will be hosting more town halls to gather community input. Dr. Mitchell reported the Academy Jamboree hosted in November was a tremendous success and that two more are being scheduled in January and staff and committee members are working hard to insure implementation of the academies goes as smoothly as possible. He also told the Board the district would host town hall meetings to gather community input with regards to transportation services as the district is looking for ways to better serve more students, and to create start

and end times more conducive to grade span staff development. Dr. Mitchell told the Board he will be collecting feedback from the staff and middle school parents regarding the adoption of the cum laude system to recognize academic performance for our graduating seniors. He stated this system is being used by more and more at several high schools around the state. Dr. Mitchell also reviewed the process of cancelling school because of inclement weather and stated the procedures would be posted on the website.

FUTURE DATES

President Turner presented the upcoming event dates as listed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to come before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

2012-13 District Audit – (separate attachment)

Mr. Jim McGinnis of the Gerding, Korte and Chitwood accounting firm provided the 2012-2013 audit and noted that the financial condition of the Jefferson City Public Schools is very stable. Mr. McGinnis commended the District’s Business Office for their diligence in maintaining excellent accounting practices and for their assistance in providing prompt, accurate information to the accountants for the audit. A motion was made by Alan Mudd and seconded by Joy Sweeney to accept the audit as presented. The motion carried: Ayes-7; Nays-None; Abstentions-None; Absent-None

Contract with Kelly Services

Jason Hoffman, Chief Financial/Chief Operations Officer, presented a contract for the Board members to review over the next month (see pages 56 and 57 of the packet). He stated the contract would pay Kelly Services to handle aspects of substitute teacher hiring, benefits, salaries, etc. and that other school districts including Columbia are using this service. Mr. Hoffman told the Board the costs associated with hiring the services done and the district continuing to do the work necessary are about the same at this time. But he cautioned that with the Affordable Care Act coming into play, the costs could escalate significantly for the district. This contract will be brought back to the board in final form for consideration and approval in December.

2014-15 Student Calendar

The final item presented for consideration was the 2014-15 student calendar (pages 58 and 59 of the packet). Dr. Mitchell stated the draft calendar has been on the district website for Board and patron consideration and comment. A motion was presented by Alan Mudd and seconded by Doug Whitehead to approve the 2014-15 student calendar as presented. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes-7. Nays-None. Abstentions-None. Absent-None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board at this regular meeting, a motion to adjourn the regular open meeting of the Board, and resume the special open and closed meetings, was presented by Alan Mudd and seconded by Joy Sweeney. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes-7. Nays-None. Abstentions-None. Absent-None. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Tami Turner, President

Claudia Borgmeyer, Secretary