

Record of Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of University City, St. Louis County, held at Ronald E. McNair Administration Building, 8136 Groby Road, University City, Missouri, October 1, 2009.

The following Board members were present:

Mr. Tom Peters, President; Mr. Stacy Clay, Vice-President; Mr. Bob Elgin, Secretary; Ms. Ellen Bern, Mr. Todd Gilyard, Ms. Trudy Moon, and Ms. Linda Peoples, Directors; and Ms. Rachel Sobotka, Student Representative to the Board.

Ms. Joylynn Wilson, Superintendent; Dr. Chauna Williams, Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum & Instruction; Dr. Darryl Cobb, Assistant Superintendent/Human Resources, Mr. Scott Hafertepe, Chief Financial Officer/Business & Financial Management, and approximately 17 staff members, students, and citizens were present.

CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, Mr. Peters called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rachel Sobotka highlighted events at University City High School. She reported that students will attend a conflict resolution seminar on October 8, Airport Hilton; October 8 and 9 are picture days for juniors, sophomores and freshmen; on October 13 a panoramic picture of the seniors will be taken; on October 3 the home football game will be played; the PSAT is October 14 in the auditorium for the sophomores and at UMSL for the juniors; homecoming week is October 19 – 24, the dance is October 24; on October 30 – 31, the play “The Dark of the Moon” will be shown in the auditorium; a Penny Pitch to help buy one of the U City Lions will end on October 2; October 23 will be the “Hall of Fame” dinner, and as a student in a newspaper class, she was able to tour the closed construction wing of the UCHS building to see its progress.

Board members in attendance highlighted activities they engaged in since the last Board meeting. Activities included the Brittany Woods PTO meeting, Flynn Park PTO, the Barbara Jordan groundbreaking and a Community Connections meeting.

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Ms. Wilson

- Ms. Wilson announced that the University City High School Marching Band has been invited to represent the state of Missouri in the 2010 National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C. The invitation was made based upon a recommendation by congressman William Lacy Clay. We thank the congressman and we look forward to see the band march in the parade.
- A jazz musician, infectious disease physician with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and two University City Police Officers are among the 13 U City High School alumni being inducted into this year's 2009 Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held on October 23 at the Crowne Plaza in Clayton, with the reception starting at 6 and dinner at 7 p.m. For ticket reservation, call (314) 290-4100.
- The Homecoming game against Jennings High School is October 24.
- The U City Fire Department will be hosting a Meet & Greet for all students and parents interested in taking part in the Explorer program on Friday. That meeting will take place on October 9, from 5:30-7 p.m. at the #1 Engine House outside of City Hall.
- Lastly, she encouraged all stakeholders within the community to join her on October 6 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. in the auditorium at U City High School for "Conversations with the Superintendent." During this community engagement meeting, she will share information about the schools with the participants, as well as participate in a question and answer session.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

The following individual addressed the Board:

1. Jason Mavropoulos, 1075 Midland

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion to approve the September 3, 2009 minutes was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were presented under the consent Agenda which can be approved by a single motion and vote.

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Action	10-00	Personnel Recommendations
Action	10-34	Order for Drawing Checks
Action	10-35	Conference Attendance

A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

AUDTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hafertepe introduced Ms. Karen Link, representative from Schowalter & Jabouri. She presented the results of the financial statements and independent auditor's reports for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009.

She indicated that the primary purpose of the audit is to plan and perform the audit to be able to express an opinion on the financial statements. They issued an unqualified opinion which is a clean opinion consistent with previous years that indicates that the financial statements are fairly presented in all material respects in conforming to the modified cash basis of accounting.

With regard to state compliance, no instances of noncompliance were required to be reported. They also performed a single audit of the federal grants and in their opinion, the District complied in all material respects with the requirements of each of the major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2009. The major programs audited this year were Title I, Child Nutrition Cluster.

With the regard to internal controls, over financial reporting, they noted no new findings; however, they are required under current auditing standards to repeat the findings that were reported in the pervious year. They also issued a report on internal control led matters and advisory comments that provides various comments and suggestions through operating efficiency and improving internal control and that report also provides a follow up status to the comments that were noted in the prior year.

In addition, they issued a report to the Board of Education that provided various required communications on professional standards.

Ms. Link commended Mr. Hafertepe and his staff and employees in the District who helped with the audit. Mr. Hafertepe reiterated thanks to all employees throughout the District.

A brief question and answer period ensued.

A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

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10-36 BOND ISSUE RESOLUTION

It was recommended that the Board of Education adopt the Bond Resolution for the issuance of \$9,185,000 in general obligation Qualified Construction Bonds.

