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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CAPE GIRARDEAU SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 63
Monday, October 15, 2007, 6:00 p.m.
Board of Education and Administration Offices
301 North Clark
Cape Girardeau, Missouri

9 **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

10 **Dr. Steve Trautwein (President), Mr. Kyle McDonald (Vice-President), Mr. Charles**
11 **Bertrand, Mr. Tom Reinagel, Ms. Martha Hamilton, and Mr. Paul Nenninger.**

13 **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

14 **Ms. Laura Sparkman**

16 **OTHERS PRESENT:**

17 **Dr. David Scala, Ms. Theresa Hinkebein, Ms. Brenda McCowan, Ms. Deena Ring, Ms. Pat**
18 **Fanger, Mr. Pat Morgan, Ms. Laverne Smith, Dr. Mike Cowan, Ms. Barbara Port, Mr. Jim**
19 **Fees, Mr. Earl Norman, Ms. Cheryl Sebaugh, Ms. Julia Jorgensen, Mr. Jim Watkins, Ms.**
20 **Martha Dodson, Ms. Debbie Lusk, Mr. Neil Casey, Ms. Carla Fee, Ms. Lesa Hinton, Ms.**
21 **Amanda Dugan, Ms. Kathie Brennan, Mr. Rex Crosnoe, Miss Katie Keele, Ms. Angela Keele,**
22 **Mr. Nathan Berg, Mr. Jackson Snyder, Ms. Mr. Eric Snyder, Ms. Gretchen Adams, Mr.**
23 **Keiran Adams, Ms. Teri Jones, Mr. Lonnie Lusk, Miss Laura Lusk, Ms. Ruth Ann Orr, Mr.**
24 **Mark Cook, Gerald Richards, Ms. Sharonda Marshall, Miss Alicia Barber, Mr. Russell**
25 **Grammer, Ms. Amy Grammer, Mr. John Grammer, Miss Kylee Stevenson, Mr. Gary**
26 **Stevenson, Ms. Karen Stevenson, Mr. Garrett Jackson, Ms. Jill Jackson, Miss Elesha Jones,**
27 **and Ms. Sherrita Jones.**

29 **A quorum being present and due notice having been mailed and published, the regular**
30 **session of the Board of Education of Cape Girardeau School District No. 63 was called to**
31 **order on Monday, October 15, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. by Dr. Steven Trautwein, Board President.**

33 **Dr. Trautwein asked the audience to stand and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

35 **Approval of Agenda**

36 **A motion was made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Mr. Reinagel to approve the agenda.**
37 **Dr. Scala asked that his letter to be release from his contract be added asd part of the**
38 **personnel report. The motion carried with a vote of six yeas and zero nays.**

40 **“Terrific Tiger” Recognition**

41 **The following students received the “*Terrific Tiger Award*” based on service to others,**
42 **leadership and scholarship.**

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44 **ALMA SCHRADER ELEMENTARY** Katie Keele, Grade 2
45 **BLANCHARD ELEMENTARY** Alicia Barber, Grade 4
46 **CLIPPARD ELEMENTARY** Garrett Jackson, Grade 4
47 **FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY** Kylee Stevenson, Grade 4
48 **JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY** John Grammer, Grade 1
49 **CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL** Jackson Snyder, Grade 5
50 **CAPE CENTRAL JUNIOR HIGH** Keiran Adams, Grade 8
51 **CAPE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL** Laura Lusk, Grade 12
52 **ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION CENTER** Elesha Jones, Grade 9

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Information, Proposals or Comments from the Audience

Mr. Nathan Berg, representative from Broker Benefit Services, addressed the Board concerning health insurance.

Informational Reports

Board President's Report:

No report

Superintendent's Report:

- Dr. Scala updated the Board on the situation at Franklin Elementary School. The County Health Department reported that almost all of the students and staff at Franklin have been tested for Tuberculosis and no one had a positive reaction. The Health Department will do another screening on December 14.
- Dr. Scala presented a letter of resignation to the Board and asked that they consider releasing him from his contract as of June 30, 2008.

