

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, February 4, 2010.

The following Board members were present:

Mr. Tom Peters, President; Mr. Bob Elgin, Secretary; Mr. Todd Gilyard, Ms. Trudy Moon, and Ms. Linda Peoples, Directors.

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 36 staff members, students, and citizens were present.

CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, Mr. Peters called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Stacy Clay and Ellen Bern were not in attendance at this time.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed by a vote of 5 yes, 0 no.

Stacy Clay returned to the meeting at this time – 7:09 p.m.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and passed by a vote of 6 yes, 0 no.

Ellen Bern returned to the meeting at this time – 7:11 p.m.

Mr. Peters reported that Rachel Sobotka, student representative, would not be in attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Wilson

- Traci Moore Clay, UCHS class of 1988, has been visiting classrooms this week of February 1-5 as the 2010 Returning Artist in cooperation with the University City Commission on Arts and Letters. A free public reception and

February 4, 2010

artist talk is scheduled for Sunday, February 7, at 2 p.m. in the Centennial Commons.

- Across Missouri, students and school faculty members are helping with Haiti relief efforts following the January 12 earthquakes. University City schools have been coordinating or participating in creative relief efforts ranging from “Change for Children” and “Hats Off” for the American Red Cross to books and clothing drives. Most District schools also participated in DESE’s Kits 4 Kids project. Approximately 500 kits were collected by University City schools and delivered last Tuesday for distribution through Convoy of Hope.
- U. City in Bloom will be participating in the 2011 America in Bloom competition to boast “Plant Pride in U. City.” An informational presentation will be held on Tuesday, February 16, at 7 p.m. at Centennial Commons. For more information, contact Dick Shaw or Judy Prange.
- UCHS dance students teamed with COCA on last Friday for a performance honoring African-American history. The concert culminated a 4-week, Missouri Arts Council funded, dance residency with Antonio Douthit and Alicia Graf, who are both affiliated with Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater and COCA. UCHS dancers will perform Graf’s piece again during an in-school assembly at 7:30 a.m. on February 17. In February, dance students are beginning a new 3-week residency with River North Dance Company from Chicago.
- Don’t forget that schools are closed Friday, February 12 for professional development and again on Monday, February 15 in honor of President’s Day.
- Prior to the Board meeting tonight, the Executive Cabinet, the Board and I had the opportunity to attend the Missouri Education Association’s Legislative Forum at the Moonrise Hotel where the University City High School Jazz Band was performing. All the superintendents and representatives from every school district locally had the opportunity to hear our band.
- This weekend, our Jazz Band will be playing at the Kansas City Jazz Festival.

10-93

BLACK HISTORY RESOLUTION

Black History Month grew out of the work of the noted African American historian, Carter G. Woodson. He created Negro History Week in the early part of the 20th century to highlight the achievements of African Americans in the history of the United States. The “Plessy vs Ferguson” decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1896 upheld the concept of separate but equal as the law of the land. This

February 4, 2010

separateness led to African Americans having to write and celebrate their own history because it was not duly recorded in the written annals of American History. Carter G. Woodson's celebration of Negro History Week ultimately grew to its present stature as Black History Month. However, it is hoped that in the not too distant future, there will no longer be a need for Black History Month because the accomplishments of African Americans will be included in America's written story to a degree that no longer mandates a separate month for the celebration of African American achievements in the United States of America.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the United States of America is a great nation; and

WHEREAS, men and women of all colors and creeds have helped in building this great nation; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have played an integral part in the advancement of the American culture through their work in various fields and in support of the American Way of Life; and

WHEREAS, contributions of African Americans have not always been duly included in the written history of America; and

WHEREAS, the month of February has annually been set aside for the observance of Black History Month;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of University City expresses its support for the principles upon which Black History Month was founded and encourages all staff and students in the District to give due recognition and hold appropriate observances in support of Black History Month.

Tom Peters, President
Board of Education
February 4, 2010

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

February 4, 2010

CITIZENS COMMENTS

The following individuals addressed the Board:

1. Randy Neely, 1150 Belrue, spoke in support of the Natatorium
2. Andrew Czarnecki, 5811 Staely Ave, BW teacher, spoke on a personnel issue
3. Ariel Neely, 1150 Belrue, spoke in support of the Natatorium
4. Kevin York, 858 Berick Dr., spoke in support of the Natatorium
5. Derrick Coley, 7365 Drexel, spoke in support of the Natatorium
6. Jason Mavropoulos, 1075 Midland, spoke in support of the Natatorium

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	10-94	Order for Drawing Checks
Action	10-95	General Works Contract – BCJ
Action	10-96	Glass & Glazing Contract – BCJ
Action	10-97	Drywall Contract – BCJ
Action	10-98	Kitchen Equipment Contract – BCJ
Action	10-99	Elevator Contract – BCJ
Action	10-100	Mechanical Contract – BCJ
Action	10-101	Electrical Contract – BCJ
Action	10-102	Paving Contract – BCJ
Action	10-103	Landscaping Contract – BCJ
Action	10-104	Roofing Contract – BCJ
Action	10-105	Painting Contract – BCJ
Action	10-106	Flooring Contract – BCJ
Action	10-107	Fire Protection – BCJ
Action	10-108	Test & Balance Contract – BCJ
Action	10-109	Sheet Metal Contract – BCJ
Action	10-110	Conference Attendance
Information	10-111	Conference Attendance

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

February 4, 2010

10-112 CHANGE ORDERS–BARBARA JORDAN ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the executive of the change orders #007, #008, and #015 with Wilson Concrete, LLC, Spiritas Wrecking Company, and Kuesel Excavating Company, Inc. The total cost of these change orders is \$33,993.16. The costs of these change orders will be accommodated by contingency funds in the Barbara C. Jordan construction budget.

