

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, April 8, 2010.

The following Board members were present:

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

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 staff members, students, and citizens were present.

CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, Mr. Peters called the meeting to order at

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rachel Sobotka highlighted events at University City High School. She indicated that

Ms. Wilson

- Parents, staff and members of the community are invited to attend the Board of Education workshop on Saturday, April 10 at 9 a.m. in the McNair board Room and the next Board of Education meeting on Thursday, April 22 at 7 p.m., also in the McNair board Room. We will be discussing the financial stat of the district at both meetings and invite the community to attend to hear the updates.
- The process of reviewing and redrawing the elementary attendance areas has begun. A committee of parents, staff and community members will be meeting regularly to discuss key topics and make a recommendation to the Board regarding the new elementary attendance areas for the transition to four elementary schools. The public is invited to attend and listen to the community

meetings and may comment via a comment box or e-mail. The next meeting will be Monday, April 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the McNair Board Room.

- University City High School will be represented at the Missouri Scholars Academy this summer by three U City students: Luke Babich, Connor Crowe, and Alexander Yentumi. Only 330 students from across the state are accepted to the three-week program. Many high schools don't have a single representative, and three students from U. City will attend. Congratulations to these three gentlemen.
- The Peace Committee, a group of nine students at University City High School, hosted two assemblies and a panel discussion with District and community leaders last week to talk about working together for nonviolent conflict resolution. Several local media outlets covered this positive story about our high school. I participated in the panel discussion, and the students shared some wonderful ideas about how staff and community could better support them and how they could contribute to the community.
- DeMarco Kemp, UCHS senior, has been accepted to Mid-America Nazarene University in Olathe, KS, just outside Kansas City, in a football scholarship. Last week, Justin Spence signed a letter of intent to play soccer at Missouri Baptist University. We expect several more athletes to sign letters of intent to play college sports in coming weeks.
- The University City High School Jazz Band attended a workshop with the world-famous Clayton Brothers and performed a mid-day concert with them on Wednesday of this week. The Jazz Band will also perform at the Nu-Art Series on Saturday, April 10 from 3 to 6 p.m.
- Kelly Werthmuller, Brittany Woods's librarian, secured a \$1,162 Missouri Afterschool Retreat Reading and Assessment grant for middle school students through the Community Education section of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for spring 2010.
- Tony Thomas, UCHS science teacher, has been selected as one of seven local teachers to participate in Washington University's Robert Noyce Master Teacher Scholarship program, funded by the National Science Foundation.

10-146

RECOGNITION – UNIVERSITY CITY HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

University City High School Choir under the direction of Caroline Kraft-Ibnabdeljalil, choir instructor, received a II or "excellent" rating during the Missouri State Choir Festival on March 9, with a near-miss of the perfect I or "superior" rating. The choir received two IIs and a I from the performance judges and a solid II from the sight-reading judge. During the March 5 MSHSAA District Solo Festival, Isiah Simpson and Cameron Tesson each earned a I or superior

rating and will compete at the state level on May 1. Semont Lee-Davis received a II at the District Solo Festival.

University City High School Choir members include Martez Reed, Jerica Aldridge, Luke Babich, Diamond Bedford, Brandie Bethany, Amani Borders, Josh Dallas, Demetrius Deramus, April Epps, Maya Foster, Romiyus Gause, Josh Harmon, Kayla Heildelberg, Zibiah Hoskins, Ryan Humphrey, Courtnee Jackson, Shontaya Jackson, Ciara Jones, Javon Jordan, Alex Kelly, Semont Lee-Davis, Ahsjah Orr, Christa Roach, Jo Schroer, Isiah Simpson, Devin Spears, Phillip Stiles, Cameron Tesson, Josh Thames, Julesa Webb, Nahja West, Joo Williams and Candace Woodard.

The Board of Education recognized the University City Choir for their dedication and accomplishment in addition to the support they received from UCHS Choir instructor Caroline Kraft-Ibnabdeljalil. Each was presented with a certificate of appreciation.

10-147 **RECOGNITION – UNIVERSITY CITY HIGH ROBOTICS TEAM**

University City High School Robo Lions competed in the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotics regional competition in St. Louis on March 20 and received the Rookie High Seed Award for placing higher than any other rookie team in the competition.