CTA Organization:

Ms. Amanda Dugan, president of CTA, reported the following:

- Ms. Teresa Taylor received a mini-grant from Southeast Missouri Regional CTA Organization.
- Ms. Dugan reported that the local CTA organization will be donating \$250 to the Cape Girardeau School Foundation.
- Ms. Dugan informed the Board that the MSTA would be sponsoring a petition on "Commit to Quality School Campaign" to be presented at the Missouri legislative session.

MNEA Organization:

No one was present from this organization.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. McCowan presented the Treasurer's report, which included the district's revenue and expenses to date, transfers, and ending fund balance of September 30, 2007 of \$21,825,541.93.

Board Reports:

Legislative Report:

No report

MSBA Report:

- Mr. Nenninger reported that three Board members attended the MSBA Regional Meeting at Nell Holcomb on Collective Bargaining.

Cape Public School Foundation:

- Dr. Scala reported that the Foundation held a very successful tailgate party at the homecoming football game on October 11. They are in the process of planning another fundraiser, The Penguin Party, in February of 2008.

Facilities Report

- Mr. Morgan reported he is working on the five-year district facilities plan and will be presenting it to the Board in the near future.

108 **Approval of Consent Agenda**

109 A motion was made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Mr. Nenninger to approve the
110 following consent agenda, with a correction to line 241 of the agenda:

- 111 1. Minutes of September 17, 2007,
- 112 2. Payment of Bills,
- 113 3. Personnel

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115 Dr. Trautwein asked if any Board member wished to have any item of the consent agenda
116 removed from the consent agenda and no request was made. The motion carried with six
117 yeas and zero nays.

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119 **Business Items**

120 **Professional Learning Community at Central High School:** Dr. Scala introduced Dr. Cowan,
121 Principal of Central High School, who presented the Professional Learning Community
122 restructuring plan to the Board. Dr. Cowan pointed out that the number one purpose of
123 Central High School was to increase level of academic achievement for a greater number of
124 students and believed this plan could begin to accomplish that purpose. The plan calls for the
125 high school to add one class period to the class period schedule with school starting at 7:30
126 a.m. and concluding at 2:45 p.m. After discussion a motion was made by Ms. Hamilton and
127 seconded by Mr. Reinagel to approve the Professional Learning Community restructuring
128 plan at Central High School. The administration is to bring back ways of implementation of
129 the PLC plan for the next Board meeting. The motion carried with six yeas and zero nays.

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131 **Alternative Learning Center:** Dr. Scala informed the Board that this item was not an action
132 item but an information session on the relocation and plans for the Alternative Education
133 Center. Phillip Smith, Architect, Mr. Morgan and Carla Fee updated on the Board on the
134 plans.

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136 The Board asked Mr. Morgan and Mr. Smith for more definite cost figures to be presented at
137 the next Board meeting.

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139 The Board also asked that the school's legal counsel be present at the next meeting to explain
140 the conditions on the sale of the Schultz property.

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142 **CMS Bus Loading:** Mr. Morgan addressed the Board on the Central Middle School bus
143 loading problem. Mr. Morgan explained the current proposal to the Board and stated he had
144 an approximate cost of \$10,000 for preparing the tennis courts for use as a bus loading zone.
145 After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Reinagel and seconded by Mr. McDonald to
146 connect the two surfaces to create one complete parking area, utilize the existing entrance to
147 that area and postpone any resurfacing until next summer; at which time we can further
148 assess what we need and want to do. The motion carried with five yeas and one nay.

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150 **Ameren UE Easement:** Dr. Scala explained the request from Ameren UE for a 20 foot
151 easement at the Central High School. He introduced Mr. Jim Fees and stated Mr. Fees would
152 answer any questions the Board members may have. Mr. Fees explained that Ameren UE
153 would be paying the school district a total of \$8,800 for the easement. After discussion, a
154 motion was made by Mr. Reinagel and seconded by Ms. Hamilton to approve Ameren UE's
155 request for a 20 foot easement along the North boundary of Central High School property;
156 contingent upon approval of the wording by the school's attorney. The motion carried with
157 six yeas and zero nays.