CPR #007 – ASI #2 – Our architect, Bond Wolfe, issued ASI #2, or Architect’s Supplemental Instructions #2 as clarification and revision to the structural drawings relating to the steel and concrete of the building. This ASI specified an increase in thickness of the load bearing walls and stairwell walls and additional structure steel for proper support and bracing. The total cost of this change order is \$29,333.62.

CPR #008 – ASI #3 – Our architect, Bond Wolfe, issued ASI #3, or Architect’s Supplemental Instructions #3, as a change specifying the use of moment frame on the beam between G11 and G12. The total cost of this change order is \$44.79.

CPR #015 – Tank Removal Extra – while removing of the underground oil tank, an additional 3,000 gallons of oil sludge was discovered on top of the tank. The contaminated material had to be removed before the tank was removed to prevent further contamination of the neighboring soil. The total cost of this change order is \$4,214.75.

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

A brief discussion ensued.

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

10-113 NATATORIUM COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

Since July 2009, the School District of University City has been facilitating meetings of the Natatorium Committee, which was established to identify the short term, intermediate, and long term challenges that the Natatorium facility and its aquatic programs are facing, identifying potential opportunities to increase participation in the current programs and increase utilization of the facility, and identifying possible solutions for a long term replacement for the Natatorium.

February 4, 2010

Representatives, George Lenard, Mary Ann Zaggy, and Mary Lhotak, Natatorium Committee, presented information on the findings.

A lengthy discussion took place.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

1. Mary Ann Zaggy, 6303 McPherson
2. Rod Jennings, 1306 Mt. Olive
3. Derrick Coley, 7365 Drexel
4. Katricia Garrett, 815 Westgate

Ms. Wilson acknowledged the following citizens who were in attendance that are running for a seat on the Board of Education:

Ms. Maria Chappelle-Nadal
Mr. Rodney Jennings
Mr. Tom Peters, incumbent, Board President

10-114 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS – DELMAR-
HARVARD & UNIVERSITY CITY HIGH SCHOOL

Accountability for ALL is key to getting this work done. The School District of University City has developed a Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP) in compliance with Missouri School Improvement Plan (MSIP) Standard 8.2. As a part of the CSIP, Critical Issue Academic Achievement, Objective VIII, Strategies 1 and 2, each school site has been charged with developing a building level school improvement plan aligned to the identified needs as outlined in the CSIP with five overarching areas: Academic Achievement; Highly Qualified Staff; Facilities, Support and Resources; Parent and Community Involvement; and Governance. The framework for these plans includes the identification of needs based on data, measurable indicators (objectives), effective instructional strategies, related professional development, assessment of implementation, and monitoring.

The goal of every school improvement plan is to increase achievement for all children, especially those furthest from meeting the State's proficient academic achievement standard. In addition, the plans must address Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) especially for subgroups most in danger of not meeting standards. Scientifically research-based reform strategies will be implemented school-wide to achieve each objective. These scientifically research-based reform strategies reflect changes to be made in instruction, scheduling, staffing, or other changes that will result in improved student achievement.

February 4, 2010

Phyllis Frederickson, principal of Delmar-Harvard, and Tim Wernentin, principal of University City High School, presented their school improvement plans, and responded to questions from the Board. Plans will be monitored throughout the course of the school year with supportive data to substantiate improvement. They each acknowledged the work done by their respective school support teams.

A lengthy question and answer period ensued.

The following individual addressed the Board:

1. Rod Jennings, 1306 Mt. Olive

10-115 PERMISSIVE TRANSFER MORATORIUM REQUEST FOR
2010-2011

On December 17, 2009, the Board of Education approved the selection of Robert Schwarz Planning (RSP) to provide demographic services to the school district in order to equitably reestablish attendance boundaries for our elementary schools.

The Office of Pupil Personnel is requesting that a moratorium be placed on the Permissive Transfer procedures in preparation for the demographic study which will be conducted during the 2010-2011 school year.

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve a moratorium on Permissive Transfer Procedures for the 2010-2011 school year.

Ms. Bernadette White, executive director, Pupil Personnel, presented this item and responded to questions from the Board.

A lengthy discussion took place.

A motion to approve the Moratorium was made, seconded, and failed by a roll call vote of 3 yes, Bob Elgin, Todd Gilyard, Linda Peoples, and 4 no's, Tom Peters, Stacy Clay, Ellen Bern, Trudy Moon.

Ms. Moon stated that various topic areas associated with the Board need to be clarified, whether it is discussed in a workshop or, if appropriate, placed on the agenda.

Mr. Peters stated that any requests for future discussions should be shared with him. When planning for the agenda, these items can be added in or if the topic is Board goals, this could be discussed in a workshop.

February 4, 2010

A brief discussion ensued.

A motion was made to hold an executive session before the regularly scheduled meeting on February 18, 2010 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 10:20 p.m. was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

RESUME

A motion to resume the executive session at 10:26 p.m. was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Tom Peters, President

Bob Elgin, Secretary