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3 **MINUTES**  
4 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
5 **CAPE GIRARDEAU SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 63**  
6 **Monday, January 26, 2009, 6:00 p.m.**  
7 **Board of Education and Administration Offices**  
8 **301 North Clark**  
9 **Cape Girardeau, Missouri**

10 **Board Members Present:**

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

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15 **OTHERS PRESENT:**

16 **Dr. James Welker, Ms. Pat Fanger, Dr. Mike Cowan, Ms. Misty Clifton, Ms. Laverne Smith,**  
17 **Mr. Neil Glass, Ms. Theresa Hinkebein, Ms. Lesa Hinton, Mr. Steve Robertson, Mr. Mark**  
18 **Kiehne, Ms. Amanda Balsamo, Ms. Rhonda Dunham, Mr. Alan Bruns, Mr. Terry Kitchen,**  
19 **Ms. Tanesha Ayers, Mr. Clarence Hartfield, Ms. LaTanya Harris, Mr. Duwan Harris, Mr.**  
20 **Dontay Hartfield, Mr. Darius Ayers, Ms. Amanda Dugan, Mr. Kevin Webb, Ms. Sarina**  
21 **Webb, Mr. Melvin Johnson, Mr. Terry Pearson, Ms. Antoinetta Pearson, Dr. Barb Kohlfeld,**  
22 **Mr. Roy Merideth, Dr. Mike Cowan, Ms. Julia Jorgensen, Mr. Mark Cook, Ms. Sydney**  
23 **Herbst, Ms. Michele Swanks, Mr. Tyler Swanks, Ms. Olivia Swanks, Mr. Brian Hall, Mr.**  
24 **Kris Oliveria, Mr. Patrick Dunham, Mr. Garrett Dugan, Mr. Carlos Bingham, Ms. Julie Lohr,**  
25 **Mr. Darren Watkins, Ms. Christina Watkins, Miss Julie Castle, Mr. Patricia Green, Miss**  
26 **Rebekah Garner, Ms. April Garner, Mr. Billy Garner, Ms. Jena Mabry, Miss Kailee**  
27 **Cochran, Ms. Carolyn Seabaugh, Mr. Jeff Bernhardt, Mr. Kent Bernhardt, Mr. Peyton**  
28 **Mink, Mr. Hunter Parrish, Mr. Gavin Holland, Mr. Chase Hagerty, Mr. Luc Helwege, Mr.**  
29 **Christian Retter, Mr. Luke Kinder, Mr. Travis Bowere, Mr. Billy Driskell, Ms. Sarah**  
30 **Driskell, Ms. Lesa Hinton, Ms. Bridget Trespasso, Ms. Sarah Elfrink, Ms. Lisa Elfrink, Mr.**  
31 **Scott McClanahan, Mr. Lou Trespasso, Ms. Shelby Powers, Ms. Pamela Deneke, Ms. Sydney**  
32 **Deneke, Ms. Karen Retter, Mr. John Kinder, Mr. Jimmy Wilferth, Ms. Chrissy Wilferth,**  
33 **Mr. Bart Ozbun, Ms. Jennifer Powers, Ms. Lynsey Powers, Mr. Lance Powers, Mr. Ty**  
34 **Powers, Mr. Ed Rinda, Ms. Carla Fee, Mr. Paul Cavaness, Ms. Kristi Cavaness, Ms. Jen**  
35 **Redinger, Mr. Eric Redinger, Ms. Brennan Redinger, Mr. Peyton Redinger, Ms. Stacy**  
36 **Boerboom, Ms. Amy McDonald, Mr. Gunder Woldtvedt, Mr. Jason Mink, Mr. Troy Vaughn,**  
37 **Mr. Francis McClard, Ms. April Hettenhouser, Mr. Robin Cole, Mr. Allan Sample, Mr.**  
38 **Zachary Sample, Ms. Madelyn Schnuder, Ms. Megan Sample, Ms. Margaret Schmucker, Mr.**  
39 **Torry Rollins, Mr. Jim Coffey, Mr. Bobby Coffee, Ms. Kay Coffey, Ms. Janice Friedrich, Ms.**  
40 **Crescent Dush, Miss Madison Dush, Mr. Dylan Dush, Mr. Larry Dush, Ms. Mayra Miranda,**  
41 **Mr. Efren Miranda, Mr. junior Miranda, Miss Ana Miranda, Mr. Dexter Robinson, Mr.**  
42 **Dennis Vinson, Mr. David Evans, Ms. Janie Sackberger, Ms. Beth Adkins, Mr. Nicholas**  
43 **Smentkowski, Ms. Nicole Smentkowski, Mr. Brian Smentkowski, and Mr. Noah**  
44 **Smentkowski.**

