

**JEFFERSON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 14, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 p.m., President Tami Turner called the regular meeting of the Board to order. She read the district's mission statement, areas of focus, and recognized Thorpe Gordon Elementary and Lawson Elementary Art students and teachers for their work displayed in the board room. President Turner announced the character trait of the month "Accountable."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Superintendent Mitchell.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Tami Turner, Dennis Nickelson, Doug Whitehead, Joy Sweeney, John Ruth, Alan Mudd, and Ken Theroff. A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Alan Mudd and seconded by Joy Sweeney to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved with the following vote: Ayes – 7. Nays – None. Abstentions – None. Absent – None.

OPEN FORUM

No one came forward to address the Board.

RECOGNITIONS

The Board recognized the JCHS Student Council present and incoming officers who told the board of the group's activities over the past year. The members included Danica Ridgeway, Indyanna Connor, Carley Baker, and Mallory Wilding. They told the board that the Student Council was selected to serve as the Missouri Association of Student Councils State Vice President next year. They will help plan and run next year's Convention at Park Hill South High School in Kansas City. David Luther introduced the 2014 Vanguard Group Graduating Class. This program provides current parent and community leaders a closer look at how our school district operates. Retiring administrators Dr. Pat Wright-Tatum (37 years in education), Ms. Roberta Hubbs (35 years in education), and David Luther (30 years in education) were then recognized by the Board and a short reception was held a short while later.

Dr. Mitchell and all of the board members then recognized and thanked outgoing board president Tami Turner for her service to the board and district during the past year as president. And as an outgoing board member, the board also thanked Ms. Turner for her nine years of service to the children of the district as a board member.

BRINGING IT TO THE BOARD

David Luther presented a video titled "iPads in Action." This video featured West Elementary students using iPads in their everyday learning this past school year. Their teacher, Ms. Lisa Maloney, explained how she uses the iPads in her everyday lessons.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

President Turner presented the Consent Agenda items (pages 3 through 21 of the packet) for approval. A motion was made by Joy Sweeney and seconded by John Ruth to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. The items were approved with the following vote: Ayes – 7. Nays – None. Abstentions – None. Absent – None.

REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS**Academy Implementation**

Mr. Myron Graber, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education was joined by Simonsen 9th grade counselors Jaime Marshall, Tim Ritter and Carrie Phillips Welch, to present the implementation plans for the Academies @ Jefferson City High School (including Simonsen) for the 2014-2015 school year. Incoming freshmen next fall will be placed in one of seven career-oriented academies. Efforts resulted in 100% placement of all students in their first choice academy with ability to maintain a reasonable balance of demographic factors in all academies.

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Brian Mitchell reported that 479 kindergartners have pre-registered for kindergarten this fall. He said this number at this time is usually 2/3 of all students who will have completed registration for any given school year. So the 2014-15 school year could see anywhere from an estimated 725-750 kindergarten students which would be the 6th consecutive year of 700+ students. Dr. Mitchell told the board this many students will cause overcrowding issues for our elementaries as well as secondaries. He told the board this information will be shared with the Long Rang Facilities Planning Committee to aid them in their drafting of a 20-year facilities plan for the district. He also reported briefly on legislation which may or may not pass and how it might affect the district's budget.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to come before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

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ELECTION RESULTS

Doug Whitehead presented a motion to approve the April 8, 2014, board candidate election results as certified by the county clerks and as reflected on page 22 of the packet. Joy Sweeney seconded. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes – 7. Nays – None. Abstentions – None. Absent – None.

MOTION TO RECESS AND ADJOURN SINE DIE

A motion was presented to recess for a short reception for the retiring administrators and to adjourn sine die (indefinitely) was presented by Dennis Nickelson and seconded by Joy Sweeney. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes-7. Nays-None. Abstentions-None. Absent-None.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD**Oath**

The Oath of Office was given by Secretary Claudia Borgmeyer to newly elected Board Members Ken Theroff and Steve Bruce. Each member signed a hard copy of the oath as administered which will be placed in the official minute book.

Reorganization**Temporary Chair and President Nominations**

Superintendent Mitchell then presided as temporary chairman and asked the members for nominations for President. Joy Sweeney nominated Dennis Nickelson to serve as President and moved that nominations cease and that Dr. Nickelson be elected by acclamation. Alan Mudd seconded. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes – 7. Nays – None. Abstentions – None. Absent – None.

Vice President Nominations

Superintendent Mitchell then asked for nominations for the office of Board Vice President. John Ruth nominated Doug Whitehead to serve as Vice President and that nominations cease Mr. Whitehead be elected by acclamation. Joy Sweeney seconded. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes – 7. Nays – None. Abstentions – None. Absent – None.

Treasurer Nominations

The meeting was then turned over to the new President, Dennis Nickelson. He then asked for nominations for the office of Treasurer. Joy Sweeney nominated John Ruth to serve as Treasurer and that nominations cease and Mr. Ruth be elected by acclamation. Doug Whitehead seconded. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes – 7. Nays – None. Abstentions – None. Absent – None.

Secretary Nominations

President Nickelson then called for nominations for the office of Secretary. Alan Mudd nominated Claudia Borgmeyer to serve as Secretary and that nominations cease and Ms. Borgmeyer be elected by acclamation. Joy Sweeney seconded. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes – 7. Nays – None. Abstentions – None. Absent – None.

CALL TO ORDER OF NEW BOARD

President Nickelson introduced the new officers of the reconstituted Board of Education: Dennis Nickelson – President, Doug Whitehead – Vice President, John Ruth – Treasurer, and Claudia Borgmeyer – Secretary. He then called the newly organized Board to order.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with all of the members present: Joy Sweeney, Steve Bruce, John Ruth, Doug Whitehead, Dennis Nickelson, Alan Mudd, and Ken Theroff. All members were present and a quorum was established.

NEW BUSINESS

Delegates and Alternate

Doug Whitehead nominated John Ruth to serve as the Board of Education's Delegate to the Missouri School Boards Association and Joy Sweeney as the Alternate. Alan Mudd seconded. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes – 7. Nays – None. Abstentions – None. Absent – None.

Hawthorn Bank and Central Bank Certifications/Resolutions

A motion was presented by Doug Whitehead to adopt the Hawthorn Bank and Central Bank resolutions which would allow the new president, vice president, and treasurer signing authorization on the various district accounts held at both banks. Joy Sweeney seconded. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes – 7. Nays – None. Abstentions – None. Absent – None.

FUTURE DATES

President Nickelson reminded the members of the district activities under Future Dates.

ADJOURN

The Board adjourned at 8:55 p.m. via motion to adjourn by Joy Sweeney and a second by John Ruth. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes – 7. Nays – None. Abstentions – None. Absent – None.

Dennis Nickelson, President

Claudia Borgmeyer, Secretary