

CHILLICOTHE R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

Members:

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

Michael Leamer - Member
Paul Thomas - Member
Robin Quinn - Member
Pat Jones - Member

Regular Open Meeting November 18, 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, November 18, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Also present: Dr. Roger Barnes, Jim Ruse, Brian Sherrow, Deborah Hardy, Lisa Wilson, Lynnette Cowherd, Kyle and Julie Chastain and Carol Minor, Philip Pohren, Terry Mammen, Tiffany Acree, Adam Wolf, Tracy Miller, Penny Kennebeck, Terria Cox, Karie Black, Marla Harrington, Mason Hayward, Natalie Leamer, Coleta McWilliams, Katie Maples, Melissa Young, Melanie Rucker, Michael Jones, Dan Nagel, Amanda Marsh, Steve Haley, Abby Smith, Debby Peery, Anthony, Leda, Emily, Andrew and Jack Schreiner, Tim Cool, Andrea Marriott, Brittany Tutt, C-T; Tom Tingerthal, KCHI; and Laura Schuler.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Westphal called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

WELCOME AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Westphal asked for a motion regarding the agenda. Mr. Thomas moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Bone second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 6-0.

RECOGNITION

Board: Mrs. Westphal read note of appreciation to the Board of Education from the local NEA and MSTA associations in observance of American Education Week. The note expressed thanks to the Board for its service and support of the Chillicothe R-II School District.

Students: Dr. Barnes introduced Philip Pohren. Mr. Pohren introduced Tiffany Acree, third grade teacher, and two of her students, Emile Paxton and Alex Gamblian. Mrs. Acree asked the two students to demonstrate how they work in the classroom on Ipads to improve their math skills. Mr. Pohren then introduced Tracy Miller, third grade teacher. Mrs. Miller introduced her student, Carol Minor, who subsequently read a poem she wrote. Mr. Pohren then introduced Emily Schreiner and Sophia Perry-Sannipola and explained to the Board that the two students developed and carried out a school-wide fundraiser to raise money to help pay for eyeglasses for children in need. Through the girls' "Cents for Specks" fund-raiser, a total of \$44.24 was raised. All students received a certificate of recognition from Mrs. Westphal, on behalf of the Chillicothe School Board.

Staff: Dr. Barnes told the Board that Chillicothe R-II District staff members have chosen their nominees for the Beacon and Teacher of the Year Awards which will be awarded in December. He asked the administrators to introduce their respective Teacher of the Year and Beacon Award nominees.

- Mrs. Smith introduced Andrea Marriott, first grade teacher; and Coleta McWilliams, paraprofessional, as Dewey School's Teacher of the Year and Beacon Award nominees;
- Mr. Pohren introduced Terria Cox, third grade teacher; and Michael Jones, maintenance, as Field School's Teacher of the Year and Beacon Award nominees;
- Mrs. Rucker introduced Deborah Hardy, fifth grade teacher, and Natalie Leamer, elementary counselor, as Central School's Teacher of the Year and Beacon Award nominees;
- Mr. Haley introduced Billy Smith, sixth grade social studies teacher, and Jeanette Johnson, secretary, as the middle school's Teacher of the Year and Beacon Award nominees;
- Mr. Sherrow introduced Amanda Marsh, special education teacher and Lisa Wilson, secretary as the high school's Teacher of the Year and Beacon Award nominees;
- Mr. Wolf introduced Debby Peery, vocational counselor, and Anita Coult, para-professional, as the Grand River Technical School's Teacher of the Year and Beacon Award nominees.

REPORT TO BOARD

Community Adult Education: Mrs. Westphal asked the Board to review the Community Adult Education report and asked if there were any questions or comments. Seeing none, she asked for a motion regarding the report. Mr. Bone moved to approve the Community Adult Education Report to the Board. Mr. Thomas second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Policies – MSTA Suggested Updates, 2014C: Mrs. Westphal asked the Board if there were any comments or concerns regarding the four policies slated for MSBA revision (listed below). Hearing none, she advised the Board that the following four policies would be slated for action during the December regular meeting.

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

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, 6-0. Items on the Consent Agenda included:

- Minutes from the October 21, 2014 regular meeting;
- Payment of Bills totaling \$324,211.14
- Fund II Transfer in the amount of \$78,887.75.