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46 **A quorum being present and due notice having been mailed and published, the regular**  
47 **session of the Board of Education of Cape Girardeau School District No. 63 was called to**  
48 **order on Monday, January 26, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Kyle McDonald, Board President.**

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

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52 **Approval of Agenda**

53 **A motion was made by Mr. Smee and seconded by Dr. Trautwein to approve the agenda.**  
54 **The motion carried with seven yeas and zero nays.**

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

59 ALMA SCHRADER ELEMENTARY -	Zachary Sample, Grade 3
60 ( <i>Terrific Tiger for December</i> )	
61 ALMA SCHRADER ELEMENTARY –	Julie Castle, Grade 3
62 BLANCHARD ELEMENTARY –	Tyler Swanks, Grade 4
63 CLIPPARD ELEMENTARY -	Madison Dush, Grade 4
64 ( <i>Terrific Tiger for December</i> )	
65 CLIPPARD ELEMENTARY –	Junior Miranda, Grade 4
66 FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY –	Dontay Hartfield, Grade 4
67 JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY –	Rebekah Garner, Grade 4
68 CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL –	Noah Smentkowski, Grade 6
69 CAPE CENTRAL JUNIOR HIGH –	Bobby Coffey, Grade 8
70 CAPE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL -	Zhongchi (Bob) Zhang. Grade 12
71 ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION CENTER –	Kailee Cochran, Grade 11

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73 **BOARD APPRECIATION WEEK**

74 Dr. Welker announced that January was MSBA Board Appreciation Week. He also stated  
75 that the Board members are appreciated every week. The following representatives from the  
76 District’s schools presented Board members with tokens of their appreciation:

77 Central High School = Mr. Kyle McDonald	CMS	= Dr. Steve Trautwein
78 CTC = Ms. Stacy Kinder	Clippard/	
79 CJHS = Mr. Tony Smee	Jefferson	= Mr. Charles Bertrand
80 AEC/ Alma Schrader = Ms. Laura Sparkman	Franklin/	= Mr. Paul Nenninger
81	Blanchard	

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83 **Information, Proposals or Comments from the Audience**

84 Dr. Welker introduced Ms. Julia Jorgensen, Librarian from Central High School. Ms.  
85 Jorgensen presented information to the Board concerning the high school’s “Community  
86 Read Project.” This project is support against illiteracy and on February 11, 2009 at 2:45  
87 p.m. a meeting in the Central High School Library will be held to discuss the book “A Long  
88 Way Gone.” There will also be additional dates available on the high school website.

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90 **Informational Reports**

91 **Board President’s Report:**  
92 No Report

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94 **Superintendent’s Report:**

95 ➤ MDHE College Access Grant -- Higher Education College Access Challenge  
96 Grant: Southeast Missouri State University has contacted us about  
97 participating in a grant designed to develop relationships with  
98 underrepresented and underserved students and to educate students on the  
99 benefits of higher education, the requirements to enroll in college, and the  
100 types of aid sources available to pay for college. The grant will provide  
101 supplementary counseling to a cohort of students grades 9-11 at Cape Central  
102 High School in collaboration with current high school counselors. Staff will  
103 also conduct classroom early awareness presentation in grades 6-8 and in  
104 elementary grades throughout the district. A residential college planning  
105 summer program, located on the Southeast campus, and group visits to  
106 multiple colleges will be offered to underrepresented students. High School  
107 senior and parents will receive assistance completing the FAFSA. There is no  
108 cost to the district.

- 109       ➤ In February 2009, The United Way of Southeast Missouri will bring together  
110 a group of key community leaders to review data and national research and to  
111 identify objectives with strategies and approaches all focused on improving  
112 the graduation rate and the readiness of our youth to enter college, trade  
113 schools, or the work force. The result will be a mobilization plan that will  
114 identify specific strategies our community will take to improve the outlook for  
115 our youth. The first meeting is scheduled for February 17<sup>th</sup> at the Central  
116 Administration building in Room 214.
- 117       ➤ In planning ahead, Dr. Welker recommended that the date of the June board  
118 meeting be changed from June 15<sup>th</sup> to June 29<sup>th</sup>. We will need to bring the  
119 budget to the board for approval at this meeting. The monthly financial  
120 transmittal from DESE does not come until the 20<sup>th</sup>. We need this information  
121 to have accurate data for the budget. The later date would also be appreciated  
122 to allow additional time to prepare the budget. The budget is supposed to be  
123 approved prior to the start of the next fiscal year beginning July 1.

