

CHILLICOTHE R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

Members:

Robin Westphal - President
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Jason Bone - Treasurer

Michael Leamer - Member
Paul Thomas - Member
Brent Turner - Member
Robin Quinn - Member

Regular Open Meeting January 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, January 21, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Mrs. Westphal, Mr. Bone, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Turner and Mrs. Quinn.

Also present: Dr. Roger Barnes, Jim Ruse, Karie Black, Richard and Michelle Lavature, Kylee and Kortny Sowder, Abby Smith, Penny Kennebeck, Bambi and Andrew Gannan, Kenya Gannan, Dr. Greg and Julie Sensenich, Walter Thomas, Frank and Holly Thompson, Brandi and Jessie Rodenberg, Patricia Howard, Kari Keller, Lynnette Cowherd, Nona Wilkison, Bob Wilkison, Colin and Katie Woodworth, Julia Reeter, Brooke Wolf, Shelby Knipp, Shelley Hayen, Margie Albertson, Ellen Hansen, Steve Haley, Connie Sowder, Jerry Sowder, Sophie Chambers, Pam Miller, Stephen Miller, Melanie Rucker, Terry Mammen, Adam Wolf, Jayme Caughron, Brian Sherrow, Philip Pohren, Skylar Wilson, Robert Wilson, Tara Buss, Kimber Woodworth, Haylee Troxel, Keira Roney, Kalie Clark, Carson Roney, Tom Tingerthal, KCHI; Austin Buckner, C-T; and Laura Schuler.

WELCOME/PLEDGE OF ALLIEGENCE

Mrs. Westphal welcomed those in attendance and led those gathered in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Westphal asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Thomas moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Bone second. All were in favor. Motion carries 4-0.

WELCOME & PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Westphal welcomed those in attendance and asked if there was anyone wanting to make a public comment. There was no public comment.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Dr. Barnes presented Abby Smith, who then introduced Mrs. Hansen, Mrs. Reeter, Mrs. Hayen, Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Wolf – all of whom presented kindergarten and first grade students who have shown achievement in reading, writing and math. The students then demonstrated their ability to those in attendance. All students received certificates from Board President Robin Westphal. They were: Jaiden Rodenberg, Luke Thompson, Ava Leamer, Kenyen Gannan, Jaxon Miller, Bo Smith, and Kortny Sowder.

Dr. Barnes then introduced Karie Black, who presented Patricia Howard, Kari Keller, Margie Albertson, Kim Griffin and Lynnette Cowherd. They introduced several preschoolers who then performed two finger play songs. They were: Carson Roney, Kimber Woodworth, Haylee Troxel, Keira Roney and Kallie Clark. Then, Karie Keller introduced Tara Buss and Skylar Wilson, students who are enrolled in the District's autism program and noted their achievements. All of the students received certificates from Board President Robin Westphal.

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION

Dr. Barnes recognized the members of the Chillicothe R-II School Board and presented them with certificates from the Missouri School Boards' Association in recognition of their dedicated leadership in public education and continuing service to the children of the community.

REPORT TO BOARD

Food Service

A-Plus Program

District Annual Report

Dr. Barnes presented the above reports to the Board for information. He noted that the District's Annual Report Card for 2013 is available for public viewing at the DESE website.

Budget/Audit Report

During a Budget/Audit Report to the Board, Dr. Barnes presented preliminary information regarding the

State funding projections for the upcoming year and how that may factor in to the 2014-15 budget. There was a discussion. *(To view the Budget/Audit Report, please contact the Custodian of Records).*

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agenda: Mrs. Westphal asked for a motion regarding the Consent Agenda. Items listed on the Consent Agenda were:

- Minutes from the December 17, 2013 regular meeting.
- Payment of bills totaling \$365,404.78.
- Fund II Transfer totaling \$171,931.25.

Mr. Thomas moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Turner second. All were in favor. Motion carries 4-0.

Finance Report: Dr. Barnes presented the Board the General Ledger and Monthly Finance Report for the month ending December 2013. Also included for comparison was the Monthly Finance Statement from December 2012. Ending balances for each fund as of December 2013 are as follows:

Fund 1	\$4,351,084.35
Fund 2	\$0.00
Fund 3	\$199,428.87
Fund 4	<u>\$70,269.17</u>
Total:	\$4,620,782.39

The Chillicothe R-II Investments and bank accounts balances as of December 31, 2013, were shown as follows:

- Now Checking Account - \$4,703,472.13 (*Total All General Funds*)
- Employee Health Care and Flex Care Funds \$206,139.83

Consider Auditor Quote: Dr. Barnes told the Board that the District has received a quote for Auditing needs of the District from Lockridge, Constant & Conrad, LLC, the District's current auditors, beginning with the summer of 2014. Fees proposed are as follows: Audits for FY14 - \$8,150; FY15 - \$8,350; and FY16 - \$8,550. He recommended the District continue the service of Lockridge, Constant & Conrad and accept the aforementioned fee structure. Mr. Turner moved to approve continuing the service of Lockridge, Constant & Conrad for the fees of \$8,150 for FY14; \$8,350 for FY15; and \$8,550 for FY16. Mr. Bone second. All were in favor. Motion carries 4-0.

Administrative/BOE Committee Reports: Dr. Barnes reported that the **next regular meeting** will be held on February 18, 2014, which is also the same day as the **Legislative Forum** in Jefferson City, MO. He advised that Board members wishing to attend the Legislative Forum contact Laura Schuler so she could register them for the event.

Dr. Barnes also noted that, since the **Candidate Filing Period** for the April 8, 2014 election closed earlier that day on January 21, 2014 at 5 p.m., candidates running for three available seats on the Board are as follows: Michael R. Leamer, Noel Gott, Jason Bone, and Pat Jones.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Westphal read a note of appreciation to the Chillicothe R-II Board signed by Chillicothe Alternative Center for Education staff in observance of the upcoming National Board of Education Appreciation Week. Mrs. Westphal also thanked the Community Teachers' Association for the brownies, which were given to the Board in observance of the National Board of Education Appreciation Week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Westphal asked if there was any Public Comment. Austin Buckner, with the C-T, thanked the Board and R-II Administration for their cooperation over the past nine months during his tenure with the newspaper. He reported that he is locating out of the area.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Westphal asked for a motion to enter executive session. Mrs. Quinn 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, and legal matters. Mr. Thomas second. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Westphal, yea; Mr. Bone, yea; Mr. Thomas, yea; Mr. Turner, yea. Mrs. Quinn, yea. Motion carries, 5-0.

Robin Westphal, President

Laura Schuler, Secretary