

**JEFFERSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
315 EAST DUNKLIN
JEFFERSON CITY, MO
MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016**

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 Building, 315 East Dunklin Street, Jefferson City, MO.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Pam Murray, Steve Bruce, Doug Whitehead, John Ruth, Dennis Nickelson, and Ken Theroff. Michael Couty was absent. A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Ruth led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

No one came forward with an open item.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

President Ruth presented the Consent Agenda items for approval, including Regular and Closed Meeting minutes of January 11, 2016. A motion was made by Doug Whitehead and seconded by Ken Theroff to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes-5. Nays-0. Abstentions-1. Absent-1. Steve Bruce abstained from voting on item VI. (Item D. Personnel Report).

REPORTS AND/OR COMMUNICATIONS

Superintendent Update

Superintendent Larry Linthacum gave an update on the staff survey that was sent to all district staff in early January. The two areas of concern are student accountability and behavior. We need to provide a student behavior task force and offer professional development to all teachers. Our goal is for the kids to have a positive learning environment in each building.

Central office structure for the 2016-2017 school year will have less Assistant Superintendents. We currently have 9 Assistant Superintendents and will move to 3 Central Office Administrators and 6 Directors.

Attendance is up this year from last year. This year our attendance is 94.9% and last year it was 93.9%. Attendance is one of the 5 evaluated areas of the APR.

Mrs. Dawn Berhorst, Assistant to the Superintendent, Student Information, Planning and Assessment gave a brief update on the predictor model for APR. Data is being compiled to find our weakness and strengths. The number of students on track to graduate is based on credits earned. This piece has delayed us from getting the final measure in place. See Dawn's report.

CO Reports

Dr. Gretchen Guitard, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Staff Services gave an update on professional development. We need to focus on fewer standards; 2 or 3 areas, so the teachers became proficient in those areas. Gretchen is meeting each building individually to get a common ground on the needs.

Dr. Kathy Foster, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education gave a brief update on literacy. There is a Reading Specialist in each building that focuses on reading recovery. This is a one on one program for individual children and small group intervention. Professional Development courses are targeted towards reading recovery, grade level training and beginning teacher literacy courses. This allows the new teachers the support they need to succeed. See Kathy's report.

Dr. Tammy Ridgeway, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education provided information on instruction at the secondary level. Staff members participated in two day training on MATH 180. This course is an intervention piece for students struggling in math.

JCPS Foundation Report

Mrs. Karen Enloe, Executive Director of the Foundation, reported on the activities and highlights of the Foundation for the past year. She also included a brief report on the annual gala and the Foundation's plans for future endeavors.

Project Lead the Way

Ms. Karen Brickey, Coordinator and High School staff Jana Forck, Mallory Dischert and Dana Mutert presented information on Project Lead the Way (PLTW). PLTW is a program aimed at helping students develop the skills necessary to succeed in our global economy through the K-12 STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs it offers. The biomedical team will be undergoing national certification this year and computer science next year. Staff members along with students Bailey Patrick, Charles Uptergrove and Lucy Liao presented the program, experiences with collaborative projects, the training the staff members must undergo, and the integration of courses into the chosen field.

FUTURE DATES

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

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to come before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Amendment

Mr. Jason Hoffman, Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operating Officer, presented a second amendment to the 2015-2016 budget. See pages 33-43 of the packet for the amendment and supporting documents. A motion to approve the 2015-2016 second budget amendment was presented by Steve Bruce and seconded by Dennis Nickelson. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes-6. Nays-0. Abstentions-0. Absent-1.

Audit Firm Selection

Mr. Jason Hoffman, Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operating Officer and the audit committee reviewed 6 RFP's and interviewed 2 firms to audit the Jefferson City Public Schools financial statements beginning 2016-2017 school year. The committee selected Graves and Associates. A motion to approve Graves and Associates proposal was presented by Steve Bruce and seconded by Pam Murray. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes-6. Nays-0. Abstentions-0. Absent-1.

Mediacom

Mr. Joe Martin, Director of Technology, shared that the District's current contract for Wide Area Network (WAN) services is due to expire at the end of June this year. Several bids were reviewed with a bandwidth of 1g to 10g. Mediacom was chosen for a 5 year contract. A motion to approve Mediacom proposal was presented by Pam Murray and seconded by Doug Whitehead. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes-6. Nays-0. Abstentions-0. Absent-1.

Architects Alliance, Inc.

Mr. Bob Weber, Director of Facilities provided an overview of repairs needed at Lewis and Clark Middle School. Repairs are needed on the track and field and the cafeteria floor slab. Conditions for both areas

have occurred slowly over time and are in need of repair. Repairs are estimated to be done May 15 – August 15, 2016. A motion to approve Architects Alliance proposal was presented by Pam Murray and seconded by Steve Bruce. 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 7:56 p.m. a motion was made to suspend the regular meeting to enter into closed session pursuant to §610.021 (1) Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body...; (13) individually identifiable personnel records,...; and (14) records which are protected from disclosure by law. The motion was made by Steve Bruce and seconded by Ken Theroff. The motion carried with a roll call vote: John Ruth–Aye. Steve Bruce–Aye. Doug Whitehead–Aye. Dennis Nickelson–Aye. Ken Theroff–Aye. Pam Murray–Aye. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes–6. Nays–0. Abstentions–0. Absent–1.

ADJOURN CLOSED MEETING

The Board adjourned the closed meeting at 10:02 p.m. with a motion made by Doug Whitehead and seconded by Steve Bruce. The motion carried with a roll call vote: John Ruth–Aye. Steve Bruce–Aye. Doug Whitehead–Aye. Dennis Nickelson–Aye. Ken Theroff–Aye. Pam Murray–Aye. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes–6. Nays–0. Abstentions–0. Absent–1.

RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

The regular open meeting resumed at 10:02 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ken Theroff presented a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Doug Whitehead. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes–6. Nays- 0. Abstentions–0. Absent–1. The regular, open meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

John Ruth, President

Stephanie Sappenfield, Secretary