

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 20, 2011.

The following Board members were present:

Mr. Stacy Clay, President; Ms. Ellen Bern, Secretary; Ms. Maria Chappelle-Nadal, Mr. Rod Jennings, Mr. Tom Peters, Mr. Rick Salamon, Directors; and Ms. Caroline Martinez, Student Representative to the Board.

Ms. Joylynn Pruitt, Superintendent; Dr. Chauna Williams, Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum & Instruction; Dr. Darryl Cobb, Assistant Superintendent/Human Resources; Mr. Scott Hafertepe, Chief Financial Officer/Business & Financial Management; Ms. Bernadette White, Executive Director/Pupil Personnel; Mr. Karl Scheidt, Executive Director/Operations, and approximately 15 staff members, students, and citizens were present.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Mr. Clay reported the absence of Ms. Linda Peoples, Vice President.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Caroline Martinez highlighted events at University City High School. She reported that UCHS would be hosting the ACT on October 22, on October 15, Mr. Deitzler and Ms. Adewale facilitated an official Robotics competition, the JROTC sponsored a blood drive on October 20, the UCHS varsity football team won their first district game against Clayton on October 14, our volleyball districts start Tuesday at Incarnate Word, the Midwest Field Hockey Tournament starts next Thursday, Parent Teacher Conference will take place on November 10, and the College Fair is Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Pruitt

- University City High School will be hosting the Missouri Association of College Admissions Counselors (MOACAC) college fair on Monday, Oct. 24 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. High schools students of all ages from around the St. Louis area are invited to attend and talk with college representatives.

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- It's time for our fall Conversations with the Superintendent, where parents and community members are invited to hear an update on the state of the district. Please join us next Wednesday, October 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Jackson Park Elementary School library. At the conclusion of the event, attendees will be able to tour the new addition and renovations at Jackson Park.
- There will be no school on Friday, October 28 for professional development and record day.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences are November 10 from 4 to 8 p.m. and November 11 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. We encourage all parents to take this opportunity to visit with their child's teachers, principal and other school staff. Parent-Teacher Conference at the high school will be a little different. You will learn more about where your son or daughter is, in terms of being on track for graduation.
- The Robotic Scramble held on Saturday, October 15 at UCHS was great.

12-31 RESOLUTION – DISABILITY HISTORY AND AWARENESS MONTH

It was recommended that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution as presented below.

WHEREAS, the Missouri State Legislature has designated the month of October of every year as "Disability History and Awareness Month"; and

WHEREAS, approximately 126,000 students with disabilities are educated by Missouri public schools; and

WHEREAS, more than 23,000 students receive special education services from the Special School District of St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of students receive special education services within the School District of University City; and

WHEREAS, the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 is founded on four principles; inclusion, full participation, economic self-sufficiency, and equality of opportunity for all people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the School District of University City realizes the importance of recognizing the contributions made by people with disabilities to our society and encourages providing students with instruction about disability history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights movement through school curriculum and activities.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of University City designates the month of October as “Disability History and Awareness Month” district-wide. The Board urges District staff, as well as other organizations and the community to regularly conduct educational activities centered around disability history and awareness, but especially during the month of October.

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

12-32 RECOGNITION – NATIONAL MERIT AND NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Each year, the National Merit and National Achievement Scholarship Corporations announce those students who qualify for national merit and national achievement recognition, based on scores received as juniors from the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT). From those scores, students can be honored as an outstanding participant, commended scholar or semifinalist. Those students noted as semifinalists can advance to finalist status as determined by national judges.

Five University City High School seniors have been honored through these prestigious programs. Alex Yentumi has been named a National Achievement Semi-Finalist. Luke Babich and Joseph Egan have been named National Merit Semi-Finalists, and Daniel Egan and Samuel Katz have been named National Merit Commended Scholars.

Ms. Pruitt, along with Board President Stacy Clay and UCHS Liaison Maria Chappelle-Nadal, recognized Alex, Luke, Joseph, Daniel and Samuel for their outstanding achievements. Each was presented with a certificate of accomplishment.

12-33 RECOGNITION – PEABODY ENERGY LEADERS IN EDUCATION AWARD

The Peabody Energy Leaders in Education Award “rewards dedicated and compassionate educational professionals with grants and recognition at an annual dinner reception.” Recipients are selected by a committee of top educators and business leaders throughout the year, and each recipient receives a \$1,000 grant.

Dayle Burgdorf, interim principal at University City High School, was honored as a Peabody Energy Leaders in Education recipient at the recent dinner reception.

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Ms. Pruitt, along with Board President Stacy Clay and UCHS Liaison Maria Chappelle-Nadal, recognized Ms. Burgdorf for her outstanding achievement.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

The following individual addressed the Board:

1. Nicole Adewale, 8286 Tulane, commented on the October 15, 2011 Robotics scramble event, those who attended, and the wonderful job the Operations department staff did in talking care of the participants.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion to approve the September 15, 2011 minutes, was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the September 28, 2011 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.

Approval	12-00	Personnel Recommendations
Approval	12-34	Order for Drawing Checks
Approval	12-35	Change Order/Pershing Elementary School
Approval	12-36	Change Order/Barbara C. Jordan Elementary School
Approval	12-37	Auditor's Report
Approval	12-38	Summer Learning Academy 2011 Program Evaluation
Approval	12-39	9 th -12 th Comm. Arts Electives Curriculum Adoption
Approval	12-40	Conference Attendance
Information	12-41	Conference Attendance

A motion to move item 12-39 to the bottom of the Superintendents Reports and Recommendations was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended, was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

12-42 UNIVERSITY CITY EDUCATION FOUNDATION FALL 2011 GRANT
RECIPIENTS

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The University City Education Foundation (UCEF) was founded in 1996 to help fund programs in the School District of University City that support the development of enrichment programs and services, including two cycles of grants for teachers and the annual Pride Project grants for principals.

