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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CAPE GIRARDEAU SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 63
Monday, April 20, 2009, 6:00 p.m.
Board of Education and Administration Offices
301 North Clark
Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Board Members Present:

Mr. Kyle McDonald, Mr. Paul Nenninger, Mr. Luther Bonds, Ms. Stacy Kinder, Ms. Laura Sparkman, Mr. Tony Smee and Dr. Steve Trautwein.

Others Present:

Dr. James Welker, Ms. Pat Fanger, Dr. Mike Cowan, Ms. Misty Clifton, Ms. Laverne Smith, Mr. Neil Glass, Ms. Theresa Hinkebein, Ms. Lesa Hinton, Mr. Steve Robertson, Ms. Alaina Bush, Dr. Mike Cowan, Mr. Roy Merideth, Ms. Rhonda Dunham, Ms. Teri Jones, Scott and Angie Mitchell, Jordan Collins, Packy and Candi Ayers, Trece Ayers, Ms. Teresa Williams, Katie Williams, Steve and Theresa Williams, Ms. Beth Standridge, Ms. Shirley McCormack, Ms. Carla Fee, Mr. Shawn Brooks, Ms. Jena Mabry, Ms. Ruth Ann Orr, Ms. Barbara Port, Mr. Roy Merideth, David and Robyn Gross, Sami Gross, Kevin and Jennifer Eudy, Emma Eudy, Haneen Wadi, Musa and Manai Wadi, Ms. Cheryl Sebaugh, Gerald Richards, Ms. Pam Strom, and Ms. Janice Friedrich.

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, April 20, 2009 at 6:10 p.m. by Mr. 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 Ms. Sparkman and seconded by Mr. Smee to approve to agenda. The motion carried with seven yeas and zero nays.

Terrific Tiger” Recognition

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

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| ALMA SCHRADER ELEMENTARY - | Jordan Collins, Grade 4, |
| BLANCHARD ELEMENTARY – | Emma Eudy, Grade 4, |
| CLIPPARD ELEMENTARY - | Makenzie Reeves, Grade 4, |
| FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY – | Trece Ayers, Grade 1, |
| JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY – | Dakota Owens, Grade 1, |
| CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL – | Hisami Minakata, Grade 5, |
| CAPE CENTRAL JUNIOR HIGH – | Katie Williams, Grade 8, |
| CAPE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL – | Sami Gross, Grade 12, |
| | (March Candidate) |
| | Haneen Wadi, Grade 12, |
| | (April Candidate) |
| ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION CENTER – | Aleshia Warner, Grade 11, |

54 Information, Proposals or Comments from the Audience
55 Mr. McDonald asked if there were any comments from the public and there were none.

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57 **Safety Report -** Dr. Welker introduced Mr. Fred Jones, District Safety Coordinator. Mr.
58 Jones outlined the district's responsibility as guided by State statues and the Department of
59 Elementary and Secondary guidelines for a District Safety Program. Mr. Jones then gave a
60 brief overview of the District's Safety Program. Mr. Jones informed the Board that the
61 District Safety Committee was comprised of 50 members.

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63 Mr. Jones informed the Board that the District was fortunate to have two AED (Automated
64 External Defibrillator) machines and Mr. Roy Merideth, CJHS Principal, gave a short
65 demonstration on the use of the machine.

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67 Mr. Jones also informed the board of the CERT training in the district and provided an
68 example of the CERT kits and one of the 50 first aid kits that are in the District's buildings.
69 He related that surveillance cameras were in most of the buildings. The Board asked several
70 questions of Mr. Jones and thanked him for the presentation.

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72 **Facilities Planning Report -** Dr. Welker introduced Neil Glass who reported that the last
73 Facilities Committee meeting was held on March 19th. Mr. Glass reported that progress has
74 been made and the committee hopes to have a recommendation for the Board by the end of
75 the summer.

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77 Demographic maps were presented to the Board and Mr. Glass explained some of the
78 committee's concerns that they hoped to address:

- 79 • Complete the high school as it was first planned
- 80 • Don't take another neighborhood school (keep Franklin Elementary)
- 81 • Do more for gifted students
- 82 • Overcrowded buildings (due to new programs and staff at most of the buildings)

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84 Mr. Glass also explained the 3 phases of the Facilities Plan and that he is in the process of
85 building level meetings.

