

## 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

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### Regular Open Meeting December 20, 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 December 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, Jim Ruse, Jayme Caughron, Ron Wolf, Roger Wolf, Karie Black, Penny Kennebeck, Terry Mammen, Brandi Ellis, Pam Brobst, Brian Sherrow, Joseph Hull, Julia Reeter, Steven Haley, Gail Reeter, Philip Pohren, Michelle Vinson, Gary Vinson, Ron Koehly, Kristy Christy, Sonja Daley, Annie Suddith, Sarah Cavannah, Melanie Rucker, Mr. and Mrs. Thieme, Vickie Garrett, Shane Midgyett, Jim Summerville, Elizabeth Sivill, Guy Vinson, Samantha Baldwin, Sarah Baldwin, Zach Garr, Kaleb Hearon, Hannah Thieme, Bridgett Kieffer, David Hershberger, Maggie Graves, Alec Whiteside, Trevor Reger, Drew Van Dyke, C-T; Tom Tingerthal, KCHI; and Laura Schuler

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Thomas called the regular board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mrs. Westphal made a motion to amend the agenda to include Item L, Scholarships. Mr. Skoglund second. All were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

### **WELCOME, PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITION**

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

Student Recognition: Dr. Barnes introduced Dan Nagel. Dan Nagel then presented the following high school students who had been recognized with All-State honors in athletics and activities: Elizabeth Sivill, Guy Vinson, Samantha Baldwin, Sarah Baldwin, Zach Garr, Kaleb Hearon and Hannah Thieme. Brian Sherrow then introduced the following students who had been named Students of the Month: Bridgett Kieffer, David Hershberger, Maggie Graves, Alec Whiteside, Hannah Thieme and Trevor Reger.

Staff Recognition: Dr. Barnes then introduced and presented the following three staff members for their five years of service: April Suddith, Grand River Technical School; Lacy Waters, Central School; and Brandi Ellis, Field School.

### **PROGRAM EVALUATION AND BOARD REPORTS**

Homeless Plan

Home-Bound Program

Transportation Report

The Board reviewed the reports. No action was taken.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Consent Agenda

David Meneely made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. Mr. Bone second. Motion carried 6-0. Items on the consent agenda included:

- 1) Minutes from the November 15, 2011 Regular Open Board Meeting; and Minutes from the Special Open Meeting held on December 1, 2011.
- 2) Payment of bills totaling \$237,230.46.
- 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 November 2011. Also included for comparison was the Monthly Finance Statement from November 2010. Ending balances for each fund are as follows:

Fund 1	\$2,170,578.11
Fund 2	\$51,506.10
Fund 3	\$43,105.77
Fund 4	<u>\$207,591.45</u>
Total	\$2,472,781.43

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

Now Checking Account	\$2,358,200.05 ( <i>Total All General Funds</i> )
Employee Health Care and Flex Care Funds	\$454,728.44

Board Policy Consideration

Dr. Barnes presented for the Board's first review an Missouri School Boards Association-suggested update of Board Policy GBH – Student/Staff Relations. He noted that the updated policy involves the social media policy and regulations that all Missouri school districts must approve by March 1, 2012. Mr. Skoglund asked Dr. Barnes to distribute the suggested policy update to the staff for input.

Consider Workman's Compensation Insurance Bids

Dr. Barnes recommended the Board approve a bid of \$85,937 from Missouri Employers Mutual, Columbia, Mo., (Local Company – Koehly Baker & Associates Inc.) for Workman's Compensation Insurance, effective January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012. The other bid submitted was from Missouri Rural Services, Jefferson City, Mo., (Local Company – Hutchinson & Co.) in the amount of \$83,203. Jim Ruse recommended the bid submitted by Missouri Employers Mutual because of the company's network of safety programs, medical staff and lack of risk (no Liability Pool). Dr. Barnes also recommended the bid submitted by Missouri Employers Mutual. Mr. Leamer moved to accept the bid from Missouri Employers Mutual. Mrs. McCoy second. All were in favor. Motion passed 6-0.

Band Uniforms

Dr. Barnes introduced Sarah Cavannah, who asked the Board for funding to purchase band uniforms for the CHS Marching Hornets. The band, she said, is currently wearing uniforms that will be 13 years old this spring. She noted that the average cost of a complete uniform is estimated to be between \$400 to \$450 per uniform. She said the band currently needs 111 uniforms. After some discussion, the Board asked Sarah Cavannah to approach some local foundations to determine if they would help with the cost of new uniforms and bring her findings back to the regular January meeting.

