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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 17th 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 15th to June 29th. 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 20th. 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 3rd Annual
159 Penguin Party – Saturday, February 7th. 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 16th.

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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 7th/8th grade Junior High athletic program beginning in 2009-2010: Boys and Girls
185 Cross Country – 7th and 8th grade, Boys Basketball – 7th grade, Girls Basketball – 7th grade,
186 Football – 7th grade, Boys and Girls Track – 7th grade, and Wrestling – 7th/8th 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 7th/8th 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

- Jefferson Elementary
 - Central Middle School
 - Central Junior High School
 - Career and Technology Center (CTC) and Central High School (CHS)
- I. To accept the bid from Global for the network switches at Blanchard Elementary for \$14,149.65.
- J. to accept the 2009-2012 Technology Plan for Cape Girardeau School District #63

The motion carried with seven yeas and zero nays.

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

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

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ELECTION
CAPE GIRARDEAU SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 63
CAPE GIRARDEAU COUNTY, MISSOURI**

PROPOSITION 1

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



Kyle McDonald



Charles Bertrand



Luther R. Bonds



Betty J. Mosley

INSTRUCTION TO VOTERS: Vote for up to two (2) candidates.

The motion carried with seven yeas and zero nays.

Information and Proposals from Board Members

- Mr. Nenninger discussed the possibility of having Dave Lineberry from MSBA observe the Board's process of the superintendent's evaluation and incorporate this evaluation into his presentation to the Board, which is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27th, 2009. There is a minimal charge of \$125 per hour for this service.

At 9:15 p.m. a motion was made by Dr. Trautwein and seconded by Ms. Sparkman to adjourn into executive session to consider Legal Purposes, Individually Identifiable Personnel/Student Records, Employment, Personnel Evaluation, discussions of work product, and Real Estate. Authority is Section 610.021, Para, 2, 3, 9 and 13, Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended. The motion carried with the following roll call vote of seven yeas and zero nays:

Mr. Bertrand	Yea	Ms. Kinder	Yea	Mr. McDonald	Yea
Mr. Nenninger	Yea	Mr. Smee	Yea		
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**