

CHILLICOTHE R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Robin Westphal - President  
Jason Bone -Vice President  
Brent Turner - Treasurer

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Paul Thomas - Member  
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Regular Open Meeting  
October 21, 2014

The Board of Education of the Chillicothe R-II School District held a regular open meeting at the Administrative Offices, 1020 Old Highway 36, West, in the City of Chillicothe, state of Missouri on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Bone, Mr. Turner, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Jones.

Also present: Dr. Roger Barnes, Jim Ruse, Philip Pohren, Brian Sherrow, Adam Wolf, Sophie Chambers, Jayme Caughron, Donna Good, Susan Finlayson, Misty Worman, Alisyn Worman, Faron Worman, Penny Kennebeck, Melanie Rucker, Abby Smith, Karie Black, Aaron Robinson, Lee Rucker, Mary Pat Whiteside, Steve Haley, Courtnie and Kaylynn Cranmer, Kelly Griffith, Katelin Gann, Ben Coult, Karyna Ireland, Scott, Tracy and Brock Miller, Cathy, Claire, and Dalton Ripley, Elizabeth, Theresa and Ava Lance, Pam Constant, Tim Cool, Susan Mayers, John Brown, Brittany Tutt, C-T; Tom Tingerthal, KCHI; and Laura Schuler.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Bone called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Bone welcomed those in attendance and led those gathered in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Bone asked for a motion regarding the agenda. Dr. Barnes recommended adding Item G, Early Elementary Handbook Amendment; and Item H, Amendment III Resolution. Mr. Thomas moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Turner second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 4-0.

**STUDENT RECOGNITION**

Melanie Rucker introduced Sophie Chambers, fourth grade teacher; and Donna Good, fifth grade teacher – both of whom subsequently presented the following students for Board recognition: Max Wagers, Brock Miller, Kaylynn Cranmer and Elizabeth Lance (fourth grade); and Karyna Ireland, Claire Ripley and Alisyn Worman (fifth grade). The fourth graders read essays they wrote on their Boomers to Boomers experiences and the fifth grade students shared their How to poems. Each student received a certificate from Mrs. Westphal, who entered the meeting during the presentation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mrs. Westphal asked if there was any Public Comment. There was no Public Comment.

**REPORT TO THE BOARD**

Guidance Counseling Programs  
School Climate Evaluations

ACT Prep Course: Dr. Barnes presented Mary Pat Whiteside and Pam Constant. Both teachers gave an oral report on the ACT Prep Course now offered at the high school.

District Tutoring: Dr. Barnes introduced Abby Smith, who gave the Board a report regarding the plans for offering District Tutoring.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business

**NEW BUSINESS**

Consent Agenda: Mrs. Westphal asked for a motion regarding the Consent Agenda. Mr. Turner moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Thomas second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 4-0. Items on the Consent Agenda included:

- Minutes from the September 16, 2014 and October 7, 2014 open meetings;
- Payment of Bills totaling \$927,586.13.
- Fund II Transfer. (*There was no Fund II Transfer*).

Architect Report: Dr. Barnes introduced John Brown, of Hollis-Miller Architects. Mr. Bown updated the Board on the results from the staff survey regarding the District's facilities, and the work the firm will be doing to gather additional input from the community on the District's facilities.

Finance Report: Dr. Barnes presented the Board the General Ledger and Monthly Finance Report for the month ending September 2014. Also included for comparison was the Monthly Finance Statement from September 2013. Ending balances for each fund as of September 30, 2014 were as follows:

Fund 1	\$4,900,378.99
Fund 2	\$ 82,122.63
Fund 3	\$ 206,156.85
Fund 4	<u>\$296,973.12</u>
Total:	\$5,485,631.59

The Chillicothe R-II Investments and bank accounts balances as of August 31, 2014, were shown as follows:

- Now Checking Account - \$5,528,742.86 (*Total All General Funds*)
- Employee Health Care and Flex Care Funds \$176,101.41

Dr. Barnes provided the Board with an update regarding the District's finances. There was a discussion.

Consider Employee Health Insurance Premium Increase: Dr. Barnes recommended the Board approve an increase of \$13 per month health insurance premium for employees. The \$13 increase would mean the employee would contribute \$120 per month of the insurance premium and the District's part would remain at \$425 per month. There was a discussion. Mr. Bone moved to approve an increase of \$13 per month in health insurance premiums for the employees, effective during the January pay cycle. Mr. Thomas second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 4-0.

Consider Board Policies – First Reading: Mrs. Westphal directed the Board to review all four suggested MSBA Policy Updates prior to the next regular meeting, when they would be reviewed. Policies up for possible updates are:

- Policy ADF – District Wellness Program
- Policy BBB – School Board Elections
- Policy EF – Food Service Management
- Policy IND – Ceremonies and Observances

Consider Lease Financing Agreement: Dr. Barnes directed the Board's attention to the Lease Purchase financing agreement forms which support the Board's decision on October 7, 2014 to enter into a Lease Purchase agreement with Commerce Bank. He recommended the approval of the Lease Financing Agreement. Mr. Turner moved to approve the Lease Financing Agreement. Mr. Thomas second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 4-0.

Consider Amendment to 2014 Early Childhood Education Handbook: Dr. Barnes recommended the Board approve the suggested revisions to the 2014 Early Childhood Education Handbook, which details how prescription and over-the-counter medications will be handled at Garrison School. Mr. Turner moved to approve the amendment to the 2014 Early Childhood Education Handbook as presented. Mr. Thomas second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 4-0.

Consider Resolution Opposing Amendment 3: Mrs. Westphal asked the Board to examine the proposed Resolution opposing Amendment 3 on the November 4, 2014 ballot. Mr. Bone moved to approve the resolution opposing Amendment 3 on the November 4, 2014 ballot. Mr. Turner second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 4-0.

The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 on the November ballot is a state mandate that shifts local control for educational decisions away from the Chillicothe R-II Public School parents, teachers, administrators, and Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 is a proposal that has many unintended consequences for students, teachers, administrators and the Chillicothe R-II Board of Education and school districts across the state of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 would prevent the Chillicothe R-II Board of Education from hiring, promoting, compensating or dismissing teachers in accordance with board policy and local standards; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 would force taxpayers of the Chillicothe R-II School District to pay for the development and implementation of standardized tests at a time when our public schools remain significantly underfunded by the state; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 would prevent the Chillicothe R-II School District from using its current teacher evaluation process and tools for improving teacher performance and student performance;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Chillicothe R-II Board of Education on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2014, hereby opposes Amendment 3 on the November 4, 2014 ballot.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE/BOE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Board reviewed the reports submitted by building administrators and the superintendent and assistant superintendent. Dr. Barnes pointed out some important dates that the Board should be aware of, including:

- October 23, 2014 – Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 24, 2014 – No School
- November 5, 2014 - MSBA Region 2 Meeting at Marceline
- November 10, 2014 - High School Academic Achievement Banquet
- November 12, 2014 – GRTS advisory Committee Meetings and Banquet
- November 13, 2014 – Rotary Teacher Appreciation Banquet
- November 18, 2014 – Board of Education meeting

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board reviewed a thank you from Mary Pat Whiteside.

#### **MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Turner moved to enter Executive Session as provided under Missouri Revised Statute, 610.021, for the purpose of employing, discussing and evaluating personnel, discussing real estate, student and legal matters. Mr. Bone second. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Westphal – yea; Mr. Bone –yea; Mr. Thomas – yea; Mr. Turner – yea; Mr. Jones – yea. Motion carries, 5-0.

Board enters Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

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Robin Westphal, President

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Laura Schuler, Secretary