

1 MINUTES
2 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
3 CAPE GIRARDEAU SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 63
4 Monday, May 17, 2010, 6:00 p.m.
5 Board of Education and Administration Offices
6 301 North Clark
7 Cape Girardeau, Missouri
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9 Board Members Present:

10 Mr. Paul Nenninger, President, Mr. Luther Bonds, Vice-President, Ms. Stacy Kinder, Mr. Kyle
11 McDonald, Mr. Philip Moore, Mr. Tony Smee (via Skype video conference) and Dr. Steve
12 Trautwein (left at 9:00 p.m.)
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14 Others Present:

15 Dr. James Welker, Superintendent, Ms. Beth Poyner, Board Secretary, Ms. Pat Fanger, Assistant
16 Superintendent, Ms. Misty Clifton, Director of Financial Services, Mr. Neil Glass, Director of
17 Administrative Services, Ms. Deena Ring, Director of Special Services, Ms. Theresa Hinkebein,
18 Curriculum Coordinator, Mr. Steve Robertson, Public Relations Coordinator, Ms. Jena Mabry,
19 CTA President, Dr. Mike Cowan, Principal, Mr. Rich Payne, CTC Director, Ms. Carla Fee, AEC
20 Director, Ms. Ruth Ann Orr, Principal and approximately 100 visitors.
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22 A quorum being present and due notice having been mailed and published, the regular session of
23 the Board of Education of Cape Girardeau School District No. 63 was called to order on Monday,
24 May 17, 2010 at 6:09 p.m. by Mr. Nenninger, Board President.
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26 Mr. Nenninger asked the audience to stand and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
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28 Approval of Agenda

29 A motion was made by Dr. Trautwein and seconded by Mr. Smee to approve the agenda. The
30 motion carried with seven yeas and zero nays.
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32 Terrific Tiger Recognition

33 The following students received the “*Terrific Tiger Award*” based on service to others, leadership
34 and scholarship:
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36 ALMA SCHRADER ELEMENTARY –	Griffin King, 4 th Grade
37 BLANCHARD ELEMENTARY –	Aries Criddle, 4 th Grade
38 CLIPPARD ELEMENTARY –	Jessica Hall, 4 th Grade
39 FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY –	Derik Chandler, 4 th Grade
40 JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY –	Jalynn Johnson, 4 th Grade
41 CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL –	Shane Wright, 6 th Grade
42 CAPE CENTRAL JUNIOR HIGH –	Chelsea Johnson, 8 th Grade
43 CAPE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL –	Veda Riley, 12 th Grade
44 ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION CENTER –	Kenny Kile, 12 th Grade

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46 Staff Recognition

47 Dr. Welker, Ms. Fanger and Mr. Nenninger recognized the Cape Area Chamber of Commerce 2010
48 Educators of the Year recipients: Ms. Crystal Cerny, Mr. Mark Cook and Ms. Tracy Haggerty.
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50 Mr. Carroll Williams and Mr. Robin Cole, with the Cape Girardeau Public School Foundation,
51 recognized the Great Ideas Teaching grant recipients: Ms. Julia Jorgensen, Ms. Joanie Heuring,
52 Ms. Yvonne Campbell, Ms. Pat Johnson, Ms. Mary Richards, Ms. Emily Goode and Ms. Amber
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Information, Proposals or Comments from the Audience

Mr. Nenninger asked if there were any comments from the public and four people turned in requests to speak.

Ms. Cheryl Sebaugh read The Blueberry Story, which supports the concept that running a school is different than running a business.

Ms. Jennifer Dennis expressed concern for the Notre Dame ad, in which Mr. Nenninger appeared. Mr. Tony Buehrle, with Notre Dame gave explanation for Mr. Nenninger’s appearance in the ad. Doug Austin spoke in support of Mr. Nenninger.

Informational Reports

Board President’s Report:

- Mr. Nenninger congratulated our Educator of the Year honorees and thanked the Chamber of Commerce for offering this recognition to educators in the community.
- Mr. Nenninger reported that the Alternative Education Center graduated 26 students at their commencement ceremony held May 14, 2010.
- SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) sponsored a memorial ceremony at Cape County Park North on Friday. Mr. Nenninger thanked Principal Mark Cook and the staff at Jefferson Elementary for the 13 student entries in the coloring contest. He also thanked Principal Mark Kiehne and the Central Middle school staff for three entries in the essay contest. Mr. Nenninger congratulated Natalie Davis, CMS student for her winning entry in the essay contest.
- Mr. Nenninger noted that Central High School held their commencement on Sunday and he thanked Principal Mike Cowan and the CHS staff for their efforts in providing a very nice ceremony. Speakers included Ms. Patricia Kuper, Ms. Nina Scheibe, Salutatorian and Ms. Meg Goodman, Valedictorian.
- Mr. Nenninger thanked the many volunteers who have given of their time during this school year and also thanked the businesses who have partnered with the schools. He encouraged the community to show their thanks by patronizing those businesses.
- Mr. Nenninger read a thank you note from Mr. Dennis Wilson, art teacher from CJHS.
- Mr. Nenninger thanked the staff for helping with the various forms of required yearly testing that the district administers to evaluate students.

