

**JEFFERSON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 12, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Dennis Nickelson at 6:00 p.m. President Nickelson read the mission statement of the district, the district's areas of focus, reviewed the board's responsibility as to the foundational principles of effective governance, reminded everyone of the Character Trait for the month of May: Forgiving, and recognized North Elementary and Lewis and Clark Middle School Art students and their teachers for their work displayed in the board room. The pledge of allegiance was led by the Board and Penney Rector, Assistant to the Superintendent for Human Resources and District Counsel. Dr. Mitchell was absent due to a death in the family.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**RECOGNITION**

The Board recognized and congratulated Mrs. Gara Loskill on her retirement. They thanked her for her 34 years with the district as a teacher, Miller Center director, and most recently the Characterplus® and Mentoring Coordinator for the last five years.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion to approve the agenda with the removal of consent agenda item VII.M was made by Joy Sweeney and seconded by Alan Mudd. 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 during Open Forum.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

President Nickelson presented the Consent Agenda items without item VII.M for approval (pages 3 to 115 of the packet). A motion was made by John Ruth and seconded by Joy Sweeney, to approve the consent agenda items as amended. The items were approved with the following vote: Ayes-6. Nays-None. Abstentions-1. Absent-None. Dennis Nickelson abstained from the vote on Disbursements.

**REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

**Characterplus® Program Update**

Mrs. Gara Loskill presented a short overview of the activities from the beginning of the program at JCPS to the present time.

**Mentoring Program Update**

Mr. Kurt Hafley, Mentoring Coordinator, presented an update of the mentoring program's activities during the past year.

**Instructional Initiatives**

Dr. Kathy Foster, Dr. Gretchen Guitard, and Mr. Myron Graber presented a brief overview of what is taking place in the area of instruction districtwide. The powerpoint and the handouts presented are attached to the original minutes.

**Superintendent's Update**

Mrs. Rector updated the Board on the legislative session and override of the Governor's veto of Senate Bill 509 and the implications for the district because of that. He also shared information about other bills including House Bill 1490.

**FUTURE DATES**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business to come before the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS****Compliance Plan for Special Education**

Dr. Sheila Logan asked the Board to adopt the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Model Compliance Plan for Special Education. Joy Sweeney presented a motion to adopt the state's model as presented. Doug Whitehead seconded. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes-6. Nays-None. Abstentions-None. Absent-One (Mr. Mudd left the meeting early due to illness.)

**2013-14 Budget Amendment**

Mr. Jason Hoffman, Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operations Officer, presented the third amendment to the budget. Steve Bruce presented a motion to approve the budget amendment. Ken Theroff seconded. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes-6. Nays-None. Abstentions-None. Absent-One.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the board's regular meeting, a motion was made by Doug Whitehead and seconded by John Ruth to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. with the following vote: Ayes-6. Nays-None. Abstentions-None. Absent-One.

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Dennis Nickelson, President

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Claudia Borgmeyer, Board Secretary