The team advanced to fifth place in qualifying rounds, after which they advanced to elimination rounds and best of three competitions. In quarter finals, the team won its first two matches to shut-out their competitor. In semi-finals, they placed all three matches against the opposing team to avoid a shut-out in the competition. Team members include Nathan Garland, Michael Sarber, Dan Politte, Matthew Foster, Grace Deitzler, Rachel Sobotka, Ben Mizes, Alex Dlugosch, Kat Simpson, and Jacob Hammond.

The Board of Education recognized the UCHS Robo Lions for their dedication and accomplishment in addition to the support they received from team mentors April Pritchard, Rowland Dodson, Dave Sarber, Hans Zhou, Dave Politte, Lee Sobotka, Sean Reynolds, Bryce Cooper and Tyler Barkin. Each was presented with a certificate of appreciation.

10-148 **RECOGNITION – MOCK TRIAL TEAM**

The University City High School Mock Trial Team finished their season in the top 12 teams in the St. Louis Region out of 31 high schools. This team's success is especially significant because there are only two veteran members with three years of experiences, one team member with one prior year of experience, and the remainder of the team competed for the first time this year. Other teams in regional competition consisted of students with three years of experience or

more, and many of those teams were composed of the stronger participants from multiple school teams.

The mock trial team includes the following University City High School students: Luke Babich, Amani Borders, Ariel Brown, Kayla David, Athena Mayo, Jennifer Mozier, Sarah Sarber, and Aromanze Spight.

The Board of Education recognized the UCHS Mock Trial Team for their dedication and accomplishment in addition to the support they received from Coach Margaret Williams, Attorney Carrie Constantin (a UCHS graduate) and Attorney Steven Mandleman. Each was presented with a certificate of appreciation.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion to approve the 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	10-000	Personnel Recommendations
Action	10-151	Order for Drawing Checks
Action	10-152	Conference Attendance
Information	10-153	Conference Attendance

ADJOURNMENT OF OLD BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

Mr. Clay announced the official results of the April 6, 2010 elections: Tom Peters, 3,601 (33.39), Rod Jennings, 1,197 (11.10), Bobby Shields, 1,702 (15.78), Maria Chappelle-Nadal, 4,228 (39.20). Tom Peters and Maria Chappelle-Nadal were elected Directors on the Board of Education, each for a three-year term.

Sydney Pritchard was elected as Student Representative to the Board of Education.

At this time, Mr. Clay presented plaques to Todd Gilyard and Rachel Sobotka.

(comments from each BM about Mr. Gilyard and Rachel Sobotka)

10-149 OATH OF OFFICE/BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Clay administered the Oath of Office to Tom Peters and Maria Chappelle-Nadal.

I, _____, do solemnly swear that I am of legally required age, that I am a citizen of the United States and a resident taxpayer of the School District of University City, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, and that I have paid a state and county tax within one year next preceding my election, and that I will support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Missouri, and that I will abide by and uphold the School District of University City Board Member Code of Ethics, and will faithfully demean myself in office.

Ms. Wilson led all other board members in reaffirming the Oath of Office.

NEW BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ms. Wilson declared all offices vacant and conducted the election for president of the Board of Education.

Ms. Wilson congratulated the new Board members and welcomed them on behalf of Administration and Staff.

10-150 OATH OF OFFICE/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

(New Secretary) administered the Oath of Office to **Sydney Pritchard**, newly elected Student Representative to the Board.

I, **Sydney Pritchard**, do solemnly swear that I am a citizen of the United States, a resident of the School District of University City, Missouri, and a student in the **junior class** at University City High School and that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State, and faithfully conduct myself responsibly as the Student Representative to the Board of Education.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

The following citizens addressed the Board:

10-154 HOLOCAUST PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945. Additionally Black Germans, Gypsies, the handicapped, Poles, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war and political dissidents were targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic or national reasons. These individuals also suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and

WHEREAS, the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and

WHEREAS, the people of the City of University City should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and should remain vigilant against hatred, persecution and tyranny; and

WHEREAS, the people of the City of University City should continually rededicate themselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

WHEREAS, the Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the people of the City of University City to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect upon our own humanity and the need for respect of all peoples; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act of Congress (Public Law 96-388, October 7, 1980) the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates the Days of Remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust to be Sunday, April 11 through Sunday, April 18, 2010, including the International Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, April 11, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, the University City Board of Education, hereby proclaims the week of Sunday, April 11 through Sunday, April 18, 2010, as Days of Remembrance in its schools in memory of the victims, the survivors and their liberators, and further proclaims that we, as citizens of the City of University City should strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.