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87 Mr. McDonald thanked Mr. Glass for his efforts with the District's facility planning.

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89 **Informational Reports**

90 **Board President's Report:**

- 91 ➤ Mr. McDonald announced to the audience that he had been elected as President of the
92 Board and Ms. Kinder as Vice-President. He also announced that Ms. Clifton was
93 appointed as the District's treasurer and Ms. Laverne Smith as Board Secretary. The
94 new MSBA Delegate and Legislator reporter was Mr. Nenner as Dr. Trautwein
95 being the alternative MSBA Delegate.
- 96 ➤ Mr. McDonald related that he had attended the CJHS Principal's Dinner recognizing
97 51 students that had been nominated by staff and/or teachers. He stated it was a very
98 nice function, both for parents and students and commended Mr. Merideth for his
99 efforts with this function.
- 100 ➤ Mr. McDonald commended the Junior Achievement Volunteers who go into schools
101 and teach students various subjects. He had the honor of teaching history and
102 economics at the Central Junior High School and how they go hand-in-hand. Mr.
103 McDonald stated it was a very interesting and enjoyable experience.

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Superintendent's Report:

- Dr. Welker announced the loss of Ms. Mary Rutherford from a prolonged illness. Ms. Rutherford had taught at Central Junior High School and Central High School. Dr. Welker asked for a moment of silence dedicated to her and her family. Ms. Rutherford will be greatly missed.
- Dr. Welker announced that he and several (15) district employees had attended the University of Missouri's Exchange Summit on State Wide Drop-out Prevention held this week at Jackson.
- Dr. Welker announced that the Education Solution Committee will be meeting Tuesday morning, April 21st, at 7:00 a.m. at the Career and Technology Center.
- Work continues on the salary schedule and stipend schedule. Dr. Welker asked that a special Board meeting be held the first week in May to bring this information before the Board.
- Dr. Welker informed the Board of the following upcoming dates:
 - April 30th – Retirement Dinner at the County Club,
 - May 5th - Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year Banquet. This year Cape Public Schools has three recipients of this award.
 - May 10th – Baccalaureate
 - May 17th – Graduation at Show-Me-Center at 4:00 p.m.

CTA Organization:

- Ms. Lesa Hinton congratulated the newly elected Board members.
- Ms. Hinton had the opportunity to become a Lobbyist for the Day in Governmental Relations Staff members around the state capitol as they met individually with Representatives and Senators. She reported she was pleased to watch the interaction between our state representatives and the individuals who testified at the hearings.

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 March 31, 2009 of \$30,578,456.24 with an unrestricted fund balance of \$ 16,367,496.05.
Ms. Clifton's report also included District investments, balances and monthly expenditures summary.

Board Reports:

Legislative and MSBA Report:

- Dr. Trautwein reported there was only four weeks left in the legislation session and there were a number of issues yet to be resolved. He gave a brief overview of several bills up for vote that would impact our District.
- He commented on the MSBA Delegate Lobbyist and what they are trying to accomplish at the delegates assembly.
- Dr. Trautwein reported that the next MSBA Regional meeting was May 5th at Park Hills.
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Cape Public School Foundation:

Ms. Kinder reported the following information from the Foundation:

- Junior/Adult Golf Shootout is on Monday June 1st. Contact Josh Crowell, Stacy Kinder, Carroll Williams or John Wolpers for registration or sponsorship opportunities. A free golf clinic hosted by Carroll Williams will be offered again this year for all registered junior golfers.

- 159 ➤ The Grants Committee has completed their evaluation of all grant applications. They
160 were able to award up to \$20,000. Prize Patrol will be out in the schools soon. We will
161 be able to announce the winners next month.
- 162 ➤ Laura Sparkman has graciously served on the Foundation Board as our School
163 Board Liaison for over 5 years. She has resigned that position and we are in need of
164 her successor. Stacy Kinder stated she accepted interim liaison until the end of June.
165 The Foundation is also looking for officers. Please contact Tammy Samuel @ 651-
166 0555 if interested.

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170 **Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

- 173 1. Minutes of March 16, 2009,
- 174 2. Payment of Bills,
- 175 3. Third Reading and Approval of Board Policies (DB, DBD, DLB, EEA, EEAC, EEAD,
176 EEAG, EFB, GCPB, GDPB, AND IGAEA),
- 177 4. Second Reading and Approval of Board Policies (AE, DLC, EF AND KC),

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179 The motion carried with seven yeas and zero nays.