Superintendent’s Report:

- Dr. Welker commended Dr. Cowan and all the faculty and staff for a wonderful commencement ceremony in which 285 students graduated.
- Dr. Welker also commended Ms. Fee on the great job she and her staff did with the Alternative Education Center graduation. He noted that the commencement ceremony increased his appreciation for the work that the staff does at the AEC.
- Dr. Welker congratulated all of the staff, cooks, custodians, teachers, secretaries and administrators, on a successful school year, noting that all of the staff does a fantastic job.
- The legislative session just ended and they will not change the phase-in formula. Dr. Welker also noted that next year may see a 4% cut in funding.
- Dr. Welker stated that Keith Fairchild with McCarthy updated the Board during the work session, noting his appreciation of McCarthy’s efforts on moving the building projects forward.

CTA Organization:

- Ms. Jena Mabry, CTA president spoke on behalf of the staff’s concerns on two issues.
- Ms. Mabry noted the CTA sent a survey via e-mail to all faculty and staff concerning the Human Resource position.

- 106 ➤ “Over 300 classified and certified staff responded to the HR position. 96% were opposed in
107 this time of budget cuts, 77% were opposed even if there were no budget concerns and 91%
108 reported not having an issue that went unresolved. The results show that our staff
109 overwhelmingly opposes a new administrative position under our current budget
110 conditions.”
- 111 ➤ Ms. Mabry stated that staff members met with Mr. Nenninger, School Board President, on
112 Thursday, May 13th to express concerns that his recent actions have not promoted the
113 school district. She said that a survey was presented to staff at noon today, and by 3:30
114 p.m. 252 staff members had responded.
- 115 ➤ “The survey consisted of the following questions:
- 116 1. Should members of the CGPS Board of Education promote area schools that are not part of
117 our school district? No 93.8% Yes 6.2%
- 118 2. If community members have approached you about the recent advertisement for ND High
119 School, was their overall perception: Negative 81.5%, Neutral 16.7%, Positive 1.8%
- 120 3. Does promoting private/parochial schools in our community contribute to the educational
121 welfare of students enrolled in CGPS (School Board Member Code of Ethics #1 “Remember
122 that the first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of all students attending
123 the public schools”)? No 13.3%, Yes 86.7%
- 124 4. In your opinion, was School Board Member Code of Ethics #15 (which states “Express
125 personal opinions but, once the Board has acted, accept the will of the majority”) violated
126 when a School Board member publicly stated that he was against the Bond Issue prior to
127 the election? No 13.3%, Yes 86.7%
- 128 5. Do you feel Mr. Nenninger’s actions have hurt the morale of the district?
129 No 8.6%, Yes 91.4%
- 130 6. Should School Board members attend school functions in support of our students?
131 No 1.6%, Yes 98.4%
- 132 ➤ Our staff has concerns that this member is not representing us with the loyalty and
133 commitment needed by Board members.“

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135 **Treasurer’s Report:**

- 136 ➤ Ms. Misty Clifton presented a Treasurer’s report, which included the district’s revenue and
137 expenses to date, transfers, and ending fund balance as of April 30, 2010 of \$17,578,985.44
138 with an unrestricted fund balance of \$16,121,079.43.
- 139 ➤ Ms. Clifton’s report also included District investments, balances and monthly expenditures
140 summary.

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142 **Board Reports:**

143 **Legislative and MSBA Report:**

- 144 ➤ The Board viewed the monthly MSBA Board Report video.

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146 **Cape Girardeau Public School Foundation:**

- 147 ➤ Mr. Bonds said he did not have a report from the Foundation.
148 ➤ Mr. Nenninger noted that the golf tournament had been canceled.

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150 **Approval of Consent Agenda**

151 A motion was made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Dr. Trautwein to approve the consent
152 agenda consisting of:

- 153 A. Minutes/Memoranda of Previous Meeting April 19, 2010 (3)
154 B. Payment of Bills
155 C. Approval of Transporting Students within One Mile
156 D. Approval of Summer School Application 2010

157 E. First Reading of Board Policy GCN

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159 The motion carried with seven yeas and zero nays.

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161 Business Items

162 Mr. Nenninger presented Board Policies for a second reading and approval. A motion was made
163 by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Ms. Kinder for the second reading and approval of Board
164 Policy GBBDA as recommended. The motion carried with seven yeas and zero nays.

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166 A motion was made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Ms. Kinder for the second reading and
167 approval of Board Policy GCBDA as recommended. The motion carried with seven yeas and zero
168 nays.

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170 A motion was made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Mr. Moore to rescind Board Policy GCBE
171 as recommended. The motion carried with seven yeas and zero nays.

