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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CAPE GIRARDEAU SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 63
Monday, January 28, 2008, 6:00 p.m.
Board of Education and Administration Offices
301 North Clark
Cape Girardeau, Missouri

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Laura Sparkman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Theresa Hinkebein, Ms. Deena Ring, Ms. Pat Fanger, Mr. Pat Morgan, Dr. Mike Cowan, Ms. Misty Clifton, Ms. Carla Fee, Ms. Laverne Smith, Mr. Gerald Richards, Ms. Rhonda Dunham, Dr. Barbara Kohlfeld, Mr. Roy Merideth, Mr. Alan Bruns, Ms. Sydney Herbst, Mr. Mark Kiehne, Ms. Debbie Kyle, Ms. Dawn Smith, Ms. Carrie Beth Smith, Mr. Rich Payne, Ms. Tamela Jones, Ms. Lindy Bavelek, Ms. Tia Walter, Ms. Verbal Walter, Ms. Jada Ayers, Mr., Tyrus Ayers, Mr. Sylvester Ayers, Mr. Gene Magnus, Ms. Kathie Brennan, Ms. Cheryl Sebaugh, Ms. Susan Reinagel, Mr. Bob Holland, Ms. Judy Holland, Ms. Chrissy Ulrich, Ms. Cathy Ulrich, Ms. Amanda Dugan, Mr. Todd Garner, Ms. Sarah Garner, Ms. Anna Garner, Ms. Lydia Garner, Ms. Ruth Ann Orr, Ms. Lesa Hinton, Ms. June Peetz, Mr. Dustin Peetz, Mr. Elmer Peetz, Ms. Teri Jones, Ms. Lora Coots, Ms. Amy Dunn, Ms. Cynthia Ayers, Mr. Malek Gossett, Ms. Marilyn Tucker, Ms. Julie Riley, Ms. Jena Mabry, Mr. Dan Muser, Mr. Danny Essner, Mr. L. J. Hart, Ms. Heather Mudd, Ms. Gina Sharamitaro, and Ms. Melisa Welker.

A quorum being present and due notice having been mailed and published, the regular session of the Board of Education of Cape Girardeau School District No. 63 was called to order on Monday, January 28, 2008 at 6:05 p.m. by Dr. Steven Trautwein, Board President.

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

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Reinagel and seconded by Ms. Hamilton to approve the agenda with the following adjustment: Move Presentation of L.J. Hart Co from IV. Information, Proposals or Comments from the Audience to VII. Business Item A. The motion carried with a vote of six yeas and zero nays.

Recognitions:

-“Terrific Tiger” Recognition

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

ALMA SCHRADER ELEMENTARY	Jada Ayers, Grade 2
BLANCHARD ELEMENTARY	Malek Gossett, Grade 4
CLIPPARD ELEMENTARY	Anna Garner, Grade 4
FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY	Kameelah England,
JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY	Julie Riley, Grade 4
CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL	Harley Owens, Grade 5
CAPE CENTRAL JUNIOR HIGH	Dustin Peetz, Grade 8

55 CAPE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Chrissy Ulrich, Grade 12
(December candidate)

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Paul "Joey" Guidos (12)

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ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION CENTER

Tia Walter, Grade 11

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- Roy Merideth Recognition for his work with Boys and Girls Club.

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Ms. Fanger presented Roy Merideth, Principal of Central Junior High School, with a Certificate of Appreciation from the district and the Board of Education for his dedicated work with the Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Merideth received the Humanitarian Award at the Martin Luther King Celebration at SEMO University on January 21, 2008.

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Mr. Merideth presented a Humanitarian Award to Dr. Trautwein on behalf of the Board of Education that the Cape Girardeau School District also received at the Martin Luther King Celebration.

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-Board of Education Recognition

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February is designated as Missouri School Board Member Recognition Month. Ms. Fanger presented each Board member with a Certificate of Appreciation for all their hard work, dedication and donated time to the district. Each building "adopted" a Board member and the principals presented a small gift or token of their appreciation to the Board member for their dedication.

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Dr. Trautwein thanked everyone on behalf of the Board members for the honors bestowed upon them.

