

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

February 9, 2009

Page 29

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., February 9, 2009, in the Professional Learning Center of the Gale T. Bartow Administrative Service Center located at 1801 NW Vesper, Blue Springs, Missouri.

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

Absent: Mrs. Spears, and Mr. Coen

Dr. Kinder introduced Wes McCubbin, CEA President, who on behalf of the Blue Springs CEA thanked the board for their service to the district, the students, and staff. In recognition of Board Appreciation, he presented a \$500 check from CEA for the Paul Consiglio scholarship fund.

Dr. Kinder introduced Kathy Asbury, and Jeanette Ashby-Welter, who on behalf of the local NEA presented the board members with a coffee gift from the locally owned Steamin Bean and thanked them for their service.

Scott Young announced that in honor of Board Appreciation, they each received a gift bag with various items, certificate of appreciation from MSBA, a tumbler from the Blue Springs Education Foundation, a small portfolio from Lucy Franklin Elementary, a card and pen from Sunny Vale Middle School and a gift from Dr. Kinder. Mr. Young also pointed out that each school had a special card on display that was created for the board.

No. 42 Dave Wright moved to approve the following items on the consent agenda as amended:

- a. minutes of the regular board meeting of January 12, 2009  
minutes of the closed session meeting of January 12, 2009
- b. January 2009 check register  
assigned payroll warrants P29 through P32
- c. certified personnel items:
  1. retirement resignations effective at the end of the 2008-09 school year of:

Leila Demayo – Sunny Vale Middle School  
Kathleen Giordano – Brittany Hill Middle School  
Cathy Hartford – Moreland Ridge Middle School  
Terri Lee – Lucy Franklin Elementary  
Suzanne Lester – William Bryant Elementary  
Robert Marble – Brittany Hill Middle School  
M. Denise Parker – Sunny Vale Middle School  
Anne Scott – Lucy Franklin Elementary

No. 42 (continued)

2. maternity leave of absence for:

Allison Barrett – Blue Springs South High School  
Shelley Brown – Blue Springs South High School  
Jennifer Gulick – Sunny Pointe Elementary

3. employment for the 2009-2010 school year of:

Megan Schmitt – Bachelor Degree, Missouri State University, one year experience A Level, Art – Secondary Level

4. resignation effective the end of the 2009-09 school year of:

Ashlee Brown – William Bryant Elementary

5. request for leave of absence for the 2009-2010 school year for:

Adriana Marble – Franklin Smith Elementary

d. approved the 2009-2010 A+ Program as presented at the February 2, 2009 board worksession

e. non-resident tuition for 2009 summer school set as presented at the February 2, 2009 board worksession and as indicated below:

Elementary (four-week session) \$600  
Middle School  
    (one class) \$325  
    (two classes) \$600  
High School (each session) \$325

f. change of date for the regular March board meeting from Monday, March 9, 2009 to Monday, March 16, 2009

Dale Falck seconded the motion which carried unanimously in favor.

No. 43 Dave Wright moved to approve the regular agenda as presented. Rhonda Gilstrap seconded the motion, which carried unanimously in favor.

President Walkup recognized Jennifer Casey as the new board member who will be sworn in at the April board meeting.

Leslie Evans announced that Jenny Gooch, Literacy Coach at Lucy Franklin Elementary, had been selected as the February "Employee of the Month." Mrs. Gooch was introduced and Mrs. Evans summarized some of Mrs. Gooch's positive characteristics highlighting why she was selected for this honor. Jenny was joined by her husband, Nick, her father, and many co-workers from Lucy Franklin. President Walkup presented a plaque and gift bag to Mrs. Gooch in recognition of her selection as "Employee of the Month."

Mrs. Gooch said, "I would like to thank the school board for honoring me with this award. I feel very blessed to be working in a district that is so great and does so much for their teachers and their students."

Annette Seago introduced Nicole Gaulden, Judi Knipmeyer and Connie Simmons, the most recent National Board Certified teachers, for recognition and President Walkup presented them with a plaque for their accomplishment.

Dr. Finley introduced William Bryant Elementary Principal, Cathy Paul, for presentation of the Program Highlight the "William Bryant Elementary Readers Theater Club." Mrs. Paul introduced sponsors, Stephanie Owings, Adriane Falco, Lindsey Bragg, Maggie LaBoube, and Erin Ireland who with the second grade club members, Dawson Haight, Dakota Kenig, Skyler Meyers, Michaela Ross, and Savanna Salazar. The staff explained the process of teaching the students to be successful and fluent in reading. The students read a poem to the board and described their favorite things about the program.

Dr. Cowling introduced Director of Buildings and Grounds, Will Cumberland, who introduced Bart Jacobson of Siemens Building Technology and John Nowlin Elementary Principal, Debbie Curtis. Mr. Cumberland explained the cooperative effort with Siemens Building Technology and JE Dunn for energy upgrades. Bart Jacobson stated that the program was so successful that John Nowlin is in the top 25 percent of schools nationally for energy efficiency and is one of only seven in the state of Missouri to have the distinction of being Energy Star certified. Mr. Jacobson presented a plaque to the board for their commitment energy efficiency. He also presented a plaque to Debbie Curtis to be placed on the building to recognize the buildings efficiency and its rating as an Energy Star building.

Dr. Finley gave a legislative update.

No. 44 Dale Falck moved to declare the result of said bond election to be 5,944 in favor and 730 against, as certified by the Jackson County Board of Election Commissioners and that the notice of said election had been duly given in the manner provided by law, that said election had been duly held and conducted in accordance with the statutes of the state of Missouri and was in all respects regular and valid; that at least two-thirds of the qualified voters of the District voting at said election cast votes in favor of the issuance of said bonds; and that the board of education is now duly authorized and empowered to issue the bonds of the District in the amount of \$86,500,000. (Election Commission Certification attached to these minutes) Kent Bradford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously in favor.

No. 45 Kent Bradford moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the offering for sale of General Obligation School Building Bonds of Reorganized School District No. 4 of Jackson County, Missouri (Resolution attached to these minutes). Dale Falck seconded the motion, which carried unanimously in favor.

No. 46 Dave Wright moved to approve bid package No. 1 for Blue Springs High School additions and renovations, as indicated on the attached tabulation. Dale Falck seconded the motion, which carried unanimously in favor.

No. 47 Kent Bradford moved to approve the following trip requests:

Blue Springs South High School JagWired Robotics Team (25 students) and Blue Springs High School Robotics Team (20 students) – St. Louis Regional Competition – March 18-21, 2009

Blue Springs High School AFJROTC – Curriculum-in-Action – Colorado Springs, CO – March 19-21, 2009

Blue Springs South High School Student Senate – 2009 LEAD Conference – Chattanooga, TN – March 26-29, 2009

Blue Springs High School and Blue Springs South High School - FCCLA State Leadership Convention – Columbia, MO – March 29-31, 2009

Blue Springs South High School Yearbook Staff – Spring National High School Journalism Convention – Phoenix, AZ – April 16-19-2009

Dale Falck seconded the motion, which carried with 4 Yea votes and Mr. Walkup abstaining.

No. 48 Dave Wright moved that the Board of Education of Reorganized School District No. 4 conduct a closed session, pursuant to § 610.021(1) & (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 February 9, 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  
hiring, firing disciplining or promoting employees.

Rhonda Gilstrap seconded the motion, which carried with a vote as follows:

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

The public meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m. The closed session convened at 7:10 p.m. with President Walkup presiding.

The executive session adjourned, with action taken recorded as closed record/closed vote.

The open session resumed at 8:10 p.m.

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