

CHILlicothe R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

Members:

Paul Thomas-President
David Meneely-Vice President
Robin Westphal-Treasurer
Julie McCoy-Member

Michael Leamer-Member
Shawn Skoglund-Member
Jason Bone-Member

Special Work Session September 20, 2011

The Board of Education of the Chillicothe R-II School District held a special work session at the Administrative Office, 1020 Old Hwy 36 West, in the City of Chillicothe, state of Missouri, on Tuesday September 20, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Meneely, Mrs. Westphal, Mrs. McCoy, Mr. Leamer, Mr. Skoglund and Mr. Bone.

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Roger Barnes, Jim Ruse, Pam Fetter, Drew VanDyke, C-T; and Laura Schuler.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Thomas called the special work session to order at 5:25 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Leamer made a motion to approve the agenda for the special work session as presented. Mr. Skoglund second. All were in favor. Motion passes 6-0.

DISTRICT GOAL SETTING

Dr. Barnes and the board members discussed several possible goals for the District ranging from stabilizing reserves, to the consolidation of buildings and consulting the District's established Long Range Plan. No motions were made.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to be brought before the Board for the special work session, Mr. Skoglund made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Leamer second. All were in favor. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Regular Open Board Meeting September 20, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Chillicothe R-II School District was held at the Administrative Office, 1020 Old Hwy 36 West, in the city of Chillicothe, state of Missouri, on September 20, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Meneely, Mrs. Westphal, Mrs. McCoy, Mr. Leamer, Mr. Skoglund and Mr. Bone.

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Roger Barnes, Jayme Caughron, Ron Wolf, Roger Wolf, Susan Norris, Billie McGraw, Hollie Burnside, Pam Constant, Brian Sherrow, Steve Cox, Steve Haley, Pamela Brobst, Penny Kennebeck, Karie Black, Melanie Rucker, Philip Pohren, Terry Mammen, Pam Fetter, Laura Schuler, Tom Tingerthal, KCHI; Drew VanDyke, C-T; and Jillian Malloy, KMZU.

CALL TO ORDER

Board President Paul Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Thomas asked those present to participate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Meneely made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. McCoy second. Motion carried 6-0.

WELCOME AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Thomas welcomed all in attendance and then opened the floor for public comments. There were no comments from the audience.

REPORT TO THE BOARD

- English as a Second Language
- Early Childhood Special Education
- Building Level Achievement Results
- 2011 Summer School

Pamela Brobst told the Board that the majority of 2011 summer school parents and staff members viewed the Newton Learning experience as positive.

OLD BUSINESS

Amend the 2011-12 Budget

Dr. Barnes presented an amended 2011-12 budget to the Board for approval. The revised budget reflects corrections to the district's payroll which he said has resulted in an improved projected reserve balance. Given that the proposed amended budget reflected a reserve balance above 18 percent, Dr. Barnes recommended the Board reinstate the cuts made earlier in the year involving extra duty pay and extended contracts for teachers. With those changes the budget summary, based on an 88 percent proration of state funds, projected a total fund balance of \$3,972,004.15 for the fiscal year. Mrs. McCoy made a motion to approve the amended budget to reflect the reinstatement of the extra duty pay cuts and extended contracts for teachers. Mrs. Westphal second. All were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Westphal made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. Mr. Skoglund second. Motion carried 6-0. Items on the consent agenda included:

- 1) Minutes of the August 16, 2011 Tax Rate Hearing; Minutes of the August 16, 2011 Regular Open Board Meeting; Minutes of the August 26, 2011 Special Open Board Meeting; and Minutes of the September 13, 2011 Special Open Board Meeting and Work Session.
- 2) Payment of bills totaling \$314,203.05
- 3) Fund II Transfer – There was no Fund II Transfer for the month of September 2011.

Financial Report

Dr. Barnes presented to the Board the General Ledger and Monthly Finance Report for the month ending August 2011. Also included for comparison was the Monthly Finance Statement from August 2010.

Ending balances for each fund are as follows:

Fund 1	\$2,636,744.29
Fund 2	\$513,880.66
Fund 3	\$186,259.08
Fund 4	\$341,541.94
Total	\$3,678,425.97

Dr. Barnes presented to the Board the Chillicothe R-II Investments and bank accounts balances as of August 31, 2011, which were shown as follows:

Now Checking Account	\$3,404,168.48 (<i>Total All General Funds</i>)
Employee Health Care and Flex Care Funds	\$597,213.44

Consider Bond Refinance

Dr. Barnes told the Board that the District has received Bond Refinance proposals from Piper-Jaffary, Crews & Associates and GK Baum. He recommended the Board listen to the proposals in person and told the board that he would contact the members to set a date for that meeting.

Review APR Results

Dr. Barnes presented the 2011 AYP Results for the Chillicothe R-II School District. Of the 14 state standards, the Chillicothe R-II School District has met 13, Dr. Barnes said. The District has not yet made the Distinction in Performance rating, but the superintendent said the District is very close and he has been in contact with DESE regarding this issue.

Grant Applications

Dr. Barnes recommended the board approve grant applications from Tammy Riekema, a fully-funded \$250 Farm Bureau grant; and from Kari Snyder, a fully-funded \$700 Target Field Trip. Mr. Leamer moved to approve both grant applications as presented. Mrs. McCoy second. All were in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

Revise Calendar & Homecoming

Dr. Barnes recommended the Board revise the 2011-12 school calendar to allow for early dismissal on Friday, October 23 for the annual homecoming parade. He also advised the Board to amend the calendar to reflect a 174-day school year, and add a day of classes on December 9, 2011. That date, Dr. Barnes said, had originally been scheduled as a Professional Development day and classes would let out early so that staff could attend a planned Professional Development event. However, the day would count as a full day of classes. Mr. Skoglund moved to amend the calendar to reflect both recommended 2011-12 calendar changes. Mr. Bone seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

Field Trip Rates

Dr. Barnes presented the board with a proposed revised field trip rate that could be utilized by all student groups. Currently, the rate is \$3.06 per mile which includes all fixed costs. He said the current rates are not fair to student organizations and classroom grade levels. The proposed revised rates, Dr. Barnes said, would be set at \$0.75 per mile if a paid driver is not needed, and \$1.00 if a paid driver is needed. Mr. Leamer made a motion to set the Field Trip Rates at \$.75 per mile if a paid driver is not needed, and \$1.00 if a paid driver is needed. Mrs. McCoy second. All were in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

Correspondence

The Board reviewed correspondence submitted by organizers of The Teacher's Pantry; and a letter from an official of a recent R-II girls' volleyball game.

Administrative/BOE Committee Reports

The Board reviewed the Administrative/BOE Committee Reports submitted. When questioned by the Board, Penny Kennebeck told Board members that with the reduced number of staff in CACE this year, security and student supervision is more of a challenge this year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Thomas opened the floor for public comment. Pam Fetter thanked the Building Trades students from the Grand River Technical School for putting together playground equipment purchased with ARRA funds for Garrison School.

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Skoglund made a motion to enter into executive session as provided under Missouri Revised Statute, 610.021.03 for the purpose of employing, discussing and evaluating personnel, discussing real estate and legal matters. Mrs. Westphal second. A roll call vote was held. Mr. Thomas – yea. Mr. Meneely – yea. Mrs. Westphal – yea. Mrs. McCoy – yea. Mr. Leamer – yea.. Mr. Skoglund – yea. Mr. Bone – yea. Motion carries 7-0.

Paul Thomas, President

Laura Schuler, Secretary