Declaration of Surplus Property

**CACE Inventory:** Dr. Barnes presented to the Board a list of inventory from CACE to be declared surplus. (*For a complete listing of these items, please see the Custodian of Records.*) Mr. Leamer moved to declare the items presented as surplus. Mr. Meneely second. All were in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

**Vehicles:** Dr. Barnes presented to the Board two vehicles to be declared surplus property: a 2001 Impala, and a 1999 Mercury Villager. Mrs. Westphal moved to declare both vehicles surplus property. Mr. Skoglund second. All were in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

Surplus Property Bids

**Snow Blade:** Dr. Barnes presented to the Board bids that have been received for a snow plow that had been declared surplus property. Two bids were received: One from Norman Newbury of Chillicothe in the amount of \$202.50; and another from Andy McDaniel of Chillicothe in the amount of \$314. Mrs. Westphal

made a motion to approve the bid submitted by Andy McDaniel. Mr. Leamer second. All were in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

**Vehicles:** Dr. Barnes presented the to the Board bids received on the two vehicles that have been declared as surplus property. On the 2001 Impala, the following bids were received: \$600 from Mr. England; \$150 from Mr. Brookman; \$1,025 from Mr. Burton; \$557 from Mr. Mollohan. On the 1999 Mercury Villager, the following bids were received: \$373 from Mr. Haslar; \$150 from Mr. Brookman; \$230 from Mr. Davidson, and \$1,108 from Mr. Keune. Mrs. Westphal moved to accept the bid from Mr. Burton for \$1,025 for the 2001 Impala; and the bid from Mr. Kuen in the amount of \$1,108 from Mr. Keune. Mr. Meneely second. All were in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

#### GRTS 1012-2013 Tuition

Dr. Barnes recommended that the tuition at the Grand River Technical School remain the same for the 2012-13 school year, given the present state of the economy. Current tuition at the GRTS is as follows: Secondary Students, \$2,200 for a three-hour program; and adult students, \$5,300 for a six-hour program. Mr. Leamer recommended the tuition at the GRTS remain the same for the 2012-13 school year. Mrs. Westphal second. All were in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

#### Current Jerry Litton Memorial Stadium Future

Mr. Thomas opened for discussion the future of the Jerry Litton Memorial Stadium following the completion of the new stadium currently under construction on the grounds of the high school campus. The Board discussed many ideas.

**Jim Summerville**, a member of the Litton Foundation, spoke to the Board and said that the Litton Foundation is in favor of the old stadium's continued use as long as it remains a viable community asset.

**Shane Midgyett**, a CHS graduate, spoke in favor of continued community use of the track and field.

**Vickie Garrett** told Board members that the old track could be utilized by middle school P.E. students.

#### Grant Consideration

Dr. Barnes presented a grant application request from Melissa Englert in the amount of \$500. The application was for a \$500 non-matching MSTA grant. Mrs. McCoy recommended approval of the grant application. Mrs. Westphal second. All were in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

#### Fund-raiser Request

Dr. Barnes presented to the Board a request from Vickie Garrett to allow students in her middle school girls' physical education students to conduct a district-wide fund-raiser for Children's Mercy Hospital. The students, she said, would be seeking donations of socks and books. Mrs. Westphal moved to approve the fund-raiser request. Mrs. McCoy second. All were in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

#### Scholarships

**MSBA:** Mrs. McCoy told the Board that MSBA sponsors the John T. Belcher Scholarship, a \$750 scholarship given to deserving graduating seniors. The deadline for scholarship has ended and only one student, Maggie McCoy has applied for the scholarship. Dr. Barnes recommended that Maggie McCoy represent the Chillicothe R-II School District in pursuit of this scholarship. Mr. Meneely moved to approve Dr. Barnes' recommendation. Mrs. Westphal second. All were in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

**Attendance Scholarship:** Mr. Leamer moved to award McKayla Simmer a \$250 attendance scholarship. Mrs. Westphal second. All were in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE/BOE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### Health Insurance

Dr. Barnes told the Board that two insurance committee meetings have been held and the committee is exploring the possibility of joining a pool comprised of school districts for health insurance in an effort to give R-II staff members the best health insurance coverage for the lowest price possible.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board read a thank-you note from the Festival of Lights Planning Committee for the District's support of the annual event and the efforts of its GRTS students who helped construct the drive-through arch. Another thank-you note from Kathi and Roger Barnes was read. The Board also reviewed positive

comments made by David Edlow, a basketball official, who recently worked the annual Chillicothe Eighth grade basketball tournament. A newsletter from Moms on Mission was also reviewed by the Board.

**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.

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Paul Thomas, President

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Laura Schuler, Secretary