

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, July 21, 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. 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; Mr. Karl Scheidt, Executive Director/Operations, and approximately 17 staff members, students, and citizens were present.

#### CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, Mr. Clay called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Caroline Martinez reported there were no announcements for University City High School.

#### Ms. Pruitt

- Alumni, Marlon West, was featured in the St. Louis American Newspaper and noted for supervising the animated remake of the Disney classic, Winnie the Pooh.
- The annual Back-to-School Rally is coming up soon on Saturday, August 6 from 9 a.m. to noon at the McNair Administration Building. This event is open to ALL students in University City, and we encourage families to come join us for a fun morning of free haircuts, school supplies, educational activities and more.
- Any student who is changing schools due to elementary consolidation or the transition to middle or high school must re-enroll at their new school. Elementary offices will be open beginning Monday, July 25 for parents to re-enroll their child, and offices at the middle and high school continue to be open as well.
- The 2011-2012 school year is a little more than one month away. All staff will return on Monday, August 22 for the Opening Day Ceremony at University City High School. The first day of school for incoming freshman is Friday, August 26.

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- School starts for all students on Monday, August 29. We look forward to having a wonderful 2011-2012 school year.
- The Mentor Program, Reflections, has been expanded for the upcoming school year with a program called "Life Plan". Life Plan is a program that uses trained and qualified facilitators, has a proven curriculum and is discovery learning for young people that will impact their lives in a positive way.

Mr. Clay announced that a request has been made from individuals of Life Plan to have the Board endorse a letter that would go out to the community soliciting support and funds for the continuation and expansion of the program.

Ms. Pruitt explained the logistics of the program, the approximate cost of \$6,000 which equates to about \$30.00 per child. She indicated that the District is seeking support from alumni. A signature of endorsement is being sought from the Superintendent, the high school principal, as well as the individual at the high school who has been identified as the Life Plan Facilitator. There are several alumni who serve on the collaboration board to make this program move forward; therefore the support of the Board is also being sought as well.

It was the consensus of the Board of Education to endorse a solicitation letter to the alumni in support of the Life Plan Program.

A lengthy discussion took place.

Mr. Rod Jennings announced that another alumnus, Mr. Ronnie Barrage, class of 1978 will be returning to St. Louis to perform two jazz concerts at Robbie's House of Jazz on Friday, July 22 and Saturday, July 23.

## CITIZEN COMMENTS

The following individuals addressed the Board:

1. Diane Davenport, 784 Yale, shared her concerns regarding the Fine Arts/Music Program.
2. Peter Martin, 725 Harvard Ave., spoke in support of the Arts/Music Program.
3. Sarah Hanley, 7050 Washington, spoke in support of the Arts/Music Program.
4. K. Kalimba Kindell, 2327 Tennessee, spoke about the various partnerships with the District.
5. Markita Reef, 7240 Henderson Rd., spoke in support of the Arts/Music Program.

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## 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.

Approval	12-00	Personnel Recommendations
Approval	12-02	Order for Drawing Checks
Approval	12-03	Barbara Jordan Change Orders

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

### 12-04 ACCOUNTABILITY UPDATE

As a component of the implementation of the fourth Cycle Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) review process, all districts are required by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to develop in compliance to Standard 8.2, a Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP) that would direct the overall improvement of its educational programs and services. The School District of University City began this process in October 2006. The purpose of the comprehensive School Improvement Plan is to focus on the future goals of the District that need to be developed and implemented during a five-year period.

The five over-arching goals include:

1. Academic Achievement for All Students
2. Highly Qualified Staff
3. Facilities, Support and Instructional Resources
4. Parent and Community Involvement
5. Governance and Administration

Ms. Pruitt, along with Executive Cabinet, presented this item and responded to questions from the Board.

During some of the discussion, it was the unanimous consent of the Board that the student dress code be strictly enforced.

Further discussion ensued.

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12-05 ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY PROGRAM EVALUATION

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the Adult Education and Literacy Program evaluation and recommendations.

The School District of University City has offered an Adult Education and Literacy Program since 1997. The purpose of the program is to expand the educational opportunities for adult, 17 years of age and older, and to enable them to acquire the basic skills necessary to function in society. These skills allow them to secure training and to continue their education through completion of secondary schooling.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Adult Education & Literacy Division has provided school districts with access to grant funding to operate Adult Education programs to address the basic academic needs of the adult population across Missouri.

The three areas of academic emphasis in the program are: General Educational Development (GED), English as a Second Language (ESL), and Literacy Education. The fiscal year 2010 & 2011 classes were held during the day and evenings at a temporary site, New City Fellowship Church, and at several satellite locations throughout University City: Holy Communion Episcopal Church (Literacy); the Gladys and Henry Crown Center for Senior Living (ESL), the Parkview Place Apartments (ESL), the University City Public Library (ESL & GED), and the Women in Charge Program (GED).

Mr. Clay Ware, assisted by Ms. Della Tolliver, presented this item and responded to questions from the Board.

A lengthy frank and cordial exchange of views took place.

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

12-06 NEW AND/OR REVISED POLICIES & REGULATIONS

In the review of Board policies and regulations, a need was evidenced to create new policies and regulations or revise existing policies and regulations to comply with state law or to cover an area that previously had no policy or regulations.

Ms. Pruitt asked that policy DJF be pulled for further clarification and brought back to the Board at a later date.

A motion to pull DJF for further clarification was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

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A motion to approve the remainder of the policies was made and seconded.

**First Reading/Final Approval**

**Section D: Fiscal Management**

DA	Fiscal Responsibility
DB	Annual Budget
DH	Bonded Employees and Officers
DI	Fiscal Accounting and Reporting/Accounting System
DIE	Audits
DLC-R	Expense Reimbursements

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

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

1. Rosanna Benitez, Past UCEA President, shared her comments on conversation related to biology updates; documentation of homework via the computer; enforcing the dress code; inviting board members to visit classrooms, and establish an educational consortium with teachers, administration, and the Board on how to move forward with curriculum, our learning programs in order to move children as far as possible.
2. Trisha Harris, 708 Hawthorne Ave., 63301, shared her concern about an individual's perception of teachers who have not attained higher degrees. She stated that this does not lessen their ability or desire of being highly qualified.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A Board Work Session will be held on August 4, 2011, at 5:45 p.m. in the McNair Board Room. The public is invited to attend but cannot participate.

A motion was made to hold an executive session before the regularly scheduled meeting on August 18, 2011 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, Ms. Peoples, Mr. Salamon, and Mr. Clay.

A motion to adjourn this meeting at 9:38 p.m. was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

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Stacy Clay, President

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Ellen Bern, Secretary