

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

Public Hearing
December 16, 2014

The Board of Education of the Chillicothe R-II School District held a public hearing at the Administrative Offices, 1020 Old Highway 36, West, in the City of Chillicothe, state of Missouri on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 6:15 p.m.

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

Also present: Dr. Roger Barnes, Jim Ruse, Karie Black, Terry Mammen, Adam Wolf, Penny Kennebeck, Brittany Tutt, C-T; Tom Tingerthal, KCHI; and Laura Schuler.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Westphal called the public hearing to order at 6:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Westphal asked for a motion regarding the agenda for the public hearing. Mr. Thomas moved to approve the agenda for the public hearing as presented. Mr. Turner second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF 2015-2016 SCHOOL START DATE

Dr. Barnes recommended the Board approve the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year on August 19, 2015. There was a discussion. Mr. Leamer moved to approve the start date of the 2015-2016 school year as August 19, 2015. Mr. Thomas second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 5-0.

ADJOURN

Mr. Leamer moved to adjourn the hearing. Mr. Thomas second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 5-0.

Regular Open Meeting
December 16, 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, December 16, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Also present: Dr. Roger Barnes, Jim Ruse, Karie Black, Abby Smith, Penny Kennebeck, Jayme Caughron, Terry Mammen, Adam Wolf, Susan Finlayson, Melanie Rucker, Bob Conrad, Brian Sherrow, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Mrs. Westphal led those gathered in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Westphal asked for a motion regarding the agenda. Mr. Leamer moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Bone second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 5-0.

WELCOME AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Westphal welcomed those in attendance and asked if there was any Public Comment. There was no public comment.

PROGRAM EVALUATION AND BOARD REPORTS

Mrs. Westphal directed the Board to examine the following Board Reports and Program Evaluations:

- Homeless Plan

- Home-Bound Program
- Transportation Report

There was a discussion regarding the Transportation Report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agenda: Mrs. Westphal asked for a motion regarding the Consent Agenda. Mr. Thomas moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Leamer second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 5-0. Items on the Consent Agenda included:

- Minutes from the Regular November 18, 2014 open meeting;
- Payment of Bills totaling \$477,692.58;
- Fund II Transfer totaling \$316,704.45.

Auditor’s Report: Dr. Barnes introduced Bob Conrad, of Lockridge, Constant & Conrad, LLC. Mr. Conrad presented the Audit findings for the 2013-2014 school year. There was a discussion. Mr. Turner moved to approve the auditor’s report as presented. Mr. Thomas second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 5-0.

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

Fund 1	\$ 3,873,834.30
Fund 2	\$ 0.00
Fund 3	\$ 208,756.33
Fund 4	\$ <u>192,010.33</u>
Total:	\$ 4,274,600.96

The Chillicothe R-II Investments and bank accounts balances as of November 30, 2014, were shown as follows:

- Now Checking Account - \$4,368,062.05 (*Total All General Funds*)
- Employee Health Care and Flex Care Funds \$239,446.73

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

Consider Board Policies – 3rd Reading: Mrs. Westphal asked if there were any concerns or questions regarding the following policies which have been recommended by MSBA to be revised:

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

There were no questions or concerns voiced by the Board. Hearing none, Mrs. Westphal asked for a motion regarding the policies. Mr. Leamer moved to approve revisions to policies ADF, BBB, EF and IND as recommended in the 2014C MSBA Update. Mr. Turner second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 5-0.

Consider Benchmark Assessment Program: Dr. Barnes recommended the Board renew a three-year contract for use of the Study Island/Reading Eggs assessment series in the elementary and middle school grades. He reported that students and staff have been using this system for three years and the contract is now due for re-newel. The contract was originally paid with Federal School Improvement Funds. Pending Board approval, the cost would be paid for through local funds. Dr. Barnes said that if the Board approved the contract, the cost would be divided up over three years. The cost for a three-year contract is \$30,009. Mr. Turner moved to approve renewing the three-year contract for use of the Study Island and Reading Eggs assessment series. Mr. Bone second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 5-0.

GRTS Post-Secondary Tuition Refund Policy: Dr. Barnes told the Board that, as part of the COE certification procedures, the GRTS must have a written policy approved by the Board of

Education outlining their Post-Secondary Tuition Refund Policy. This is an addendum to the GRTS student handbook, thus informing all students of the refunding policy. Mr. Leamer moved to approve the GRTS Post-Secondary Tuition Refund Policy as presented and found in the 2014-15 GRTS student handbook. Mr. Thomas second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 5-0.

Consider GRTS Mission Statement: Dr. Barnes told the Board, as part of the COE accreditation for the Grand River Technical School; a Board-approved GRTS Mission Statement must exist and be reflected in Board minutes. The mission statement is listed in the GRTS student handbook, which is Board-approved, but the mission statement has not been Board-approved separately. He recommended the approval of the GRTS Mission Statement as presented in the Board packet. Mr. Leamer moved to approve the GRTS Mission Statement as “Our mission is to ensure that students develop into lifelong, self-directed learners who can achieve career success in a technologically-advanced global society.” Mr. Thomas second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 5-0.

Consider 2015-16 School Calendar: Dr. Barnes presented a proposed calendar to the Board for the 2015-16 school year as recommended by the calendar committee. The proposed calendar (Attachment A) calls for 174 instructional days and 180 teacher contract days. The student starting date is August 19, 2015 and the last day of school is May 19, 2016. The 2015 Summer School will tentatively begin on May 26, 2016. Mr. Turner moved to approve the 2015-2016 school calendar as recommended by the calendar committee and Dr. Barnes. Mr. Leamer second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 5-0.

Consider Job Descriptions: Dr. Barnes recommended the Board approve the following job descriptions as presented in the Board packets:

- Bus Monitor
- Title Teacher
- Process Coordinator
- Speech Implementer
- Speech Language Pathologist

Mr. Turner moved to approve the job descriptions of bus monitor, title teacher, process coordinator, speech implementer and speech language pathologist as presented. M. Leamer second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE/BOE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Westphal asked the Board if there were any comments or questions regarding the Administrative/BOE Committee Reports. There were no questions. Dr. Barnes reminded the Board of the following dates of importance:

- January 19, 2015 – Community Forum No. 2 at 6 p.m. at the Gary Dickinson Performing Arts Center;
- January 20, 2015 – Regular January Board of Education Meeting at 6:30 p.m.;
- February 17, 2015 – MSBA Legislative Forum.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Westphal read an invitation to the Board for the Greater Kansas City Legislative Brunch.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Westphal asked if any in attendance had any Public Comment to make. 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. There was a roll call vote: Mrs. Westphal, yea; Mr. Bone, yea; Mr. Turner, yea; Mr. Leamer, yea; Mr. Thomas, yea; Mrs. Quinn, yea. Motion carries, 6-0. Board enters Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

Robin Westphal, President

Laura Schuler, Secretary