

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, December 15, 2011.

The following Board members were present:

Mr. Stacy Clay, President; Ms. Linda Peoples, Vice 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; and approximately 20 staff members, students, and citizens were present.

CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, Mr. Clay called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Pruitt indicated that item #12-59 was part of her announcements rather than a separate board item.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Caroline Martinez highlighted events at University City High School. She reported that the staff and student talent show took place on November 18; the ACT was taken on December 10; the Kinesis dance concert was also on December 10, it was a success with more than 500 people in attendance; our first class of freshmen from the LifePlan program graduated on December 13; on January 14 we will have the Dr. Martin Luther King celebration in the auditorium, it will also include a parade ending at Jackson Park prior to the celebration.

Ms. Pruitt

- Winter break is almost here. Thursday, December 22 will be an early release day for all students for PreK-12 professional development. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 3. We wish all of our students and staff happy holidays and hope you have a wonderful winter break. District offices will remain open for part

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- of winter break. Please see the District website calendar for days that offices will be open.
- The University City Education Foundation spring cycle grant deadline for staff is January 17. We encourage all staff members to consider submitting a grant application to benefit our students.
- Ms. Crystal Cauley, program director, received notification on December 14 that Julia Goldstein Early Childhood Education Center has received approval for accreditation from the Missouri Accreditation Review Team.
- On December 13, UCHS hosted its first graduating class of the LifePlan Program. Eighteen freshmen shared their long and short term goals as well as their areas of strengths.

Special thanks go to the LifePlan volunteers: classroom facilitators Roberta Stewart, Margaret Williams and assistant Carole Niere; table facilitators Ellen Bern, Linda Fried, Coach Mark Locket, Loretta Striplin, Coach Carl Reed and Charlotte Tatum; program trainer Cindy Charlton and program supporter Alan Spector.

- UCHS senior DeAndre Williams was named St. Louis Rams High School Play of the Week and senior Alex Henry made the Sports Writers and Associated Press Class 4A State Team for football.

12-55 ALL-STATE CHOIR

The Missouri All-State Choir recognizes the top vocalists from across the state through a three-round audition process, including prepared vocal solo in classical genre, sight reading, and an assigned choral selection. UCHS senior Khalid McGhee has been selected as a 2012 Missouri All-State Choir Member and will participate in the State Festival in late January.

Ms. Pruitt, along with Board President Stacy Clay and UCHS Liaison Maria Chappelle-Nadal, recognized Khalid McGhee and presented him with a certificate of accomplishment.

12-56 AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION EMERGING LEADER

The American Library Association (ALA) identifies a group of emerging leaders each year from libraries nationwide who have been in the library field for five years or less or who are under the age of 35. The 2012 Class of Emerging Leaders includes Kelly Werthmuller, Brittany Woods's librarian, as one of the 77

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participants and the only librarian from the state of Missouri to be selected. Ms. Werthmuller will attend the ALA midwinter and annual conferences through sponsorship by the Missouri Association of School Librarians. The six-month program will provide professional development, networking and project planning opportunities.

Ms. Pruitt, along with Board President Stacy Clay and BW Liaison Ellen Bern, recognized Kelly Werthmuller and presented her with a certificate of accomplishment.

12-57 STUDENT ARTWORK ON HOLIDAY CARDS

The Superintendent of Schools sends holiday cards each year. For 2011, holiday cards sent by the superintendent feature five different designs showcasing student artwork. Students in art classes throughout the District submitted artwork, and the following five students were selected for this honor:

Orlando Woolens, junior, UCHS
Andrea DiCarlo, sophomore, UCHS
Ella Martin, first grade, FP
Julian Evans, fifth grade, JP
Lila Taylor, fourth grade, FP

Ms. Pruitt, along with Board President Stacy Clay, presented these students with certificates of recognition for their outstanding achievement and dedication to educational excellence.

12-58 YWCA FUTURE LEADER

YWCA Metro St. Louis selects one area high school student each year to honor as the YWCA's Future Leader. UCHS senior Emma Mutrux is the recipient of that honor for 2011 and was recently recognized at the YWCA's annual Leader Lunch.

Ms. Pruitt, along with Board President Stacy Clay, recognized Emma Mutrux and presented her with a certificate of accomplishment.

