

**JEFFERSON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Tami Turner at 4:30 p.m. at the Board Building, 315 East Dunklin. Roll Call was taken with the following members present: Joy Sweeney, Doug Whitehead, Dennis Nickelson, Alan Mudd, and Ken Theroff. John Ruth arrived late to the closed portion of the meeting. A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Alan Mudd. Doug Whitehead seconded. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes-6. Nays-None. Abstentions-None. Absent-1.

MOTION TO SUSPEND OPEN MEETING

A motion to suspend the open meeting of the Board and enter into a special closed session, pursuant to Chapter 610.021 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, Sections (1) Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body . . .; and, (14) records which are protected from disclosure by law was made by Joy Sweeney and seconded by Alan Mudd. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Joy Sweeney – Aye; Doug Whitehead – Aye; Dennis Nickelson – Aye; Tami Turner – Aye; Alan Mudd – Aye; Ken Theroff – Aye. John Ruth was absent. The motion carried.

RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

The regular open meeting resumed at 6:00 p.m. with all Board members present. President Turner read the District's Mission Statement, announced the Character Trait for January "Hardworking/Motivation," recognized the artwork displayed from the High School, and read the district's mission statement.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was led by Dr. Mitchell.

RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Mitchell recognized the beginning of School Boards Week and thanked the Board for their service to the children and staff of our district as well as the community. He then read a proclamation from the Governor and distributed to each member a certificate from the Missouri School Boards' Association in recognition of their service.

OPEN FORUM

Mr. Frank Wallerman, a community member and long-time substitute teacher for the district, asked the Board to seriously consider the contract with Kelly Services to hire and train substitute teachers for the district.

BRINGING IT TO THE BOARD

David Luther and Mallory McGowin presented the second of a series of videos highlighting several of our new teachers.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

President Turner presented the Consent Agenda items for approval (see pages 3 to 40 of the packet). The Consent Agenda included the Special Open, Special Closed, and Regular meeting minutes of December 9, 2013, financial statements, monthly disbursements, the personnel report, and miscellaneous contracts. A motion was made by Alan Mudd and a second by Joy Sweeney to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes-7. Nays-None. Abstentions-None. Absent-None.

REPORTS AND/OR COMMUNICATIONS**High School PLC Update**

Members of the Jefferson City High School Professional Learning Communities (PLC) presented a report on their ongoing work including a review of the work being done, the methods and processes used, and evaluations of labs used and internal communications. The teachers presenting included Lisa Scroggs, Travis Plume, Marshal Luttrell, Amy Cramer, Jana Forck, Shelly Angerer, Shane Williams, Jacob Adams, and Andy Runzi.

Superintendent's Update

Dr. Mitchell provided a review of the continuous improvement process going on in the district and noted that Central Office is working to improve vetting the initiatives being used now and putting a process in place to make sure everything we do answers the following questions: What is the intended purpose/outcome for this activity?; How will progress/success of this activity be measured? By who? How often? With what?; What specific resources are currently being allocated (time, frequency and duration, FTE, funds for supplies, materials, substitutes, training); What additional resources are needed in order to successfully support and sustain this activity?; Does this activity support another activity? Which one/s?; Does this activity rely on another activity? Which one/s?; What communication is needed for this activity (and what are the primary messages)?; Who are the key audiences for this activity? Who will communicate with them? He also reviewed the building-level Characterplus® self-studies that are taking place; as well as the interviews and surveys being conducted by the Excellence in Missouri Foundation which will provide administrators feedback on the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats the district is facing in order to make necessary improvements.

FUTURE DATES

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

OLD BUSINESS**Contract with Kelly Services**

The Board next discussed and considered the contract with Kelly Services to provide trained substitute teachers to the district. The contract was provided to the Board at the December meeting for review. This contract would provide training and benefits to the substitute teachers who work at least one day during the school year. A motion by Alan Mudd and second by Joy Sweeney to approve the contract with Kelly Services carried with the following vote: Ayes-7. Nays-None. Abstentions-None. Absent-None.

NEW BUSINESS**Resolution Authorizing Bonds**

Mr. Dick Bartow of George K. Baum & Company asked the Board to consider and discuss authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of \$9,320,000 general obligation refunding bonds of the School District which will save the district \$786,000 by paying off older bonds and purchasing new bonds at a better rate.

President Turner announced that a proposal to purchase the \$9,320,000 principal amount general obligation refunding bond issue of the District at ninety-nine and thirty hundredths percent (99.30%) of the par value thereof plus original issue premium of \$619,379.20, plus accrued interest had been submitted by George K. Baum & Company, said bonds to bear interest at an average rate of 3.1718%. The bonds will be payable from and secured by a pledge of state aid payments and certain distributions to be made by the State of Missouri to the District under the Missouri Direct Deposit Program administered by the Missouri Health and Educational Facilities Authority.

The matter of the sale of the bonds was then considered by the Board including the comparative advantages and disadvantages of a public or private sale, whereupon Joy Sweeney presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY OF \$9,320,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF JEFFERSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, COLE COUNTY, MISSOURI GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2014 (MISSOURI DIRECT DEPOSIT PROGRAM); PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF SAID BONDS AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CERTAIN RELATED DOCUMENTS, MATTERS AND ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF SAID BONDS.

The motion to adopt the foregoing resolution was seconded by John Ruth. Thereupon, said resolution was duly read and considered, section by section and as a whole, and the question being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

Aye: Joy Sweeney, Doug Whitehead, Dennis Nickelson, Tami Turner, John Ruth, Alan Mudd, and Ken Theroff

Nay: None.

The motion having received an affirmative vote of the members of the Board, the President declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:35 p.m., a motion was presented by Alan Mudd and seconded by John Ruth to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes-7. Nays-None. Abstentions-None. Absent-None.

Tami Turner, President

Claudia Borgmeyer, Secretary