District voters approved the issuance of \$53,600,000 in general obligation bonds at the April 2009 election for the purpose of demolishing two of the District's existing elementary schools, constructing new facilities to replace those buildings, and renovating and making repairs to the District's existing buildings (the "Project"). However, in July 2009, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education awarded an allocation to the District which authorized the District to sell \$9.185 million of its general obligation voter authorization in the form of Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB's) as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The Board must adopt a Bond Resolution that formally authorizes the District to issue a portion of the general obligation bonds that were approved by the District voters as QSCB's. The Bond Resolution authorizes the District to issue its general obligation QSCB's in the principal amount of \$9,185,000 and to use the proceeds of the bonds to finance the costs of a portion of the Project. The Bond Resolution provides that the District will levy and collect taxes annually that are sufficient to pay the debt service on the bonds. In addition, the Bond Resolution approves certain documents necessary to complete the bond financing and authorizes officers of the Board to execute these documents on behalf of the District.

Mr. Hafertepe, along with representatives, Ms. Ann Nobel, Stifel Nicolaus, Ms. Debbie Rush, Thompson Colburn, and Chuck Caldwell, Caldwell & Associates, presented this item and responded to questions from the Board.

A lengthy discussion took place.

A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

10-37 RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN THE ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the Resolution of Support and Participation in the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

The East-West Gateway Council of Governments has developed the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan in collaboration with counties, local jurisdictions and school districts. The plan is a general plan that identifies recommended mitigation

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strategies that will reduce or eliminate the impacts caused by natural disasters such as tornadoes, floods, earthquakes, and severe weather. The plan was developed in 2001 and must be updated every five years. The plan is authorized by Congress and required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). In order to finalize the process in obtaining approval from FEMA, all communities and school districts who desire to participate in the plan must adopt the plan by resolution as stated below.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN THE ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

Whereas, the School District of University City recognizes that no community is immune from natural hazards whether it be flooding, severe weather, tornadoes, winter storms, earthquakes or wildfires, and recognize the importance to students and employees of enhancing its ability to resist natural hazards, and the importance of reducing the human suffering, property damage, interruption of public services and economic losses caused by those hazards; and,

Whereas, the School District of University City may have previously pursued mitigation measures such as tornado safe rooms, building codes, floodplain management practices, building design considerations, and storm water management regulations to minimize the impact of natural hazards; and,

Whereas, by participating in the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, the School District of University City will be eligible to apply for pre-disaster mitigation grants and funds; and,

Whereas, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State Emergency Management Agency have developed all-Hazard plan programs that assist communities in their efforts to become disaster resistant communities; and,

Whereas, the School District of University City desires to work towards becoming a disaster resistant school district; and,

Whereas, the School District of University City intends to make a good faith effort in implementing mitigation projects or programs by incorporation into other campus planning opportunities where appropriate; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School District of University City will use its best efforts to become a disaster-resistant community by participating in the All-Hazard plan and hazard identification and risk assessment to implement practices that can reduce vulnerability for students, staff and property.

A brief discussion ensued.

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A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

10-39 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

Since April 2009, the School District of University City has been working closely with Bond Wolfe Architects, McCarthy/Kwame, and Ameresco as we have designed and begun the construction projects at Barbara C. Jordan Elementary School, Flynn Park Elementary School, Jackson Park Elementary School, Brittany Woods Middle School, and University City High School. Representatives from Bond Wolfe, McCarthy/Kwame and Ameresco presented an in-depth update on the construction project.

Mr. Karl Scheidt, along with Art Bond, Bond Wolfe, Shaun Bauerle and Erik Froehlich, Ameresco, and Chris Hosie, McCarthy/Kwame, presented this item and responded to questions from the Board.

A brief discussion took place.

10-40 THE CHINESE BRIDGE FOR AMERICAN SCHOOLS
DELEGATION 2009

As a member of the National Superintendents Roundtable, Ms. Joylynn Wilson, Superintendent of Schools, was invited to China on June 22-30, 2009, as part of the 2009 Chinese Bridge Delegation. This tour was sponsored and funded by Hanban/Confucius Institute Headquarters, in collaboration with the Chinese government. This one-week educational tour explored Chinese education, culture and language.

The Delegation provided an opportunity to meet with Chinese national and regional leaders; visit schools and learn about the education system in China; share ideas with other educators who are building Chinese programs in their schools; meet Chinese education leaders and establish ties with sister schools and/or cities in China; learn about a country that is rapidly changing and rising on the global state; and gain cultural knowledge and resources for schools and districts.

Ms. Wilson presented this item and responded to questions from the Board.

A brief question and answer period ensued.

A Board Workshop will be held on October 10, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in the McNair Board Room. The public is invited but cannot participate.

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A motion was made to hold an executive session before the regularly scheduled meeting on October 15, 2009 for discussions of personnel, real estate, legal matters, pupil personnel, and meet and confer. The meeting, records and votes are to be closed to the public. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by a roll call vote: Ms. Bern, Mr. Clay, Mr. Elgin, Mr. Gilyard, Ms. Moon, Ms. Peoples, and Mr. Peters.

A motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:08 p.m. was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Tom Peters, President

Bob Elgin, Secretary

Ms. Wilson announced that the City of University City is hosting their National Night Out, October 4, from 2-6 p.m. at Heman Park. The District will have a display table and the University City Jazz Band will perform.