

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 Center, 8136 Groby Road, University City, Missouri, May 3, 2007.

The following Board members were present:

Ms. Maryanne Coley, President; Ms. Meg McClelland, Vice-President; Mr. Bob Elgin, Secretary; Ms. Ellen Bern, Mr. Todd Gilyard, Mr. Tom Peters, and Mr. Avery Watson, Directors; and Mr. Julian Nicks, Student Representative to the Board.

Dr. James Victory, Superintendent; Mr. Charles Nicastro, Assistant Superintendent/Operations; Ms. Joylynn Wilson, Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum & Instruction; Mr. Scott Hafertepe, Chief Financial Officer/Business & Financial Management; Dr. Judy Sclair, Assistant Superintendent/Human Resources, and approximately 87 staff members, students, and citizens were present.

CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, Ms. Coley called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve with the exception of item 07-168 was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Julian Nicks highlighted events at University City High School. He reported that on May 4, the ROTC will hold its Awards Banquet, May 5 the class of 2008 will host this year's senior prom at the Sheraton Hotel in Clayton, May 7-18, AP testing will take place at the McNair Building, May 11 is the Spring Choir Concert in the UCHS auditorium, May 15 is the Awards Ceremony at UCHS beginning at 7:00 p.m., May 16 will be the senior faculty basketball game, May 19 the Kinesis Dance Concert will take place.

He further reported that on May 10 the student-of-week luncheon will be held at Fitz's, May 22 will be the Athletic Awards Ceremony, May 23-24 the senior play of "The Odd Couple" will be held in the UCHS lecture hall and May 29 is Graduation Day at University of Missouri-St. Louis at 6:30 p.m. Other information to note is that the University City Water Polo team is currently ranked tenth in the state and just won their conference game at Parkway North, yesterday. Also, the track team is currently in conference

and the results will be known on May 4.
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Board members in attendance highlighted activities they engaged in since the last Board meeting. Activities included a musical at Pershing Elementary, "The Frog Who Wanted to be a Singer," a garage sale and other events at Flynn Park, a Racism & Leadership Retreat for Board and community members, the UCHS Spring Musical, "Meet the Expert Night" at Jackson Park sponsored by fifth grade GATE students, an MSBA Spring Regional Meeting, the Brittany Woods Jazz Band Concert at the Sheldon, and various other PTO and committee meetings.

Dr. Victory

- : Four District students, Tave Hollins and Eresarena Moorehead of Barbara C. Jordan Elementary School and Christopher Andry and Kilah Robinson of Delmar-Harvard Elementary School, have donated their artwork for the Emerson Kidsmart Celebrity Spelling Bee to be held at The Pageant on May 10. Their artwork will be auctioned as part of the benefit to raise money for the Free Store.

Kidsmart was established in 2002 to help local students in need to succeed in school by providing free school supplies. Since 2002, Kidsmart has distributed more than \$5 million in school supplies and educational materials to more than 40,000 St. Louis area students.

- : Dr. Victory introduced Mr. Brian Casey, newly appointed principal of Brittany Woods Middle School.

07-162 MISSOURI SCHOLARS ACADEMY RECIPIENTS

The Missouri Scholars Academy is a three-week academic program for 330 of Missouri's gifted students who are ready to begin their junior year in high school. The academy is a residential program held on the campus of the University of Missouri-Columbia.

The Board of Education and Dr. James Victory, Superintendent of Schools, recognized Daniel Hoff, Zachary Levinson, Julian Nicks and Kristin Rice, for being chosen to participate in the Missouri Scholars Academy on the campus of the University of Missouri-Columbia. Each participant, in attendance, was presented with a certificate of appreciation.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

The following citizens addressed the Board:

1. **Roberta Stewart, 2005-2007 President, UCEA**
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2. **Rosanna Benetiz, Chief Negotiator, UCEA**
3. **Cheryl Carr, UCFT President**
4. **Greg Byrne, FP Teacher, President-Elect, UCEA**
5. **Sharon Danziger, 7222 Stanford**
6. **Chris Kwiatkowski, BW Teacher**

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion to approve the April 19, 2007 minutes was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

07-163 TEACHING & LEADING AS SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY

Teaching and Leading as Social Justice Advocacy (TLSJA) helps teachers and administrators understand and deal with their own issues regarding race, class and gender. The program is experiential, in-depth and intensive. Understanding needs to be both on a personal level and in interaction with others . . . colleagues, students and parents.