124 **CTA Organization:**

125 Ms. Lesa Hinton stated that on behalf of the Community Teachers Association and all Cape  
126 Public School employees, she would like to thank each of our School Board members for their  
127 dedication and service to our school system. Jena Mabry, CTA Vice-President, and Ms.  
128 Hinton presented the Board members with tokens of their appreciation.

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130 **Treasurer's Report**

- 131       ➤ Ms. Misty Clifton presented a Treasurer's report, which included the district's  
132 revenue and expenses to date, transfers, and ending fund balance of December 31,  
133 2008 of \$17,560,299.27 with an unrestricted fund balance of \$ 3,344,723.13.
- 134       ➤ Ms. Clifton's report also included District investments and balances and monthly  
135 expenditures summary.

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137 **Board Reports:**

138 **Legislative and MSBA Report:**

- 139       ➤ Dr. Trautwein provided the following summary of House Bills that have been filed as  
140 of January 22, 2009, which relate to education:
- 141       ➤ Support for adequate state funding and opposition to vouchers/tuition tax credits top  
142 the list of legislative priorities for MSBA this year. The priorities were established by  
143 the MSBA Board of Directors at a meeting in Columbia on January 24. Other  
144 priorities include:

- 145       • Opposition to the expansion of charter schools
- 146       • Support for increasing the bonding capacity of school districts
- 147       • Support for a school district exemption from the state motor fuel tax
- 148       • Opposition to legislation allowing for recall of school board members
- 149       • Support for legislation to enhance local control of public schools
- 150       • Opposition to choice legislation that erodes local control
- 151       • Support additional funding for No Child Left Behind
- 152       • Support for reforms of No Child Left Behind

- 153       ➤ The priorities are based on resolutions adopted by the Delegate Assembly last  
154 October. MSBA will keep members updated on the progress of legislation through the  
155 weekly Legislative Voice newsletter distributed via e-mail.

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157 **Cape Public School Foundation:**

- 158       ➤ Ms. Sparkman reported Last chance to get in on dinner & dancing @ the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
159 Penguin Party – Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. The money raised from this event

160 determines how much we can award for Great Idea Teaching Grants. Contact us to  
161 donate or attend 651-0555.

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163 ➤ Harris Connect has sent out contact cards for the Alumni Directory that will be  
164 printed later this year. The number to be included or to update your information is 1-  
165 800-681-0965.

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167 ➤ Great Idea Teaching Grant applications are due in less than 2 months on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

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169 Approval of Consent Agenda

170 A motion was made by Mr. Smee and seconded by Ms. Sparkman to approve the consent  
171 agenda consisting of:

- 172 1. Minutes of December 15, 2008 (regular and special)  
173 2. Payment of Bills

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175 The motion carried with seven yeas and zero nays.

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177 Business Items

178 A motion was made by Mr. Smee and seconded by Ms. Kinder to approve the addition of an  
179 In-School Suspension Program for the Alternative Education Center. Dr. Welker and Ms.  
180 Carla Fee presented the board with a brief overview of the program. Discussion followed  
181 and the motion carried with a vote of seven yeas and zero nays.

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183 A motion was made by Mr. Smee and seconded by Ms. Kinder to approve the addition of the  
184 following 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade Junior High athletic program beginning in 2009-2010: Boys and Girls  
185 Cross Country – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Boys Basketball – 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Girls Basketball – 7<sup>th</sup> grade,  
186 Football – 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Boys and Girls Track – 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and Wrestling – 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade. The  
187 President asked Mr. Merideth, Jr. High Principal, and Mr. Terry Kitchen, Jr. High Athletic  
188 Director, specific questions and they both spoke to the Board on the positive aspect they  
189 believe this proposal would have on Junior High School students.

