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MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD RETREAT/WORK SESSION
CAPE GIRARDEAU SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 63
Wednesday, July 9, 2008, 8:30 a.m.
Cape Girardeau Board of Education
301 N. Clark Street

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Kyle McDonald (President), Mr. Paul Nenninger (Vice-President), Mr. Charles Bertrand, Ms. Stacy Kinder, Ms. Laura Sparkman, Mr. Tony Smee, and Dr. Steve Trautwein.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dr. James Welker, Ms. Laverne Smith, Ms. Pat Fanger, Ms. Misty Clifton, Ms. Deena Ring, Mr. Neil Glass and Ms. Lindy Bavolek.

A quorum being present and due notice having been mailed and published, the special session of the Board of Education of Cape Girardeau School District No. 63 was called to order on July 9, 2008 at 8:38 a.m. by Mr. Kyle McDonald, Board President.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Paul Nenninger and seconded by Dr. Steve Trautwein to amend the agenda by removing item III. A. (Approval of Re-Naming of Alternative Education Center) from the agenda. Discussion followed. The motion failed with the following roll call votes of three nays, two yeas and one abstention:

Mr. Bertrand	Abstain	Ms. Sparkman	Nay
Mr. Nenninger	Yea	Ms. Kinder	Nay
Dr. Trautwein	Yea	Mr. Smee	Nay

A motion was made by Ms. Sparkman and seconded by Dr. Trautwein to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried with six yeas and one nay.

Business Item

A motion was made by Mr. Smee and seconded by Mr. Bertrand to approve the re-naming of the Alternative Education Center to the Central Academy for Alternative Learning. After lengthy discussion, the motion failed with the following roll call votes of three nays, two yeas and one abstention:

Mr. Bertrand	Nay	Ms. Sparkman	Yea
Mr. Nenninger	Nay	Ms. Kinder	Yea
Dr. Trautwein	Nay	Mr. Smee	Abstain

Work Session

Dr. Welker introduced Neil Glass, Director of Administrative Services, and then welcomed the Board and the Central Administrative Team to the meeting. Dr. Welker gave each Board member three different pieces of colored paper and asked each Board member to identify any issues or challenges they believed the district was facing. They were to prioritize them in the following colors: #1 – orange, #2 – green and #3 – purple.

Dr. Welker then collected the papers in random order and placed them in the following four categories:

- 1) Instruction/Curriculum
- 2) Finance Issues
- 3) Facilities
- 4) Board/Policies

The Board then responded and added items they felt were important to the district and to the Board in each of the four categories. A final list of issues and challenges was compiled.

Dr. Welker then gave each Board member another piece of paper and asked them to write down what they felt was the real strengths of Cape Girardeau Public Schools. This list of strengths was also compiled for later use.

Board members thanked Dr. Welker for being able to communicate their ideas and thoughts for the district through this process and felt this meeting was an excellent start in communication between the superintendent and the Board of Education.

62 **Adjournment**

63 **At 12:40 p.m. a motion was made by Dr. Trautwein and seconded by Mr. Smee to adjourn the meeting. The**
64 **motion carried with seven yeas and zero nays.**

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66 **Respectfully submitted,**

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69 **Laverne Smith**
70 **Secretary, Board of Education**