

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 15, 2009.

The following Board members were present:

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

Dr. Darryl Cobb, Assistant Superintendent/Human Resources, Mr. Scott Hafertepe, Chief Financial Officer/Business & Financial Management, and approximately 21 staff members, students, and citizens were present.

CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, Mr. Peters called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Darryl Cobb requested that Item #10-51 be pulled and presented at a later date.

A motion to amend the agenda was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the illness of Ms. Wilson, Dr. Cobb presented announcements on her behalf.

Dr. Cobb

- The University City High School Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony will be held Friday, October 23, at the Crowne Plaza St. Louis in Clayton. The reception begins at 6 p.m., with the dinner and ceremony at 7 p.m. At the ceremony, the U City High School Hall of Fame will honor 13 distinguished alumni into the Hall of Fame. For more information about this fabulous event, call 314-290-4100.
- On Tuesday, October 14, the school district held a parent and community meeting at the high school regarding safety and security. While we had held similar small group meetings on these issues, I felt it was important to share what the school district is doing to maintain a safe and secure environment for our students with the entire community. We had a very good meeting, with more than 150 parents, community members and staff in attendance. After the meeting, a number of parents and community members stepped forward to

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volunteer their time to work in our schools. It reinforced the strong partnerships our community has with its schools. By working together, we will continue to provide an exceptional learning environment for all of our children.

- Finally, the fall is always an exciting time of year for our high school and our community. This year's Homecoming activities will be held next week, with such activities as Spirit Week, the Homecoming parade, Homecoming football game and the Homecoming dance. We encourage the community to come out for the Homecoming parade on Saturday, October 24. The parade route will begin on Delmar near City Hall and travel west to Hanley, then north to the high school. Following the parade, we encourage you to stay for the noon kick-off of the football game against Jennings High School. Go, Lions!

10-46 RECOGNITIONS

Each year Duke University, through its Talent Identification Program (TIP), recognizes academically talented seventh graders from across the nation.

TIP students are selected based on the standardized test scores achieved while attending elementary or early middle school. Candidates are invited to take the SAT or the ACT as seventh graders, which allows them greater insight into their academic abilities.

The students that qualified to take the ACT or the SAT test as seventh graders include: Chase Akpulonou, Christopher Andry, Elise Bell, Jaryn Blackshear-Bryant, Derek Bomar, Henry Braeske, Terrell Brown, Isaac Clark, Talan Clark, Asia Cole, Julian De LaRosa, Walter Deitzler, Thomas Dixon, Keira Duncan, Caleb Enochs, Sonjah Ferguson, Raven Harry, Victor Harvey, Anysia Henry, Christopher Hughes, Askia Ingram, Jordan Jenkins, Robert Kneller, Emily Looby, Sloan Marion, Khairi McClelland, Kerstin Morley, Alice Mutrux, Jermar Perkins, Maria Plizin, Benjamin Pomerantz, Marquel Rogers, D Mario Rogers-Miller, Charlotte Sechrist, Wilbert Smith, Marion Tuckson, Erika Tyler, Andrew White and Nakia Yates.

The Board of Education, Ms. Peoples, Board Liaison and Dr. Jamie Jordan recognized the students for their academic accomplishments in the Duke Talent Identification Program. Each participant was presented with a certificate of achievement.

Rachel Sobotka highlighted events at University City High School. She reported that the football game against Clayton will be October 16, the Jennings football game will be October 24 and on October 31 the Normandy game will be played at UCHS. In addition, the Homecoming Dance is October 24 from 7:00 – 11:00

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p.m., the parade starts at 10:00 a.m. and the Pep Assembly is Friday, October 23 at 1:30 p.m. She also reported that Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on October 26 and 28.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

The following individuals addressed the Board:

1. Jason Mavropoulos, 1075 Midland
2. Mike Miller, 1331 Purdue

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion to approve the October 1, 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.

Action	10-00	Personnel Recommendations
Action	10-42	Order for Drawing Checks
Action	10-43	Conference Attendance
Information	10-44	Conference Attendance
Action	10-45	Ameresco Master Contract-Addendum #2

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

10-46 UNIVERSITY CITY EDUCATION FOUNDATION GRANT RECIPIENTS-FALL 2009

Ms. Barbara Santoro, University City Education Foundation Grants Committee representative presented the newest round of grants. The UCEF funds two cycles of grants each year for University City teachers and staff, based on submissions which fulfill the Foundation's guidelines. Grant proposals that implement creative ideas and projects designed to enhance student learning and performance will be considered. The grants are awarded in amounts up to \$1,000.00.

- Kelly Werthmuller, BW, "Picture Books for Learning"
- Barry Williams, BW, "Robotics Team (FLL/First Lego League)"
- Jill Rogers & Carrie Moore, DH, "Critical Literacy and Critical Lyrics"

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- Jennifer Augenstein, JG, “Dramatic Play Prop Boxes”
- Larry Schulz, BW, “Transferring VHS Tapes to DVD”
- Tricia Harris, FP, “Student Musicians: Cooperative Learning through Recorder Ensembles”

10-47 CONCRETE AND STEEL CONTRACTS – BARBARA C. JORDAN

An advertisement was placed in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch requesting bids for concrete and steel erection services to be performed at Barbara C. Jordan Elementary School.

