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**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**CAPE GIRARDEAU SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 63**  
**Monday, March 15, 2010 – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Board of Education Office**  
**301 N. Clark St.**

**Board Members Present:**

**Mr. Kyle McDonald, President, Ms. Stacy Kinder, Vice-President, Mr. Luther Bonds, Mr. Paul Nenninger, Ms. Laura Sparkman, and Mr. Tony Smee (arrived at 5:30 p.m.)**

**Board Members Absent: Dr. Steve Trautwein**

**Others Present:**

**Dr. James Welker, Superintendent, Ms. Beth Poyner, Board Secretary, Ms. Pat Fanger, Asst. Superintendent, Ms. Misty Clifton, Dir. of Financial Services, Mr. Neil Glass, Dir. of Administrative Services, Ms. Theresa Hinkebein, Curriculum Coord., Ms. Carla Fee, Director of AEC, Mr. Steve Robertson, Public Relations Coord., and Alaina Busch, Southeast Missourian and Ms. April Garner.**

**A quorum being present and due notice having been mailed and published, the special session of the Board of Education of Cape Girardeau School District No. 63 was called to order on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 5:04 p.m. by President, Kyle McDonald.**

**Approval of Agenda**

**A motion was made by Ms. Kinder and seconded by Mr. Nenninger to approve the agenda. The motion carried with five yeas and zero nays.**

**Carla Fee, Director of Alternative Education Center**

**Dr. Welker introduced Ms. Carla Fee, Director of the Alternative Education Center (AEC), who gave Board members handouts with enrollment statistics and information regarding the AEC. Ms. Fee said the AEC has around 120 students on roll in grades 6 through 12. They use block scheduling which enables new students to enroll at the beginning of each quarter. This scheduling also helps at-risk students as they only have to focus on four classes per day. Ms. Fee explained that students enroll in the AEC for many reasons including teenage pregnancy, long-term suspensions and behavioral and academic problems. The sending schools recommend placement and there is an application process that must be completed for admission. They normally have around 10 to 20 students on a waiting list. Ms. Fee compared various enrollment statistics from the past three years, and pointed out many areas which have improved. She also discussed different ways they are working on continued improvements, which include faculty Professional Development applicable to at-risk students and innovative transitional services.**

**Adjournment**

**At 5:34 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Kinder and seconded by Mr. Bonds to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with a vote of seven yeas and zero nays.**

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**Paul L. Nenninger, Board President**

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**Beth Poyner, Board Secretary**