Holly Tasker, UCEF representative, announced the fall 2011 grant recipients. They are:

- Tracy Gibson, Stephen Wurst and Dave Sarber, UCHS, “to purchase materials for a practice robot for the UCHS Robo-Lions Robotics Team.

Ms. Pruitt, along with Maria Chappelle-Nadal, UCHS Liaison, and Stacy Clay, Board President, congratulated the grant recipients and thanked the UCEF for its continued support of educational excellence.

12-43 DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

It was recommended that the Board of Education accept the 2011-2012 Professional Development Plan.

To ensure that all children in the State of Missouri are taught by highly-qualified teachers, the goal is for all Missouri teachers to participate in and complete high-quality professional development (HQPD) each year. Teachers will be provided with the description of HQPD and asked to reflect on their fully implemented district, building, and/or personal professional development plan(s) to determine if it meets the established criteria.

The School District of University City is committed to establishing HQPD opportunities for staff. Under the Outstanding Schools Act, Senate Bill 380, school districts throughout the state are required to devote one percent of their Foundation Formula funds of professional development activities outlined in a district professional development plan. The purpose of the plan is to inspire and encourage both new and practicing teachers and administrators to reach great heights of professional growth.

To enhance the professional development planning process in the School District of University City, principals and members of their school leadership teams developed plans that are an essential component of the individual School Improvement Plans (SIP) aligned with the building goals and the District’s Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP). Building plans will focus on at least one strand of the Instructional Core: essential learning, formative assessment, student engagement, or instructional leadership. District level professional development is also aligned with the Instructional Core as defined in the CSIP.

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The School District of University City's Professional Development Plan/Procedural Manual is composed of programs cooperatively developed and implemented by the school staff and administrators of the District, with assistance from the Professional Development Committee at the building and District level. She also recognized all those who assisted the committee with the development of this plan.

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

Dr. Barcus Jackson, chief information officer, also provided information on the use of technology within the classrooms.

A lengthy discussion took place.

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

12-44 ACCREDITATION UPDATE

Every five years, public school districts in the State of Missouri undergo an official Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) review. The annual Performance Report (APR) is a measure used by the state to evaluate schools and is tied directly to accreditation.

During MSIP Cycle 4, the School District of University City received full accreditation status based on progress being made. However, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education did not make a formal recommendation to the State Board regarding our status, therefore our current classification of fully accredited is tied to Cycle 3. Before proceeding with Cycle 5, the State Board has requested reclassification of all districts that still have a Cycle 3 status.

On September 20, 2011, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Joylynn Pruitt, and Dr. Chauna Williams, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction attended the September Missouri State Board meeting where the Board was determining the status of 18 school districts across the state. It was unanimously decided by the State Board that our District retain its current status of fully accredited based on the continual forward progress being made. The Board will again review our status in one year.

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

A lengthy question and answer period ensued.

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12-39 9th – 12th COMMUNICATION ARTS ELECTIVES CURRICULUM
ADOPTION

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the adoption of the curricula presented by the Communication Arts Curriculum Committee for 9th-12th Grade for implementation beginning with the 2012-2013 school year.

Curriculum and instruction are important components of the educational process. Curriculum serves as an instructional plan developed by and/or for teachers to achieve outcomes connected with learning. It is focused on purposeful content, instructional strategies, resources, and assessment.

The curriculum guide promotes consensus of the educational philosophy, mission statement, and goals of the School District of University City. The curriculum is intended to ensure that all students are provided a rigorous, consistent program of study to be mastered at each grade level within particular subjects.

The curriculum writers are:

- Honors Literature and composition I (9th Grade) – Peggy Halter
- Broadcast Journalism (Elective) – Curtis Stuart
- Intro to Journalism (Elective) – Mary Williams
- Newspaper (Elective) – Mary Williams
- Yearbook (Elective) – Mary Williams
- Advanced Placement Language and Composition (11th & 12th Grade) – Caroline Hackmeyer

The Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) requires school districts to have curriculum for all instructional programs and to support it through professional development and by providing appropriate resources and materials.

A lengthy discussion took place.

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

12-45 NEW AND/OR REVISED POLICIES & REGULATIONS

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the policies below as presented.

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First Reading/Final Approval

Section K: School-Community Relations

KB	Public Information Program
KBA	Public's Right to Know
KC	Community Involvement in Decision Making
KDA	Custodial and Non-custodial Parents
KG	Community Use of School Facilities
KH	Public Gifts to the Schools
KK	Visitors to District Property/Events
KLB	Public Questions, Comments or Concerns Regarding District Instructional/Media/Library Materials
KNAJ	Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities

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

A motion to approve the policies was made and seconded.

A lengthy discussion took place. Mr. Salamon withdrew his previous motion.

Mr. Clay asked that policy KB be pulled for further content revisions and grammatical corrections.

A motion to pull policy KB was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the policies, as amended, was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

12-46 NEW AND/OR REVISED POLICIES & REGULATIONS

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the policies below as presented.

First Reading/Final Approval

Section E: Support Services

EHB	Technology Usage
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Ms. Pruitt presented this item and responded to questions from the Board.

Mr. Peters requested that administration investigate including a paragraph regarding parent notification into this policy.

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

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to hold an executive session before the regularly scheduled meeting on November 17, 2011 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, Ms. Chappelle-Nadal, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Peters, Mr. Salamon, and Mr. Clay.

A Board Work Session will be held on November 3, 2011, at 5:45 p.m. in the McNair Board Room. The public is invited to attend but cannot participate.

A motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:45 p.m. was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Stacy Clay, President

Ellen Bern, Secretary