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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CAPE GIRARDEAU SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 63
Monday, September 22, 2008, 6:00 p.m.
Board of Education and Administration Offices
301 North Clark
Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Board Members Present:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dr. James Welker, Ms. Pat Fanger, Dr. Mike Cowan, Ms. Misty Clifton, Ms. Laverne Smith, Mr. Neil Glass, Ms. Theresa Hinkebein, Ms. Lindy Bavolek Ms. Lesa Hinton, Mr. Jeff Stricker, Miss Amanda Stricker, Ms. Felicia Saxon, Ms. Chasity Sneath, Ms. Bonnie Sneath, Miss Natalie Davis, Mr. John Davis, Ms. Barbara Davis, Mr. Stephen White, Ms. Angelia Applewhite, Mr. Garrett Fornkohl, Ms. Rachel Riley, Mr. James Ellis, Ms. Nancy Ellis, Miss Allison Yuen, Dr. Celia Yuen, Mr. Robert Grant, Ms. Carla Dickison, Mr. Roy Merideth, Ms. Jena Mabry, Ms. Robin Kraleman, Ms. Ruth Ann Orr, Ms. Carla Fee, Ms. Janet Brase, Ms. Shirley Barnhart, Ms. Barbara Port, Ms. Shirley McCormack, and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Galloway.

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, September 22, 2008 at 6:04 p.m. by Mr. Kyle McDonald, Board President.

Mr. McDonald asked the audience to stand and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Nenninger and seconded by Mr. Smee to remove the item "personnel" from the consent agenda and approve the amended agenda. The amended motion carried with six yeas and one nay.

Terrific Tiger" Recognition

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

ALMA SCHRADER ELEMENTARY	Chasity Sneath, Grade 3
BLANCHARD ELEMENTARY	Amanda Stricker, Grade 4
CLIPPARD ELEMENTARY	Natalie Davis, Grade 4
FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY	Stephen White, Grade 4
JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY	Garrett Fornkohl, Grade K
CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL	Dymond Gardner, Grade 6
CAPE CENTRAL JUNIOR HIGH	James Ellis, Grade 7
CAPE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL	Allison Yuen, Grade 12
ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION CENTER	Robert Grant, Grade 10

Information, Proposals or Comments from the Audience

Mr. McDonald asked if there was any information, proposals or comments from the audience. No one responded.

Informational Reports

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Board President’s Report:

- Mr. Kyle commended Ms. Orr and Alma Schrader Elementary School on their celebration of Constitution Day on September 17th. They recognized and honored veterans that have served our country.
- Mr. Kyle announced it is time again in Cape Girardeau for the Corporate Games and he was proud to announce that Cape Public School was in first place at this point.
- He also commended Mr. Steve Shaffner, teacher at Central High School, for his fitness program of “Ride to School”. Every Friday, Mr. Shaffner meets with students and staff interested at Arena Park and rides their bikes to Central High School. The police are available to help with traffic whenever needed.

Superintendent’s Report:

- Dr. Welker also commended Ms. Orr and Alma Schrader staff on Constitution Day. Dr. Welker was honored to speak at the function and was able to have his father, a veteran, at the assembly. He announced his father was very touched by the program.
- Dr. Welker announced a few activities happening in the district and encouraged everyone to support students and the district by attending upcoming functions.
- Dr. Welker announced that as of 6 weeks into this year, student attendance counts are up 168 students over this time last year.
- Dr. Welker also announced that Central High School student Garion Lovig was named a semi-finalist in the National Merit Awards. Garion is in the top 1% of graduates in America, and has a perfect ACT score of 36.
- Dr. Welker also commended Cape Public Staff on their efforts in the Corporate Games and said he was enjoying participating in them.
- The Central High School Band placed first in the recent Murphysboro contest.

CTA Organization:

- Ms. Lesa Hinton, President, reported the following:
- Two CTA members were part of MSTA’s Southeast Regional Legislative Impact Committee that met recently to interview political candidates.
- Highlights of what some of our CTA members are doing for our students around the district:
 1. At Clippard, highlights include Choir, Marathon Club and after-school assistance for students. They are hosting Jeopardy in Arena Park to reach families who may never come to school for activities.
 2. At CMS, some of the highlights are Drama and Art Clubs; Shere Khan, Choir, and Drum Club; Mark Twain readers, Tiger Triathlon, Science Club, Math Olympiad, Creative Writing Club, and supervised study time.
- MSTA’s Regional Assembly of Delegates is tomorrow evening. Ten members representing our local CTA will be attending.

MNEA Organization:

No one was present from this organization.

Treasurer’s Report

- Ms. Misty Clifton presented a Treasurer’s report, which included the district’s revenue and expenses to date, transfers, and ending fund balance of August 31, 2008 of \$24,584,272.81 with an unrestricted fund balance of \$ 12,273,926.01.
- Ms. Clifton’s report also included District investments and balances and monthly expenditures summary.

