

**JEFFERSON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes of Regular Meeting
November 11, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Tami Turner at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at 315 East Dunklin Street. Art work was recognized as provided by Belair and Callaway Hills elementary schools. President Turner read the district's mission and district statements. Roll Call was then taken with the following Board members present: Joy Sweeney, Doug Whitehead, Dennis Nickelson, Tami Turner, John Ruth and Alan Mudd. A quorum was established.

RECOGNITIONS

The Board recognized and thanked the City-Wide Parent Organization, its President Brenda Hatfield, and all of the PTA and PTO presidents and parent volunteers for their excellent leadership in all of the district schools.

Mike Hall, District Mentor and Instruction Coach, was recognized by the Board of Education for recently being recognized as "Science Teacher of the Year," by the Science Teachers of Missouri Association for his innovative, effective instructional strategies, creativity, enthusiasm, and a love of learning. Mr. Hall was also honored for being an advocate for students and a promoter of science in everyday life. The Board of Education honored Mr. Hall and echoed their support for his excellence in the classroom.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Alan Mudd and seconded by Joy Sweeney. The motion carried: Ayes-6; Nays-0; Abstentions-0; Absent-0.

OPEN FORUM

No one came forward during Open Forum to address the Board.

BRINGING IT TO THE BOARD

Mallory McGowin and David Luther of the School Community Relations office, presented a video featuring the district's Food Service Department. JCPS Food Service staff are well-known for presenting ways to entice students to choose many different quality, healthy and tasty foods on a daily basis.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

President Turner presented the Consent Agenda items for approval (pages 2-28 of the packet). The consent items included the minutes of the October 14 regular and the October 30 special meetings, the financials, transfer of funds, monthly disbursements, and personnel report. A motion to approve all Consent Agenda items was presented by Joy Sweeney and seconded by Alan Mudd. Dennis Nickelson abstained from voting on Item B of the consent items. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes-5; Nays-0; Abstentions-1; Absent-0.

REPORTS AND/OR COMMUNICATIONS

Academy Planning Committee Update

Myron Graber, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education introduced staff and a businessman who shared the work they are doing related to the Academies at Jefferson City High School. Debbie Strobe and Karen Brickey, who serve as the academy business liaisons, shared the progress they are making in enlisting business support for the academies. Mr. Ken Enloe, a local businessman and active member of the academy development teams, also addressed the Board. Mr. Enloe stressed the importance of developing a strong marketing campaign for the academies and making sure that all school employees

were supportive of the academy concept. Ms. Brittany Meador, an English teacher at Simonsen, shared the successes she and Civics teacher, Jill Luebbert, are having with their integrated course “Perspectives in Citizenship.” Ms. Meador noted that students are doing project based learning that combines English, Civics and Computer Applications. Mr. Terry Walker, who teaches Introduction to Computational Thinking and Introduction to Engineering Design at Simonsen, shared his thoughts on how communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity are being applied in his courses.

United Way Report

Mrs. Terra Parris, the coordinator for the JCPS United Way effort, reported on the generosity of the district’s staff who pledged \$52,133 to the United Way campaign. The Board thanked Mrs. Parris for her work in coordinating this effort.

MSBA Activities and Legislative Update

Mr. Mike Reid, MSBA Legislative Consultant, presented the Board with a look at what may and will be coming up in the General Assembly this session. He noted he would return in February or March with a further update.

Communications Plan and Report

David Luther, Assistant to the Superintendent for School-Community Relations, shared the District’s 2013-2018 Comprehensive Communications Plan which was developed with the assistance of the Communications Advisory Team (group of parents and staff). The plan and report can be found on pages 29-63 of the packet. Mallory McGowin and Terra Parris reported on the various projects and events for which they are responsible.

FUTURE DATES

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

OLD BUSINESS

The Board next second read the Board policies with the recommended revisions provided by the Policy Review Committee and the Missouri Schools’ Association. Those policies included: Second Read/Approve Board Policies with Recommended Revisions Provided by Board Policy Review Committee and Missouri School Boards Association: DLB, EBBA, ECG, FEF, GBCC (as further revised by committee after first reading), GCBDA, GDBDA, IGBE, IGBH (suspend first reading change in coordinator title only), IGC, IGCE, IKF, IND, JCB, JECC, JHG (as further revised by committee after first reading), JO, GCA, GDA, GBE, GDPB. Penney Rector, Assistant to the Superintendent for Human Resources and District Counsel, asked the Board to adopt the above policies as presented. See pages 64 to 161 of the packet. A motion by Joy Sweeney and a second by Alan Mudd was presented. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes-6; Nays-0; Abstentions-0; Absent-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Candidate Filing Dates

The Board next considered adoption of the Board Candidate Filing Dates on pages 162 and 163 of the packet. There are three seats up for election this year – Tami Turner, John Ruth, and a vacant seat. A motion was made by Doug Whitehead and seconded by Joy Sweeney to approve and publish the filing dates as listed. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes-6; Nays-0; Abstentions-0; Absent-0.

2014-15 Draft Calendar

The Board first read the 2014-15 draft student calendar. See pages 164 to 166 of the packet.

2013-14 First Budget Amendment

Jason Hoffman, Chief Financial/Chief Operating Officer for the District, presented a first amendment to the 2013-14 budget. See page 167 of the packet. A motion to approve the 2013-14 first budget amendment was presented by John Ruth and seconded by Joy Sweeney. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes-6; Nays-0; Abstentions-0; Absent-0.

Appointment of New Board Member

The Board next discussed and reviewed the resumes of Steve Bruce and Ken Theroff to be prepared to appoint one of the gentlemen to fill the vacant seat on the Board left by the departure of Marie Peoples. See pages 168 to 174 of the packet. A motion was presented by Alan Mudd to appoint Ken Theroff to serve out the remaining term of Ms. Peoples and was seconded by Dennis Nickelson. The motion carried by the following vote: Ayes-6; Nays-0; Abstentions-0; Absent-0.

MOTION TO SUSPEND

A motion to suspend the regular open session and enter into closed session for the following purposes pursuant to Chapter 610.021, Sections (1) legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body...; (3) hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees...; (13) individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records...; and (14) records which are protected from disclosure by law, RSMo was presented by Joy Sweeney and seconded by John Ruth. Roll call was taken with the following vote: Joy Sweeney – Aye, Doug Whitehead – Aye, Dennis Nickelson – Aye, Tami Turner – Aye, John Ruth – Aye, and Alan Mudd – Aye. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Turner asked for a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education. The motion was presented by Dennis Nickelson and seconded by Joy Sweeney. The motion carried: Ayes-6; Nays-None; Abstentions-None; Absent-None. The regular meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Tami Turner, President

Claudia Borgmeyer, Secretary