

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF REORGANIZED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4
BLUE SPRINGS, JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI**

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The Board of Education of the Reorganized School District No. 4, County of Jackson, State of Missouri, met in regular session at 6:15 p.m., December 8, 2008, in the Professional Learning Center of the Gale T. Bartow Administrative Service Center, 1801 NW Vesper, Blue Springs, Missouri.

Present: Mr. Walkup, Mr. Coen, Mr. Wright, Mrs. Spears, Mr. Bradford, Mrs. Gilstrap, and Mr. Falck

Absent: None

No. 32 Dave Wright moved to approve the following consent agenda items:

- a. minutes of the regular board meeting of November 24, 2008
minutes of the closed session meeting of November 24, 2008
- b. November 2008 check register
assigned payroll warrants P21 through P24
- c. certified personnel items as follows:
 1. maternity leave of absence for:
 - a. Julie McGonigal – Franklin Smith Elementary
 - b. Elizabeth York – Daniel Young Elementary
- d. the following bids as indicated on the attached tabulations:
 1. (10) Buses – District
 2. (30) Megapixel Vision Viewers – District

Dale Falck seconded the motion, which carried unanimously in favor.

No. 33 Kent Bradford moved to adopt the regular agenda as presented. James Coen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously in favor.

Leslie Evans announced that Cherie Chambers, RN at Hall-McCarter Education Center, had been selected as the December "Employee of the Month." Mrs. Chambers, her husband, Greg, and daughter, Tracie were introduced. Mrs. Evans detailed Cherie's accomplishments and characteristics, which emphasized the reasons she was selected for this honor. President Walkup presented a plaque and gift bag to Mrs. Chambers in recognition of her selection as "Employee of the Month."

Mrs. Chambers said, "Thank you so much to the Blue Springs School District for giving me the opportunity to make a difference in children's lives every day. I appreciate all you do to help. Thank you very much."

Leslie Evans introduced Tiffany Morris of Daniel Young Elementary, and a recipient of the Milken Award this year.

Mr. Walkup presented her with the Cornerstone for Education Award.

Tiffany Morris said, "I want to thank you so much for this honor. It is an honor to work for the Blue Springs School District. I love my job. I love what I do and thank you very much for letting me do it. I accept this award. It is a team effort. I believe I work on the best team, on the best staff and definitely in the best district."

Superintendent Kinder introduced Wes McCubbin, President of CEA. Mr. McCubbin, Debra Hendrix, and Lynda Elton, presented an area rug, with the district logo, to the board of education on behalf of the Blue Springs CEA in appreciation for the continued support from the board and administration.

Jim Finley introduced Mrs. Rhonda Jacoby, William Yates Elementary School principal, for presentation of the Program Highlight. Mrs. Jacoby introduced music teacher from William Yates, Mark Hamblin. The highlight featured the WYE 5th Grade Guitarists through Project Strum, who demonstrated their guitar skills.

Scott Young gave a health audit report.

No. 34 Kent Bradford moved to adopt the following policy revisions as presented:

- 3A.16 Personal Business Leave
- 3A.21 Employee Investment Program
- 3C.22 Substitute Teacher Policy
- 3D.7 Qualifications for Specific Classified Positions (Bus Driver)
- 5.64(2)(a)(5) Possession or Use of Weapon

Dave Wright seconded the motion which carried unanimously in favor. (copy of adopted policy revision attached to these minutes)

No. 35 James Coen moved to approve the 2009-2010 District Calendar as presented. Joyce Spears seconded the motion, which carried unanimously in favor. (copy of the approved calendar is attached to these minutes)

No. 36 James Coen moved to approve the following trip requests:

- BSHS & BSSHs FCCLA Students – ProStart Culinary Team Competition–
Springfield, MO – February 19-20, 2009

Joyce Spears seconded the motion, which carried unanimously in favor.

No. 37 Dave Wright moved that the Board of Education of Reorganized School District No. 4 conduct a closed session, pursuant to § 610.021(1)(2)(3) RSMo and § 610.022 RSMo., including any record or vote, immediately following the public session which will be held at 6:15 p.m., on January 12, 2009 in the Executive Board Room of the Gale T. Bartow Administrative Service Center, 1801 NW Vesper, Blue Springs, Missouri, for the purpose of considering:

- legal actions involving the district
- leasing, purchase or sale of real estate
- hiring, firing disciplining or promoting employees.

Dale Falck seconded the motion, which carried with a vote as follows:

Mr. Walkup	Yea	Mr. Bradford	Yea
Mr. Coen	Yea	Mrs. Gilstrap	Yea
Mr. Wright	Yea	Mr. Falck	Yea
Mrs. Spears	Yea		

The public meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m. The closed session convened in the Executive Board Room of the Gale T. Bartow Administrative Service Center, at 6:56 p.m. with President Walkup presiding.

The executive session was adjourned at 7:44 p.m., with action taken recorded as closed record/closed vote.

The open session resumed at 7:49 p.m.

Dr. Kinder discussed the invitation of the Blue Springs Golden Regiment Marching Band to participate in the Inaugural Parade in Washington, D.C. on January 20, 2009.

No. 38 James Coen moved to approve up to \$125,000 for the Blue Springs Golden Regiment Marching Band to participate in the Inaugural Parade in Washington, D.C., January 18-22, 2009, with the understanding that money will be raised to reimburse district for majority of cost. Joyce Spears seconded the motion which carried unanimously in favor.

Dr. Kinder announced that Blue Springs South student Blaine Dalton was named the recipient of the Simone Award and would be recognized at a surprise ceremony on Tuesday morning, December 9, 2008 and invited the board members to attend.

Having no further business, the open session adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Carol Richardson, Secretary
Blue Springs R-IV Board of Education

Dale Walkup, President
Blue Springs R-IV Board of Education