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161 **Kingdom Hall “Agreement”:**

162 Dr. Scala, Mr. Morgan informed the Board that the Kingdom Hall had requested a 10 foot
163 agreement for construction of a facility adjacent to the Career and Technology Center. Mr.
164 Earl Norman, representing the Kingdom Hall, was available to speak to the Board and
165 answer any questions. After discussion, the following three motions were made concerning
166 this “agreement”:

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168 A motion was made by Mr. Reinagel and seconded by Ms. Hamilton that the District allow
169 the connection of the sewer force main by agreement with Kingdom Hall per the following:
170 a) that it will be abandoned upon construction of public sewers, gravity or pressure,
171 on the adjoining property and
172 b) that the Kingdom Hall will be responsible for relocating the sewer force main
173 should any future improvements by the District require relocation.
174 The motion carried with six yeas and zero nays.

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176 A motion was made by Ms. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Nenninger that the
177 Superintendent and the school’s legal counsel enter into an agreement with the Kingdom Hall
178 for the use and modification of the retention basin on District property located on Central
179 High School site. The motion carried with six yeas and zero nays.

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181 A motion was made by Mr. Reinagel and seconded by Mr. Nenninger that the District allow
182 installation of an additional fire hydrant by the Kingdom Hall on the southwest corner of the
183 Career and Technology Center site, provided any pavement removed by the construction will
184 be repaired appropriately. The motion carried with six yeas and zero nays.

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186 **2007-2008 Budget:** Ms. McCowan had previously sent out the budget to all administrators
187 and Board members. Ms. McCowan went over changes that were made to the budget and
188 answer several questions from Board members. Dr. Trautwein asked for a motion to adopt
189 the 2007-2008 budget as presented. The issue died for lack of a motion and second.

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191 The Board asked for a visual presentation at the next meeting when the budget was again
192 presented for approval.

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194 Dr. Scala informed the Board that due to additional auditing because of state mandates, the
195 audit report would be in the hands of the Board members by October 31, 2007, as stated in
196 the District policies.

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198 **Resolution for Loan:** Dr. Scala and Ms. McCowan explained this resolution was for an
199 advancement of funds until our local money was available in November or December and
200 was a common practice with the District. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Mr.
201 Reinagel and seconded by Mr. McDonald to approve a Resolution, in accordance with
202 Missouri Statute 165.131 and School Board Policy DC, authorizing directing the issuance and
203 delivery of tax and revenue anticipation note(s); prescribing the form and detail of said
204 note(s); authorizing and approving certain documents and other actions in connection with
205 the issuance of said note(s) up to \$3,500,000. The motion carried with six yeas and zero nays.

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207 **CSIP:** Dr. Scala presented to the Board for approval three action steps revision that was
208 recommended for adoption by the CSIP Committee. After discussion, a motion was made by
209 Mr. McDonald and seconded by Ms. Hamilton to approve the following action steps revisions
210 to the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan.

- 211 1. **Objective 1, Strategy 5, Action Step 1 (1.5.1)**
212 **Maintain the Balanced Literacy Program K-8 long enough to see systemic change an**
213 **annually provide data to show progress.**

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2. **Objective 1, Strategy 5, Action Step 2 (1.5.2)**
Investigate Balanced Literacy, or similar literacy programs for the academic intervention class at the secondary level.
3. **Objective 4, Strategy 1, Action Step 4 (4.1.1)**
Access the district-wide at-risk identification tool through anecdotal information from teachers.

The motion carried with six yeas and zero nays.

Information and Proposals from Board Members

Dr. Scala asked Board members to consider having a special Board meeting before the next regularly scheduled meeting on November 19.

The Board asked for the administration to present a 10 minute or so presentation on the process of procuring and identifying insurance companies for the District.

Dr. Trautwein brought up the possibility of having a planning meeting prior to the regularly scheduled Board meetings.

At 9:00 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Nenninger to adjourn into closed session to consider Hiring, Firing, Disciplining or Promoting of Particular Employees PR.S. MO 610.021 (3). The motion carried with six yeas and zero nays.

At 10:15 p.m. the Board returned to open session. Dr. Trautwein stated that no announcement was to be made from closed session at this time.

Adjournment

At 10:17 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Nenninger and seconded by Charles Bertrand to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with six yeas and zero nays.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, November 19, 2007 at the Board of Education and Administration Offices located at 301 N. Clark at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laverne Smith
Secretary, Board of Education