Architect Report: Dr. Barnes introduced Nicole Young of Hollis-Miller Architects. Ms. Young updated the Board regarding some of the results from the online community survey on the District’s facilities. She told the Board that of the District’s 290 employees, 241 had taken the survey. She noted that 200 community members had taken the survey so far, over half of the persons taking the surveys have children enrolled in the school district and most ranged in ages between 25 and 45 years old. The online survey, she said, will be available all month to community members and the results of the survey will be released at the Community Forum, slated for January 19, 2015.

Finance Report: Dr. Barnes presented the Board the General Ledger and Monthly Finance Report for the month ending October 2014. Also included for comparison was the Monthly Finance Statement from October 2013. Ending balances for each fund as of October 31, 2014 were as follows:

Fund 1	\$ 4,445,088.98
Fund 2	\$ 0.00
Fund 3	\$ 207,811.00
Fund 4	\$ 204,109.85
Total:	\$ 4,857,009.83

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

- Now Checking Account - \$4,933,734.25 (*Total All General Funds*)
- Employee Health Care and Flex Care Funds \$216,482.02

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

Consider Section 125 Third Party Administrator: Dr. Barnes told the Board that the District's current Section 125 Provider is Forest T. Jones. However, Forest T. Jones has partnered with American Fidelity to provide more services and, as a result of the new partnership, American Fidelity will be the Section 125 Provider. However, Dr. Barnes said, in order for American Fidelity to assume the role of Section 125 Provider, the Board must approve a resolution stating that American Fidelity may assume the role for the District. He recommended the approval of American Fidelity as the Chillicothe R-II School District’s Section 125 Provider. Mr. Leamer moved to approve American Fidelity as the Chillicothe R-II School District’s Section 125 Provider. Mr. Thomas second. All were in favor. Motion carried, 6-0.

Consider Job Descriptions: Dr. Barnes recommended the Board approve the following job descriptions:

- Teacher, kindergarten;
- Teacher;
- Instructor, Grand River Technical School;
- Teacher, Early Childhood;
- Teacher, Early Childhood – Special Education;

- Teacher, Cross-Categorical – Special Education.

Mr. Turner moved to approve the job descriptions as presented. Mr. Thomas second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 6-0.

Consider Grand River Technical School 2015-16 Tuition: Dr. Barnes recommended the Board approve the following tuition rates for the 2015-16 school year:

- Secondary Students, \$2,500 for a three hour program (increase of \$100);
- Adult students, \$5,800 for a six hour program (increase of \$100).

Dr. Barnes said that tuition was increased by \$100 for secondary programs and \$200 for post-secondary programs last year. Mr. Turner moved to approve the recommended tuition increase for GRTS students for the 2015-16 school year. Mr. Bone second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 6-0.

Adopt 2015 Board of Education Election Filing Dates: Dr. Barnes told the Board that Official Board of Education candidate filing dates for the April 2015 Election is December 16, 2014 to January 20, 2015. Candidates can file in the Central Office beginning at 8 a.m. on December 16, 2014. Filing will close at 5 p.m., on January 20, 2015 as per the Missouri Election Calendar. The terms of Mr. Thomas and Mr. Turner will expire in April 2015. All terms are three years in duration. Dr. Barnes also noted that there is also a new amended Board policy, Administrative Form, BBB-UAF2, which states Board candidates cannot be delinquent in the payment of any state income taxes on the candidate's stated residence. Candidates will be required to sign an affidavit stating such. He recommended the approval of the dates and filing times. Mr. Leamer moved to approve the 2015 Board of Education Election Filing Dates as recommended. Mr. Thomas second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 6-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE/BOE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Westphal asked the Board if there were any comments or questions regarding the Administrative reports. She noted that a Technology report had been included in this month's packet. There was a discussion about the District's technology goals regarding EOC testing on Ipods in the classrooms at the high school.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no Correspondence

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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, student and legal matters. Mr. Bone second. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Westphal – yea; Mr. Bone – yea; Mr. Turner – yea; Mr. Leamer – yea; Mr. Thomas – yea; Mrs. Quinn – yea. Mr. Jones – yea. Motion carries, 7-0.

Board enters Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

Robin Westphal, President

Laura Schuler, Secretary