Dr. Peter Wilson, president, Educational Equity Consultants, along with Dr. Billie Mayo recognized Bob Elgin, Meg McClelland and Maryanne Coley for their participation in the TLSJA's "Racism and Leadership" retreat on April 20-21, 2007. Each participant was presented with a certificate of completion.

07-165 TEACHER OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION

Each spring, school districts across the state of Missouri conduct local Teacher of the Year competitions. Each district's representative then competes in the statewide competition hosted by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Jackson Park Elementary School Art teacher, Mrs. MaryAnn Kerr, was chosen as the School District of University City's Teacher of the Year for 2007-2008.

The Board of Education and the Superintendent recognized Mrs. MaryAnn Kerr for being chosen as the District's Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Kerr will receive a monetary token at the Opening Day Ceremony and

will also be honored at the end-of-the-year retirement and employees' recognition celebration on May 31, 2007.

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**07-166 EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL OF THE YEAR
RECOGNITION**

For the past several years, the School District of University City has recognized a support staff member as the Support Person of the Year. The support staff person selected for the 2007-2008 school year is Ms. Vanessa Ragsdale, School Social Worker. During her years in the District, Ms. Ragsdale has served the children and families of Brittany Woods Middle School, McNair Sixth Grade Center, Jackson Park and Julia Goldstein Early Childhood Center.

Ms. Ragsdale will receive a check for two hundred fifty (\$250) at the Opening Day Ceremony. She will also be honored at the end-of-the-year retirement and employees' recognition celebration.

The Board of Education and the Superintendent recognized Ms. Vanessa Ragsdale for being chosen as the District's Educational Support Personnel of the Year.

07-167 PACESETTER AND UNIQUELY UNIVERSITY CITY RECIPIENTS

On May 31, 2007, at the annual Honoree and Retirees' reception, the District will recognize the PACEsetter and Uniquely University City recipients.

Missouri Steve Baden, community supporter, president of Royal Banks of

Ocie and Kim Bell, district parents, U-City Explosion Track Team
Stan Coleman, district music teacher, Brittany Woods Jazz Band
Derrick Coley, district parent volunteer

Bryce Cooper, district parent volunteer, Long-Rang Planning
Committee co-chair

Lynne Glickert, principal, Flynn Park Elementary School

Shelley Shray, parent volunteer, Brittany Woods Middle School PTO
president

UCHS Athletic Booster Club (Nancy Mozier, president) volunteer
parent organization

The Superintendent's Uniquely University City Award will be given to the following individuals:

**Joy Lieberman, former Secretary of the Board of Education
Kristin Sobotka, former President of the Board of Education**

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07-164 RESOLUTION FOR REFUNDING OF THE 1999 AND 2004 BOND ISSUES

The Administration investigated the possible refunding of its bond issues in order to realize a cost savings. It was concluded that a refunding opportunity exists for the District's 1999 and 2004 General Obligation Bond Issues.

Mr. Scott Hafertepe, and representatives from A.G. Edwards and Thompson Coburn LLP 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.

06-168 SALARY SCHEDULES

This item was pulled by Administration for further discussion with both employee groups. It will be presented at a later date.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following items were presented under the Consent Agenda which can be approved by a single motion and vote:

Action	07-169	Order for Drawing Checks
Action	07-170	Conference Attendance
Information	07-171	Conference Attendance

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to hold an executive session before the regularly scheduled meeting on May 17, 2007 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. Elgin, Mr. Gilyard, Ms. McClelland, Mr. Peters, Mr. Watson, and Ms. Coley.

A motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:05 p.m. was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

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RESUME

A motion to resume the executive session at 8:15 p.m. was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Maryanne Coley, President

Bob Elgin, Secretary