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Information, Proposals or Comments from the Audience

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Mr. Danny Essner and Mr. Dan Muser from the City of Cape Girardeau Parks & Recreation Department made a presentation to the Board concerning some planned proposed capital improvements projects, including the central municipal pool improvements, a new family aquatic center, Arena Building renovation, Jaycee Municipal Golf Course renovations, parks development and South Cape Community Center. They informed the Board the city was planning on presenting a tax initiative for these capital projects that would generate approximately \$25,000,000. The improvement to the pool was estimated at \$1,500,000, which the city expected to split the cost with the school district. Questions from Board members were answered by Mr. Essner and Mr. Muser. No action was taken by the Board.

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Informational Reports

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Board President's Report:

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- Dr. Trautwein announced that the Board had narrowed the applicants for the Superintendent of Cape Girardeau Public Schools down to three people. The Board has met with all candidates and plans to make a decision at the special called Board meeting on February 6, 2008.

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Superintendent's Report:

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- Ms. Fanger shared with the Board a letter from the State of Missouri Department of Natural Resources informing us that the Louis J. Schultz Building will be considered by the Missouri Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

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- Ms. Fanger also reported on the Annual Performance Report and the District 2006-07 Report Card for the district.

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- 108 ➤ Ms. Fanger reported that Cape Girardeau School District was receiving the
109 *Distinction in Performance Award* and was being recognized as being among the elite
110 in Missouri for having such high performance, one of two hundred ninety-four (294)
111 school districts in the State of Missouri. The award will be presented on March 11,
112 2008 at the Show Me Center. Any Board members wanted to go should contact Ms.
113 Fanger or Ms. Smith to make the arrangements.

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115 **CTA Organization:**

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

- 117 ➤ Ms. Dugan recognized each Board member for their dedication to the Cape
118 Girardeau School District. She and the CTA Organization wanted to thank the
119 Board members and presented them with a small token of appreciation.
120 ➤ Ms. Dugan and Ms. Jena Mabry informed the Board of the Legislative Forum that
121 was held on Saturday, January 26th at the Career and Technology Center.
122 ➤ Ms. Dugan informed the Board that the upcoming MSTA Lobby Day is planned for
123 Tuesday, February 26 in Jefferson City at the capitol.

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125 **MNEA Organization:**

126 No one was present from this organization.

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128 **Treasurer's Report**

- 129 ➤ Ms. Misty Clifton presented the Treasurer's report, which included the district's
130 revenue and expenses to date, transfers, and ending fund balance of December 31,
131 2007 of \$20,419,180.31 with an unrestricted fund balance of \$3,122,700.00.
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133 ➤ Ms. Clifton's report also included MOSIP Investments information as well as a
134 monthly expenditure summary.
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136 ➤ Ms. Clifton reported that her department is in the process of preparing to receive
137 bank bids and would hopefully have the recommendation for the March Board
138 meeting.

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140 **Board Reports:**

141 **Legislative Report:**

- 142 ➤ Mr. Nenninger reported the hottest topic at this time is SB770 – Scholarships for
143 Students with Developmental Disabilities.
144 ➤ Mr. Nenninger also called the Board attention to the MSBA Legislative Forum on
145 February 26 in Jefferson City and stated he planned to attend.

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147 **MSBA Report:**

- 148 ➤ No report.

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150 **Cape Public School Foundation:**

- 151 ➤ Ms. Fanger reported that the Foundation presidential torch was passed from Wendi
152 Orenstein to Amy McDonald and Carrie Beth Smith was approved as Foundation
153 Secretary.
154 ➤ The Jerry Ford Orchestra is running a fundraiser through the Foundation for
155 Central Junior High School Fine Arts Department on March 16th.
156 ➤ The Grants Committee is attending faculty meetings this month at all Cape
157 Girardeau Public Schools. Grant applications are due Monday, March 31.
158 ➤ The Foundation Penguin Party was a huge success! The Foundation would like to
159 thank everyone for their support. The Foundation received approximately a \$27,000
160 profit from the fundraiser.