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173 A motion was made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Ms. Kinder for the second reading and
174 approval of Board Policy GDBDA as recommended. The motion carried with seven yeas and zero
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177 A motion was made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Ms. Kinder to rescind Board Policy GDBE
178 as recommended. The motion carried with seven yeas and zero nays.

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180 A motion was made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Mr. Smee to adopt of the 2009-2010 stipend
181 schedule for the 2010-2011 school year as recommended. Discussion followed and the motion
182 carried with seven yeas and zero nays.

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184 A motion was made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Ms. Kinder to adopt the 2009-2010
185 classified staff salary schedules for the 2010-2011 school year as recommended. Discussion followed
186 and the motion carried with seven yeas and zero nays.

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188 A motion was made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Mr. Smee to adopt the 2009-2010 certified
189 staff salary schedules for the 2010-2011 school year as recommended. Discussion followed and the
190 motion carried with seven yeas and zero nays.

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192 Dr. Welker noted that last year they had worked to develop a five year plan to improve salaries,
193 however with cuts in funding, felt like they had to freeze vertical movement, but not horizontal.

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195 A motion was made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Ms. Kinder to adopt the 2009-2010
196 administrator/coordinator salary schedules for the 2010-2011 school year as recommended.
197 Discussion followed and the motion carried with seven yeas and zero nays.

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199 A motion was made by Dr. Trautwein and seconded by Ms. Kinder to approve the resolution to ask
200 Senator Crowell to make a formal request of the Missouri Attorney General to answer the question,
201 "Would it violate section 610.015, RSMo for a member to participate in a roll call vote if the
202 member was participating via video conference so that he/she could be seen by all other
203 participating members and, in the case of an open meeting, by members of the public?" Discussion
204 followed.

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206 A motion was made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Ms. Kinder to postpone the motion until
207 the next regular Board meeting on June 28, 2010. The motion carried with seven yeas and zero
208 nays.

210 A motion was made by Mr. Smee and seconded by Mr. McDonald to approve the resignation of Dr.
211 Steven Trautwein as a member of the Cape Girardeau School District's Board of Education
212 effective May 17, 2010. The motion carried with seven yeas and zero nays.

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214 Mr. Nenninger thanked Dr. Trautwein for his years of service to the Board.

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216 Discussion of Board Vacancy

217 Mrs. Poyner gave each Board member copies of the letters of interest received.

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219 The next Board meeting will be a special meeting on June 8 at 6:00 p.m. to consider approval of the
220 Bond Pricing Resolution.

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222 It was decided that all five applicants should be interviewed.

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224 A special meeting was scheduled for June 15 at 6:00 p.m. to interview applicants for the Board
225 vacancy.

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227 A special meeting was scheduled for June 16 at noon to vote on the applicants.

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229 Information and Proposals from Board Members

230 Mr. McDonald informed the Board that he had met with Mr. Kris Oliveira, Technology Support
231 Specialist, Dr. Welker and Mrs. Poyner concerning last month's discussion to investigate the
232 possibility of going paperless with the Board meetings. Mr. Oliveira is currently working on an
233 interactive system to enable Board members to access Board packet information on line and make
234 personal notations as well as other enhancements. Mr. McDonald noted that we should be
235 prepared to have a dry run at next month's meeting.

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237 Mr. McDonald stated that as a Board member, this was his favorite time of the year. He noted
238 several events which he had the privilege to attend, including CJHS performance of Sound of Music
239 and commencement services for the AEC and CHS.

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241 Mr. McDonald commended the district's sixteen retirees for their years of service noting that they
242 would be missed.

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244 Mr. McDonald also thanked Dr. Trautwein for his service to the Board.

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246 Mr. Smee thanked the Board for allowing him to attend via video conference.

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248 At 8:30 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Mr. Smee to recess for a
249 reception for Dr. Trautwein and return to open session.

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251 At 9:05 p.m. the meeting resumed.

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253 At 9:05 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Ms. Kinder to adjourn into
254 Executive Session to consider, Legal Purposes, Individually Identifiable Personnel/Student Records,
255 Employment, Personnel Evaluation, discussions of work product, and Real Estate. Authority is
256 Section 610.021, Para, 2, 3, 9 and 13, Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended. The motion carried
257 with the following roll call vote of five yeas and zero nays:

258	Mr. Bonds	Yea	Mr. Moore	Yea
259	Ms. Kinder	Yea	Mr. Nenninger	Yea
260	Mr. McDonald	Yea		

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262 At 9:25 p.m. the Board returned to open session and Mr. Nenninger announced there was nothing
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Adjournment

At 9:26 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Ms. Kinder to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with six yeas and zero nays.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, June 28, 2010 at the Board of Education and Administration Offices located at 301 N. Clark at 6:00 p.m.

Paul L. Nenninger, Board President

Beth Poyner, Board Secretary