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Board Reports:

Legislative Report:

- Dr. Trautwein discussed the following information on legislative issues we can expect to see in the legislation this year:
 - Voucher Programs, Collective Bargaining, Open Enrollment, and Tax Increment Financing
- Dr. Trautwein presented the following recommendations:
 - Superintendent appoints a committee of staff and board members to serve as liaison with city government, particularly on issues of tax abatements.
 - State legislators be encouraged to introduce legislation that addresses the loss of revenues to school districts that result from locally-generated tax incentives.

MSBA Report:

- Dr. Trautwein reminded the Board members of the Annual MSBA meeting on October 24-26, 2008.
- On Oct 24th Dr. Trautwein will be attending a meeting as our MSBA delegate and will later disseminate some information to the Board members and would encourage everyone to return the information to him in time for his meeting.

Cape Public School Foundation:

- Ms. Sparkman reported that the Foundation Tiger Tailgate will be on Friday October 3rd @ Houck Stadium Booster Corral. Everyone is invited.
- The Foundation members are beginning work on the Annual Drive for the next round of grants.
- Ms. Sparkman reported the membership drive had successfully enlisted 17 new members to the Foundation.
- The Foundation is also beginning work on a new alumni directory. If you were not in the 2001 directory or have graduated since then, and want to be included, please send your contact information via Contact Us on our website - www.capeschools.org.

Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Dr. Trautwein and seconded by Mr. Nenninger to approve the amended consent agenda consisting of:

1. Minutes of August 25, 2008 (regular and special)
2. Payment of Bills

The motion carried with seven yeas and zero nays.

Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Smee and seconded by Ms. Kinder to approve Policy JCB as modified and recommended by the Elementary Attendance Areas Study Committee.

Discussion followed and the motion carried with the following roll call vote of five yea and two nays:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Smee and seconded by Dr. Trautwein to approve the Policy JC as modified and recommended by the Elementary Attendance Areas Study Committee.

Discussion followed and the motion carried with the following roll call vote of five yea and two nays:

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 161 Mr. Bertrand Nay Ms. Kinder Yea Dr. Trautwein Yea
 162 Mr. Nenninger Nay Mr. Smee Yea
 163 Mr. McDonald Yea Ms. Sparkman Yea

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 165 A motion was made by Mr. Nenninger and seconded by Mr. Smee to authorize the
 166 participation in the Missouri School District Advance Funding Program as outlined in the
 167 attached Resolution authorizing and directing the issuance and delivery of tax and revenue
 168 anticipation notes; prescribing the form and details of said notes; authorizing and approving
 169 certain documents and other actions in connection with the issuance of said notes.

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 171 Dr. Welker and Ms. Clifton gave the Board a brief summary of the process of the Missouri
 172 School District Advance Funding Program. Discussion followed and the motion carried with
 173 the following roll call vote of six yeas and one nays:

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 175 Mr. Bertrand Nay Ms. Kinder Yea Dr. Trautwein Yea
 176 Mr. Nenninger Yea Mr. Smee Yea
 177 Mr. McDonald Yea Ms. Sparkman Yea

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 179 A motion was made by Mr. Smee and seconded by Dr. Trautwein to approve the MSBA
 180 Resolution supporting the NCLB Recess Until Reauthorization Act. Dr. Welker informed the
 181 Board that at the Regional MSBA District meeting, MSBA encouraged support of HB 6239
 182 and asked districts to support this resolution. Lengthy discussion followed and the motion
 183 DID NOT carried with the following roll call vote of three yeas and four nays:

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 185 Mr. Bertrand Nay Ms. Kinder Yea Dr. Trautwein Yea
 186 Mr. Nenninger Nay Mr. Smee Nay
 187 Mr. McDonald Yea Ms. Sparkman Nay

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 189 Information and Proposals from Board Members

190 Dr. Welker updated the Board about one of our staff members that is still in a coma, Ms.
 191 Carol Hulshof.

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 193 At 7:51 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Nenninger and seconded by Dr. Trautwein to
 194 adjourn into executive session to consider Legal Purposes, Individually Identifiable
 195 Personnel/Student Records, Employment, Personnel Evaluation, discussions of work product,
 196 and Real Estate. Authority is Section 610.021, Para, 2, 3, 9 and 13, Revised Statutes of
 197 Missouri, as amended. The motion carried with the following roll call vote of seven yeas and
 198 zero nays:

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 200 Mr. Bertrand Yea Ms. Kinder Yea Dr. Trautwein Yea
 201 Mr. Nenninger Yea Mr. Smee Yea
 202 Mr. McDonald Yea Ms. Sparkman Yea

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 204 At 9:38 p.m. the Board returned to open session and Mr. McDonald stated there was no
 205 announcement to be made from executive session.

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 207 Adjournment

208 At 9:39 p.m. a motion was made by Dr. Trautwein and seconded by Mr. Nenninger to
 209 adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with seven yeas and zero nays.

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 211 The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, October 20,
 212 2008 at the Board of Education and Administration Offices located at 301 N. Clark at 6:00
 213 p.m.

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215 **Respectfully submitted,**

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220 **Laverne Smith**

221 **Secretary, Board of Education**