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162 **Extra Duty Compensation Committee Report:**

- 163 ➤ Committee member Ms. Lesa Hinton reported to the Board that on behalf of the
164 Extra-Duty Pay Committee, their appreciation was extended to each Board member
165 for the Board's commitment to provide quality education to all students. This, of
166 course, extends past the scheduled classroom hours into athletics, the fine arts, and a
167 wide variety of extra-curricular activities.
168 ➤ Ms. Hinton reported that the committee has established an application process for
169 new organizations to qualify for extra-duty compensation. They are in the process of
170 developing a criteria checklist that will allow for a consistent and equitable
171 compensation based on the duties and time required for sponsors of any organization
172 that qualifies for extra-duty compensation.
173 ➤ The committee anticipates completing their work in February and having a
174 recommendation for the Board.

175 Dr. Trautwein and Ms. Fanger each thanked the members of this very important committee
176 for their commitment and work on behalf of the district.

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178 **Approval of Consent Agenda**

179 A motion was made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Ms. Hamilton to approve the
180 following consent agenda:

- 181 1. Minutes of December 17, 2007, January 10, 14, 15, 2008
182 2. Payment of Bills
183 3. Personnel

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

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188 **Business Items**

189 **Presentation by L. J. Hart Co.**

190 Mr. Hart, Ms. Mudd, and Ms. Sharamitaro presented a power point overview of the district's
191 bonds and an update of their recommendations for a refunding bond resolution.

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193 A motion was made by Mr. Reinagel and seconded by Mr. McDonald to approve a Resolution
194 to authorize the issuance of \$5,950,000 general obligation refunding bonds series 2008 based
195 on the schedule 7 option as presented.

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197 The rationale is to take advantage of current interest rates to refinance existing debt and
198 position the district for no tax increase bond issue. The savings that will be recognized from
199 the refunding is \$978,670. The total savings over three years would become \$3,010,816.
200 Discussion followed and the motion carried with six yeas and zero nays.

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202 **Presentation of K-8 District Assessment**

203 Ms. Fanger introduced Ms. Theresa Hinkebein, Curriculum Director. Ms. Hinkebein
204 reviewed the District Assessment Plan and showed the Board the progress the district had
205 made on keeping electronic assessment data on individual students. Ms. Hinkebein informed
206 the Board of the timetable for the entire year on pre and post assessment for each grade level
207 and how this information would be used by the staff.

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209 Dr. Trautwein and Ms. Fanger thanked Ms. Hinkebein on behalf of the Board for keeping
210 the Board informed and up-to-date on this issue.

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212 **Presentation of Pre-School Project**

213 Ms. Fanger introduced Ms. Deena Ring, Director of Special Services. Ms. Ring presented a
214 summary as to where the district was with the pre-school program, the programs budget
215 issues and future plans.

216 Dr. Trautwein and Ms. Fanger thanked Ms. Ring for her continued excellent work with this
217 program.

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219 **Business Items**

220 A motion was made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Mr. Nenninger to approve the April
221 8, 2008 school board election ballot for three (3) member seats for a three-year term. The
222 motion carried with six yeas and zero nays.

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224 A motion was made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Ms. Hamilton to approve a Board of
225 Education Reorganization meeting date of Friday, April 11, 2008 at 12:00 noon. The motion
226 carried with six yeas and zero nays.

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228 A motion was made by Ms. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. McDonald to approve the school
229 calendar presented for the 2008-09 school year. The motion carried with six yeas and zero
230 nays.

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232 **Information and Proposals from Board Members**

233 Dr. Trautwein asked if there was any additional information from Board members, and there
234 was none.

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236 At 8:29 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Mr. Nenninger to
237 adjourn into closed session for the following considerations:

238 A. Scholastic Probation, Expulsion or Graduation of Identifiable
239 Individuals R.S. MO 610.021 (6)

240 B. Hiring, Firing, Disciplining or Promoting of Particular Employees
241 P.R.S. MO 610.021 (3)

242 The motion carried with six yeas and zero nays.

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244 At 10:05 p.m. the Board returned to open session. Dr. Trautwein announced there was no
245 announcement to be made from closed session.

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247 **Adjournment**

248 At 10:06 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. McDonald to
249 adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with six yeas and zero nays.

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251 The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, February 25,
252 2008 at the Board of Education and Administration Offices located at 301 N. Clark at 6:00
253 p.m.

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255 Respectfully submitted,

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258 Laverne Smith

259 Secretary, Board of Education

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