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

10-155 AMERESCO MASTER CONTRACT – ADDENDUM #4

On March 13, 2010, Aeresco presented information to the Board of Education detailing the scope of work of the projects to be included in Ameresco Master Contract – Addendum #4, which consists of the renovation of the remaining 1st floor classrooms, renovation of the 2nd floor classrooms, restroom renovations, completion of the new passenger elevator and freight elevator work, waterproofing on 1st floor Balson Street side foundation, aesthetic improvements to the 2nd floor administration area and Black and Gold hallway, replacement of the front entry doors and modifications to the entry area at University City High School.

Ameresco has worked with Bond Wolfe Architects to design and define the scope of work for the renovations that are contained in this contract addendum. The cost for this contract addendum totals \$5,832,392.

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the execution of Ameresco Master Contract – Addendum #4 in the amount of \$5,832,392 for renovation of the areas specified at University City High School.

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

A lengthy discussion took place.

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

10-156 PERSHING SITE PLAN AND EXTERIOR ELEVATION PLAN

Since January 2010, Bond Wolfe Architects has been developing the site and exterior building elevation plans for the new school to be located on the site of Pershing Elementary School. These plans will also go before the University City Planning Commission in April and the City Council in May for approval.

Karl Scheidt, Art Bond and Erin Muller presented this item and responded to questions from the Board.

A brief discussion ensued.

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

10-157 CHANGE ORDERS – BARBARA C. JORDAN ELEMENTARY

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the execution of the change orders #017 and #020 with Kuesel Excavating Company, Inc. The total cost of these change orders is \$7,114.69. The costs of these change orders will be accommodated by contingency funds in the Barbara C. Jordan construction budget.

The following change orders for Barbara C. Jordan Elementary School have been submitted by Kuesel Excavating Company to the School District of University City for compensation for work performed that exceeded the scope of work originally bid. Due to various circumstances summarized below, the following change orders have been submitted for approval:

CPR #017 – Excess soil from the Barbara C. Jordan site was hauled off by Kuesel Excavating Company. Five trucks were utilized for one work day to haul the excess. The cost of this change order is \$6,211.69.

CPR #020 – The Barbara C. Jordan sewer lateral is not at the proper evaluation to tie in to the MSD sewer manhole located in the middle of 82nd Boulevard. This issue can be resolved by installing a manhole on School District property. The Board of Education has approved the easement with MSD for this manhole. The total cost of this change order is \$903.00.

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

A brief discussion took place.

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

10-158 SCHOOL DISTRICT OF UNIVERSITY CITY PARTNERSHIP PLAN
 WITH THE SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS
 COUNTY

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the update of the Partnership Plan between the School District of University City and the Special School District of St. Louis County.

Special School District of St. Louis County and the School District of University City worked collaboratively to develop a cooperative agreement that would customize the working relationship between the two districts. The partnership plan provides a framework for partner districts to assume greater responsibility, for SSD to be more flexible and responsive in meeting the needs of each district, and for amore unified effort. The current plan served as a transitional plan as Special School District worked to develop its Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP). With the Special School District Comprehensive School Improvement Plan completed, and the transitioning to a new format for partnership plans in the developmental stages, this is an update of the progress made with the existing partnership planning format.

Bernadette White presented this item and responded to questions from the Board.

A lengthy question and answer period took place.

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

10-159

DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY PLAN

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the submission of the Technology Plan draft to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) for implementation beginning July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013.

The Technology Committee consisting of teachers, administrators, and support personnel was reconvened to revise the Technology Plan. This plan must be Board approved and then approved through the state's electronic plan and electronic grants system, ePeGS, in order for the District receive grant and E-Rate funding.

The plan was created as a result of the September 4, 2008 Technology Program Evaluation. The committee created goals, objectives, and strategies that are correlated with the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan objectives and the Missouri School Improvement Program standards. State approval of the plan is effective for three years.

The following people served on the Technology Plan Committee: Rich Miller, Angela Porter, CarolAnn Cole, Declan FitzPatrick, Dominic Geinosky-Pioter, Elizabeth Gardner, Sandra Cox, Shona Garrett, Heatehr Erwine, Lori Adkins, Nikki Davenport, Patricia Wilson, Janet Dampier, and Matt Brooks.

Dr. Chauna Williams presented this item and responded to questions from the Board.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

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

Tom Peters reminded everyone that a student hearing and board workshop will take place on April 10, 2010.

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

A motion to adjourn this meeting at was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Tom Peters, President

Bob Elgin, Secretary