Ms. Pruitt stated that the School District of University City's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration will be Saturday, January 14 at 2 p.m. The event will start with a short parade outside Jackson Park Elementary School and continue to the University City High School auditorium. She announced that Mr. Redditt Hudson, a UCHS alumnus from the class of 1983, will be honored as the 2012 MLK Spirit Award recipient.

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CITIZENS COMMENTS

The following individuals addressed the Board:

1. Ashley Hughes, 1205 Ferguson Ave., spoke on behalf of the UCHS Girls Swim and Aquatics Teams and how it provides a positive impact on students.
2. Emily Looby, 7350 Shaftesbury and Sophia Kenyon, 963 Gay Ave., announced that open swim for all BW fall, winter, and spring athletes will be during the winter break week, December 26-30 from 12-1 p.m. at the UCHS Natatorium.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion to approve the November 17, 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	12-60	Order for Drawing Checks
Approval	12-61	Change Order – Pershing Elementary School

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

12-62 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT (APR) UPDATE

The Annual Performance Report (APR) from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) provides school districts with an annual report of their performance on the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) Performance Standards. There are 14 Performance Standards used in the evaluation process, including multiple measures of student performance. DESE annually collects and analyzes data for those standards as part of the MSIP evaluation process.

The results of this evaluation process are used to determine a school district's accreditation rating. On September 20, 2011 the State Board of Education unanimously decided that the School District of University City would retain its "fully accredited" status based on the continual progress being made in the District. The Board will again review the status in one year.

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Dr. Chauna Williams presented an update on the strategies being used to maintain the District's accreditation rating and responded to questions from the Board.

A lengthy question and answer period took place.

12-63 GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE RENEWAL

It was recommended that the Board of Education act to approve the renewal of insurance coverage with the current provider, Missouri United School Insurance Council (MUSIC), in the amount of \$506,755.

The District has been a member of a not-for-profit self-insurance pool for over 20 years. MUSIC provides property and general liability insurance, School Board liability, worker's compensation, and Treasurer's bond insurance coverage. Approximately 85% of Missouri school districts are members of MUSIC. The assessment for 2011 was \$646,446, which included a credit of \$187,469. The 2012 renewal assessment is \$666,783; however, due to MUSIC's financial strength the District is receiving a credit of \$106,028. Therefore, the total cost for 2012 is \$506,755.

Mr. Hafertepe presented this item and responded to questions from the Board.

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

12-64 UPDATED FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 BUDGET

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the updated budget for fiscal year 2011-2012.

The Preliminary Budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 was approved by the Board on June 2, 2011. Each year an updated budget for the current school year is presented to the Board of Education for approval in December.

The budget is updated after the close of the fiscal year in June, the setting of the tax rate in September, and the completion of the financial audit by external auditors in October. The data shown represent all known information at the time of preparation.

Mr. Hafertepe presented this item and responded to questions from the Board.

A lengthy discussion took place.

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

12-65 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 I: Instruction

IGD	District-Sponsored Extracurricular Activities and Organizations
IGDA	Student-Initiated Group Use of District Facilities
IGDB	Student Publications
IGDBA	Distribution of Non-curricular Student Publications
IGDF	Student Fundraising
IGDJ	Interscholastic Athletics
IIA	Instructional Materials
IIAC	Instructional Media Centers/School Libraries
IICA	Field Trips and Excursions
IICC	School Volunteers
IK	Academic Achievement
IKF	Graduation Requirements
IKFA	Early Graduation
IKFB	Graduation Exercises
ILA	Test Security
IM	Evaluation of Instructional Programs
IND	School Ceremonies and Observances

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

A brief question and answer period ensued.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

The following individual addressed the Board:

1. Mike Miller, 1331 Purdue, noted that he did not see expenditures for Delmar-Harvard and Nathaniel Hawthorne in the budget. He also inquired about the improvement of attendance as it relates to the busing of high school students.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to hold an executive session before the regularly scheduled meeting on January 19, 2012 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, Ms. Peoples, Mr. Peters, Mr. Salamon, and Mr. Clay.

A Board Work Session will be held on January 5, 2012, 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 8:55 p.m. was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Stacy Clay, President

Ellen Bern, Secretary