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191 Ten to twelve members of the audience spoke to the Board and encouraged the Board to pass  
192 the proposal allowing for 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade sports. Discussion followed among the Board members  
193 and the motion carried with the following roll call vote of five (5) yeas and two (2) nays:

194 Mr. McDonald            Yea                    Mr. Bertrand            Nay  
195 Ms. Kinder                Yea                    Mr. Nenninger         Nay  
196 Ms. Sparkman            Yea                    Mr. Smee                Yea  
197 Dr. Trautwein            Yea

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199 A motion was made by Mr. Nenninger and seconded by Dr. Trautwein that because of the  
200 inclement weather the following Business Items VII, be placed on a consent agenda and voted  
201 as one item.

- 202 ➤ C. To accept the bid of \$44,228.14 from innovative Idea Integration for the  
203 wireless networking equipment of AEC, Blanchard, Franklin, and Jefferson  
204 ➤ D. To accept bids totaling \$78,970.51 from Ascension IT Solutions for the  
205 network wiring at Franklin and Blanchard.  
206 ➤ E. To accept the bid from Charter for Fiber WAN (Wide Area Network) services  
207 for \$88,200.00.  
208 ➤ F. To accept the bid from The Rite Group (Nextel/Spring vendor) for Cellular  
209 Phone, Push-To-Talk (PTT), and Blackberry services for \$43,917.00 per year.  
210 ➤ G. To accept the bid from AT&T for PRI (Primary Rate Interface) and POTS  
211 (Plain Old Telephone Service) telephone services for \$39,600.96.  
212 ➤ H. To bid totaling \$132,803.00 from The Rite Group for the telephone system  
213 installations and upgrades at the following location:  
214 • Alternative Education Center (AEC) / Central Administrative Office (CAO)  
215 • Alma Schrader Elementary  
216 • Blanchard Elementary  
217 • Clippard Elementary  
218 • Franklin Elementary

- 219 • Jefferson Elementary
- 220 • Central Middle School
- 221 • Central Junior High School
- 222 • Career and Technology Center (CTC) and Central High School (CHS)
- 223 ➤ I. To accept the bid from Global for the network switches at Blanchard
- 224 Elementary for \$14,149.65.
- 225 ➤ J. to accept the 2009-2012 Technology Plan for Cape Girardeau School District
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227 The motion carried with seven yeas and zero nays.

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229 A motion was made by Mr. Bertrand and seconded by Dr. Trautwein to accept the above  
230 consent agenda items. The motion carried with seven yeas and zero nays.

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232 A motion was made by Mr. Smee and seconded by Ms. Kinder to approve the following April  
233 7<sup>th</sup> 2009 School board election ballot for two (2) member's seats for a three year term:

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235 **OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
236 **ELECTION**  
237 **CAPE GIRARDEAU SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 63**  
238 **CAPE GIRARDEAU COUNTY, MISSOURI**

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240 **PROPOSITION 1**

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242 To choose by ballot two (2) directors who shall serve as member of the Board of  
243 Education of Cape Girardeau School District No. 63 for a term of three years each.

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- 246  Kyle McDonald
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- 248  Charles Bertrand
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- 250  Luther R. Bonds
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- 252  Betty J. Mosley
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255 **INSTRUCTION TO VOTERS: Vote for up to two (2) candidates.**

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The motion carried with seven yeas and zero nays.

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259 **Information and Proposals from Board Members**

- 260 ➤ Mr. Nenninger discussed the possibility of having Dave Lineberry from MSBA
- 261 observe the Board's process of the superintendent's evaluation and incorporate this
- 262 evaluation into his presentation to the Board, which is scheduled for Tuesday,
- 263 January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009. There is a minimal charge of \$125 per hour for this service.
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265 At 9:15 p.m. a motion was made by Dr. Trautwein and seconded by Ms. Sparkman to  
266 adjourn into executive session to consider Legal Purposes, Individually Identifiable  
267 Personnel/Student Records, Employment, Personnel Evaluation, discussions of work product,  
268 and Real Estate. Authority is Section 610.021, Para, 2, 3, 9 and 13, Revised Statutes of  
269 Missouri, as amended. The motion carried with the following roll call vote of seven yeas and  
270 zero nays:

271 Mr. Bertrand	Yea	Ms. Kinder	Yea	Mr. McDonald	Yea
272 Mr. Nenninger	Yea	Mr. Smee	Yea		
273 Dr. Trautwein	Yea	Dr. Trautwein	Yea		

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At 9:30 p.m. the Board returned to open session and Mr. McDonald stated there was no announcement to be made from executive session.

**Adjournment**

At 9:33 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Sparkman and seconded by Mr. Bertrand to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with seven yeas and zero nays.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, February 23, 2009 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