Seven concrete contractors submitted bids. The two lowest bids were interviewed by the Director of Operations and McCarthy/Kwame staff to verify that all requirements of the specifications were met. The firms that submitted these low bids were interviewed to verify that they understood the scope of work for this project and that their bids reflected this scope of work. The lower bidder, Wilson Concrete, is able to meet the MBE, WBE, and minority participation goals. The firm has a solid reputation for quality work and performs their work in accordance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws.

Three contractors submitted bids for steel work. The two lowest bids were reviewed by the Director of Operations and McCarthy/Kwame staff to verify that all requirements of the specifications were met. The firms that submitted these low bids were interviewed to verify that they understood the scope of work for this project and that their bids reflected this scope of work. The low bidder, Ben Hur, is able to meet the MBE, WBE, and minority participation goals. The firm has a solid reputation for quality work and performs their work in accordance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws.

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the execution of the trade contract with Wilson Concrete as the concrete contractor for Barbara C. Jordan Elementary School in the amount of \$488,200. It is also recommended that the Board of Education approve the execution of the trade contract with Ben Hur as the steel contractor for Barbara C. Jordan Elementary School in the amount of \$866,760.

Mr. Karl Scheidt, Executive Director of Operations presented this item and responded to questions from the Board.

A brief discussion ensued.

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

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10-48 2009 ASSESSMENT REPORT

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the District Assessment Program Evaluation and its recommendation in compliance with MSIP Standard 8.1 School Services.

Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) is one of several education reforms mandated by the Outstanding Schools Act of 1993. The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) have identified the knowledge, skills, and competencies that Missouri students should acquire by the time they complete high school. The process used to assess student progress towards academic standards, is the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP). In addition, DESE has charged school districts throughout the State to administer a standardized assessment to students at non-MAP assessed grade levels in designated subject areas. The results of each of the major subject areas have been analyzed for the District and each school site with identified strengths and weaknesses to be addressed at both the District and building level.

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

Dr. Cobb requested that this item be amended to an information item rather than an action item as previously stated.

The Board was in agreement since there was no approval needed.

A brief question and answer period took place.

10-49 BRITTANY WOODS MIDDLE SCHOOL REFORM UPDATE

In December 2008, the School District of University City's Board of Education voted to accept recommendations from the community engagement initiative, Destination U-City Schools. The recommendations addressed four imperatives: academic achievement, facilities, finances and parent and community involvement, the District was charged with implementing a comprehensive reform of the Middle School instructional program.

Dr. Jamie Jordan, principal of Brittany Woods Middle School, along with Mr. Pablo Flinn, SSD Area Coordinator, outlined the major reform goals for the middle school, structural strategies that will be implemented to achieve these goals, and the status of the Washington University-Middle School Design Partnership.

Dr. Jordan and Mr. Flinn presented this item and respond to questions from the Board.

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A lengthy discussion ensued.

10-50 SUMMER LEARNING ACADEMY 2009 PROGRAM EVALUATION

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the Summer Learning Academy Program Evaluation and recommendations for implementation of the 2010 Summer Learning Academy.

Ms. Rebecca O'Connell recognized the Curriculum and Instruction department for their hard work and those individuals that worked in leadership roles in the Summer Learning Academy. The SLA Administrators that worked in the various schools were Crystal Cauley and her team at Julia Goldstein; Nicallee Stephens and her team at Nathaniel Hawthorne; Deanne Steward and her team at Delmar-Harvard; Dominic LeNoir and his team at Brittany Woods, and Brian Rich and his team at UCHS.

At the Pre-Kindergarten through sixth grade level, the academic focus centered on communication arts, mathematics and enrichment. After analyzing district-wide data, text elements, post reading, applying the writing process, algebraic relationships, geometric and spatial relationships, and measurement were the primary focus for instruction. At the secondary level, seventh grade through twelfth grade, students were enrolled in courses to acquire a secure knowledge base and the skills needed to be promoted to the next level in the area of or elective credit was awarded for meeting course objectives.

The 2009 Summer Learning Academy consisted of a five-week program for PreK-8 and a six-week program for 9-12 students. PreK-8 began on June 8, 2009 and ended on July 9, 2009. Julia Goldstein ECEC (PreK ages 3-5); Delmar-Harvard (K-6), Nathaniel Hawthorne (K-6) and Brittany Woods (7-8) were the Summer Learning Academy locations. The high school program for 9-12 grades consisted of a 6-week program beginning on June 8, 2009, and ending on July 17, 2009. Both elementary and secondary programs exceeded the DESE requirements for hours of instruction.

Ms. Rebecca O'Connell presented this item and responded to questions from the Board.

A lengthy question and answer period ensued.

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

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A motion was made to hold an executive session before the regularly scheduled meeting on November 5, 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, Ms. Moon, Ms. Peoples, and Mr. Peters.

A motion to adjourn this meeting at 9:10 p.m. was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Tom Peters, President

Bob Elgin, Secretary