

CHILlicothe R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

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

Regular Open Meeting
October 18, 2011

The Board of Education of the Chillicothe R-II School District held a regular open session at the Administrative Office, 1020 Old Hwy 36 West, in the City of Chillicothe, state of Missouri, on Tuesday October 18, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Roger Barnes, Jim Ruse, Pam Fetter, Mike and Peggy Putnam, Philip Pohren, Pam Brobst, Ron Wolf, Jayme Caughron, Brian Sherrow, Steve Haley, Karie Black, Drew VanDyke, C-T; Tom Tingerthal, KCHI; Bob Allen, KMZU; and Laura Schuler.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Thomas called the regular board meeting to order at 1 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Skoglund made a motion to approve the agenda for the regular open meeting as presented. Mrs. McCoy second. All were in favor. Motion passes 5-0.

WELCOME AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Thomas welcomed all in attendance and then opened the floor for public comments. Mike and Peggy Putnam both addressed the board with safety concerns regarding their son's transportation to and from a recent field trip.

REPORT TO THE BOARD

Guidance Programs
School Climate
Library Media Services

Mr. Meneely moved to approve all of the above program evaluations after some discussion. Mrs. McCoy second. All were in favor. Motion passes 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Westphal made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. Mr. Skoglund second. Motion carried 5-0. Items on the consent agenda included:

- 1) Minutes of the September 20, 2011 special work session; minutes from the September 20, 2011 Regular Open Board Meeting; minutes from the September 27, 2011 Special Open Board Meeting.
- 2) Payment of bills totaling \$304,102.06.
- 3) Fund II Transfer. There was no Fund II Transfer.

Financial Report

Dr. Barnes presented to the Board the General Ledger and Monthly Finance Report for the month ending September 2011. Also included for comparison was the Monthly Finance Statement from September 2011. Ending balances for each fund are as follows:

Fund 1	\$2,519,860.72
Fund 2	\$327,635.19

Fund 3	\$39,846.38
Fund 4	<u>\$275,353.79</u>
Total	\$3,162,696.08

Dr. Barnes told the board that the financial report showed \$500,000 less in revenue, compared to a year ago (September 2010), which he attributed to less state aid. However, Dr. Barnes noted that the report also shows \$1 million less in expenditures in September 2011 than in September 2010. The decline in expenditures, Dr. Barnes said, was due to the staff reduction approved by the Board in 2010-11. He also predicted that the District would likely not need to borrow funds in the way of a tax anticipation note, until collected taxes are distributed to the District.

The Chillicothe R-II Investments and bank accounts balances as of August 31, 2011, were shown as follows:

Now Checking Account	\$3,128,560.67 (<i>Total All General Funds</i>)
Employee Health Care and Flex Care Funds	\$520,735.28

Mr. Leamer enters the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Facility Rental Agreement

Dr. Barnes presents the Board with the District's current facility rental agreement and another version similar to what is used at the Livingston County Library for Board consideration. After some discussion the Mrs. McCoy moved to amend the District's current facility rental agreement, with the following change:

- 9. Up to \$300.00 refundable** deposit, may be assessed at the signing of the rental contract for the above referenced facility, prior to occupying the facility. The deposit, which will be assessed at the discretion of the Board of Education based on the renter's ongoing relationship with the District, may be used toward final rental balance due.

Mr. Bone second. All were in favor. Motion passes 6-0.

Consider Summer School 2012

Dr. Barnes told the Board that because the EdisonLearning, Inc.'s summer school program is popular with both students and teachers, and because the program still results in a positive revenue stream for the district, he is recommending the District renew its summer school contract with EdisonLearning Inc. for one year. He noted that if state reimbursement for holding the program is not available in the spring of 2012, both parties may walk away from the contract with no liability. After some discussion, Mrs. Westphal moved to contract with EdisonLearning, Inc., for the 2011-12 summer school program. Mr. Meneely second. All were in favor. Motion passes 6-0.

Consideration of Grants

Dr. Barnes recommended the board approve the following grant applications:

- Northwest Region of MSTA for Classroom Teachers, by Kerrie Campbell and Pamela Miller, \$500;
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- MO Retired Teachers Foundation Grant, by Tiffany Acree, \$500;
- Early Childhood Care Grant, by Pamela Miller, \$20,000 (renewal);
- Project Ignition, by Vicki Duckworth SkillsUSA, \$200;
- Youth Service America Grant, by Terria Cox, \$1,000.

Mrs. McCoy moved to approve all grant applications as presented. Mr. Skoglund second. All were in favor. Motion passes 6-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE/BOE COMMITTEE REPORTS

September Enrollment Count

Dr. Barnes told the board that the District's enrollment has risen slightly from the 2010-2011 school year to 1,935 students in grades pre-kindergarten to twelfth grades, according to a enrollment figures compiled at the end of September 2011. Dr. Barnes attributed the rise to the larger-than-usual kindergarten class enrolled in 2011-2012.

Upcoming Dates of Importance

Dr. Barnes told Board members to RSVP their respective attendance to Laura Schuler for the November 2, 2011 **MSBA Regional Meeting** to be held at Brookfield, November 2, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

He also told the Board that the **next regular meeting** will be held on November 15, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Hornet Drive

Brian Sherrow spoke to the Board regarding discussions between him and the City regarding possible improvements made to the intersection of Highway 190 and Hornet Drive to improve safety. He also advised the board that a new traffic flow plan has been established at the high school, which has improved traffic flow at the facility after school is dismissed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Barnes shared with the Board, a Thank You card sent to the District from busdriver Kevin Goerne and family. He also showed the Board a Thank You card from MSBA for renewing the District's membership with the organization.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Thomas opened the floor for public comment. There was no public comment made.

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