Record of Proceedings of a special 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 16, 2008.

The following Board members were present:

Ms. Meg McClelland, President; Mr. Tom Peters, Vice-President; Ms. Ellen Bern, Mr. Stacy Clay, Mr. Bob Elgin, and Ms. Trudy Moon, Directors.

Ms. Joylynn Wilson, Superintendent; Dr. Chauna Williams, Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum & Instruction; Dr. Judy Sclair, Assistant Superintendent/Human Resources, Mr. Scott Hafertepe, Chief Financial Officer/Business & Financial Management, and approximately 40 staff members, students, and citizens were present.

CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, Ms. McClelland called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Wilson requested that item #09-93 be placed before item #09-92.

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

09-93 RECOGNITIONS

Last spring, the School District of University City embarked on a community engagement process known as Destination U. City Schools. The initiative was led by a 23-member facilitating team consisting of community members and district representatives. Ms. Nicole Adewale and Mr. David Harris were the co-chairs.

The facilitating team assisted with the community engagement process. They met a total of 11 times – four facilitating team meetings were held before the first community engagement session on July 15, 2008. The team then met once between each of the other sessions that took place over a five-month period, ending on November 22, 2008.

As a result of their diligence and commitment to the process, parents, community, and District staff members have begun to have initial dialogue about

critical issues facing the school district and to make important recommendations that will impact the future of the District.

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Ms. Wilson, Superintendent and Meg McClelland, Board President recognized the community co-chairs of the Destination U. City Schools facilitating team: Nicole Adewale and David Harris, along with fellow members Ellen Bern, Greg Byrne, Bryce Cooper, Walter Daniels, Petree Eastman, Herbert Buie, Todd Gilyard, Pearl Jones, Jay Lawrence, Edward McCarthy, Susan Mello, Marva Miller, Stacey Miller, Tom Peters, Acme Price, Gene Ruth, Jonathan Spetner, Rosalyn Stiles, Jessie Swanigan and Yolanda Williams for their leadership throughout the community engagement process. Each participant was presented with a certificate of appreciation.

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Mr. Gilyard arrived at this time - 6:32 p.m.

09-92 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION

The community engagement process, known as Destination U. City Schools began on July 15, 2008 and concluded on November 22, 2008. The initiative was led by two community co-chairs, Nicole Adwale and David Harris, along with a 23-person facilitating team of community members and District representatives.

Destination U. City Schools' meetings were open to the public and participation among community members was strongly encouraged, as their input is essential to moving the School District of University City forward. These sessions focused on student achievement, facilities and finance, as well as listening to the community's feedback about the options and choices that will become key building blocks for recommendations to the Board of Education.

The report contains the recommendations from the facilitating team, based on the input from the community during the community engagement meetings held July 15 through November 22, 2008. On December 4, 2008, recommendations regarding the four imperatives were presented to the Board of Education for review.

It was recommended the Board of Education approve the Destination U. City Schools recommendations that were presented with priority given to Academic Achievement, Finance, Facilities and the identified community engagement charges tied to the imperatives.

Ms. Wilson, Co-chair, David Harris and members of the Executive Cabinet presented this item and responded to questions from the Board.

A question and answer period took place.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

1. Greg Byrne, FP teacher, UCEA representative
2. Barbara Dickerson, 7028 Camden Court
3. Walter Daniels, 7523 Drexel
4. Dennis Zukosky, 7040 Pershing
5. Carol Horth, 1135 Burch Lane

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to hold an executive session after this special meeting 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, Mr. Peters, Ms. Moon, and Ms. McClelland.

A motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:26 p.m. was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

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Meg McClelland, President

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Todd Gilyard, Secretar