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181 **Business Items:**

182 A motion was made by Mr. Smee and seconded by Ms. Kinder to consider the first reading
183 and approval of changes to policy ICK as recommended by the administration and reviewed
184 by MSBA. Dr. Welker gave a brief overview of the policy and discussion followed. The
185 motion carried with seven yeas and zero nays.

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187 Dr. Welker presented a brief overview of new policies being presented to the Board for the
188 first reading. The Board Policies are BDB, BDDD, BDDF, BDDL, JFG AND DFS.
189 Discussion followed. Regarding policy BDDF, the Board requested the administration to
190 check and see if any other district policy described voting in open session. No action was
191 taken by the Board at this time.

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193 Dr. Welker presented a brief overview of new policy BDA being presented to the Board for
194 the first reading. Mr. McDonald asked the Board members to consider three different
195 options for holding regular Board meetings. Discussion followed and the Board decided to
196 leave the policy language as MSBA recommended. No action was taken by the Board at this
197 time.

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199 A motion was made by Ms. Sparkman and seconded by Ms. Kinder- to approve the Early
200 Dismissal Proposal on selected dates during the 2009-2010 calendar for internal
201 collaboration. Dr. Welker reminded the Board that the high school had the teacher
202 collaboration dates in this year's calendar and recommended the entire district have
203 collaborations as indicated on the district academic calendar. Discussion followed and the
204 motion carried with seven yeas and zero nays.

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206 A motion was made by Mr. Nenninger and seconded by Mr. Smee to approve the amended
207 2009-2010 academic school calendar. Dr. Welker explained the rationale for the change and
208 discussion followed. The motion carried with seven yeas and zero nays.

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210 A motion was made by Dr. Trautwein and seconded by Ms. Kinder to approve the Academic
211 Course Enhancement Program at the Junior High level for the 2009-2010 school year.

212 Ms. Fanger gave a brief overview of the program for the Board. Mr. Nenninger asked that
213 predetermined criteria be included in the program as success indicators for the program. It
214 was also pointed out that there was an error on page 5. Item “computers” should be \$5,000
215 instead of \$50,000. Discussion followed and the motion carried, with the amended line item
216 “Computers” corrected, with a vote of seven yeas and zero nays.

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218 A motion was made by Mr. Nenninger and seconded by Dr. Trautwein to approve the
219 transportation contract with First Student for the 2009-2010 school year. Dr. Welker and
220 Mr. Glass explained the original contract have the option of renewing the contract two times
221 for one year each renewal. They also pointed out that the renewal contract would reflect
222 changes from the original contract of a 3% rate increase in basic usage charges and the fuel
223 cap was removed completely. Discussion followed and the motion carried with seven yeas
224 and zero nays.

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226 **Information and Proposals from Board Members**

227 Ms. Sparkman congratulated Mr. Mike Ponder as being appointed to the State Board of
228 Education.

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230 Mr. Smee wanted to revisit having a third reading on Board policies because at the second
231 reading two Board members were absent. Discussion followed and no action was taken by the
232 Board.

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234 At 8:30 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Smee and seconded by Ms. Sparkman to adjourn
235 into executive session to consider Legal Purposes, Individually Identifiable Personnel/Student
236 Records, Employment, Personnel Evaluation, discussions of work product, and Real Estate.
237 Authority is Section 610.021, Para, 2, 3, 9 and 13, Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended.
238 The motion carried with the following roll call vote of seven yeas and zero nays:

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| 239 Mr. Bonds | Yea | Mr. McDonald | Yea | Mr. Smee | Yea |
| 240 Ms. Kinder | Yea | Mr. Nenninger | Yea | Ms. Sparkman | Yea |
| 241 | | | | Dr. Trautwein | Yea |

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243 At 9:48 p.m. the Board returned to open session and Mr. McDonald stated there was no
244 announcement to be made from executive session.

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246 **Adjournment**

247 At 9:50 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Kinder and seconded by Mr. Smee to adjourn the
248 meeting. The motion carried with seven yeas and zero nays.

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250 The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, May 18, 2009 at
251 the Board of Education and Administration Offices located at 301 N. Clark at 6:00 p.m.

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253 Respectfully submitted,

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258 Laverne Smith
259 Secretary, Board of Education