

**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 Blue Springs R-IV School District, County of Jackson, State of Missouri, met in regular session at 6:15 p.m., March 16, 2009, in the Professional Learning Center of the Gale T. Bartow Administrative Service Center.

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

No. 57 Dave Wright moved to approve the following consent agenda items:

- a. minutes of the regular board meeting of February 9, 2009  
minutes of the closed session meeting of February 9, 2009  
minutes of a special board meeting of March 2, 2009  
minutes of the closed session meeting of March 2, 2009  
minutes of special teleconference meeting of March 5, 2009
- b. check register for February 2009, and assigned payroll warrants P33 through P36, payable when due
- c. the following bid as indicated on the attached tabulation:
  - a. Copy Paper - District
- d. the following certified personnel items:
  1. retirement resignations effective at the end of the 2008-09 school year of:
    - a. Melinda Hodge – Delta Woods Middle School
    - b. Yvonne Marcum – John Nowlin Elementary
    - c. Christine McMullen – Delta Woods Middle School
    - d. Jo Ann Moss – Voy Spears Elementary
    - e. Lawrence Randall – Blue Springs High School
    - f. Ron Settle – Blue Springs High School
  2. retirement resignation effective at the end of the 2009-10 school year of:
    - a. Victoria Stanton – School of Economics

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3. resignations effective at the end of the 2008-09 school year of:
  - a. Tamara Atwell – Cordill Mason Elementary
  - b. Walter Brown – Hall-McCarter Education Center
  - c. Russell Green – Blue Springs South High School
  - d. Tyrone Kohl – Blue Springs South High School
  - e. Paula Lee – Franklin Smith Elementary School
  - f. Melissa Lewis-Jones – James Lewis Elementary
  - g. Gary Owens – Blue Springs South High School
  - h. Robert Russ – Sunny Pointe Elementary
  - i. John Thompson – Blue Springs South High School
  
4. resignation effective prior to the end of the 2008-09 school year of:
  - a. Rebecca Borchardt – Liggett Trail Education Center
  
5. resignations from the following certified employees who have been on a leave of absence during the 2008-09 school year:
  - a. Emily Armstrong
  - b. April Atkinson
  - c. Tracy Caton
  - d. Bergen Daniel
  - e. Jami Hilbrich
  - f. Anne Long
  - g. Lyda McMurray
  - h. Geralyn Sobba
  
6. maternity leave of absence for:
  - a. Rebecca Andes
  - b. Jill Diehl
  - c. Jennifer McClanahan
  - d. Megan Walton

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d. **Personnel** (continued)

7. reemployment for the 2008-09 school year of the probationary and tenure teachers listed on the attached sheets
8. employment for the 2009-10 school year of the following certified personnel:
  - a. Jillian Doddema – Master Degree, University of Missouri-Columbia, one year experience E Level, Science, Delta Woods Middle School
  - b. Katherine Henry – Master Degree University of Missouri-Columbia, one year experience E Level, Building and Assignment To Be Determined
  - c. Jenna Hughes – Master Degree, University of Missouri-Columbia, one year experience E Level, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, William Yates Elementary
  - d. Ashli Knox – Master Degree University of Missouri-Columbia, one year experience E Level, Building and Assignment To Be Determined
  - e. Emily Love – Master Degree, University of Missouri-Columbia, one year experience E Level, Science, Moreland Ridge Middle School
  - f. Randi McKeever – Master Degree, University of Missouri-Columbia, one year experience E Level, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Franklin Smith Elementary
  - g. Toni Schindler – Master Degree, University of Missouri-Columbia, one year experience E Level, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, William Bryant Elementary
  - h. Brittany Weaver – Master Degree, University of Missouri-Columbia, one year experience E Level, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, William Yates Elementary

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- e. confirmation of the expulsion of Student Case Number 072892, as per Missouri Safe Schools Act, with specifics of that expulsion included in the official board minutes of a closed attachment, as permitted by the Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act and §610.021(6)
- f. adoption of a resolution designating Kim Brightwell as the district's registered delegate to the Missouri Securities Investment Program (MOSIP) Annual Meeting on April 2009, thereby authorizing her to vote on the district's behalf in the election of directors and any other matters that come before the meeting.

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

No. 58 Joyce Spears moved to adopt the regular agenda amended as follows:

Under New Business  
Add - Item E. Executive Session

James Coen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously in favor.

Leslie Evans announced that Laura Harmon, Accounts Payable at Central Office, had been selected as March "Employee of the Month." Laura, and her husband, Glen, were introduced and Mrs. Evans summarized some of Mrs. Harmon's positive characteristics highlighting why she was selected for this honor. President Walkup presented a plaque and gift bag to Mrs. Harmon in recognition of her selection as "Employee of the Month."

Dr. Finley introduced Kevin Groner, Principal of Moreland Ridge Middle School who introduced staff members Matt Neuweg, and Rod Day for presentation of the program highlight, "World Cultures Club." They spoke about the after school club for the students to learn about other cultures around the world through ePals which connects them with schools throughout the world. Students Libby Day and Brittany Zellars spoke about their experience with the World Cultures Club and their contact with students in other parts of the world.

Dr. Finley gave a legislative update.

Mr. Cumberlandford gave a construction update.

No. 59 Dave Wright moved to approve the Voy Spears Elementary Building Package bid, as indicated on the attached tabulation. James Coen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously in favor.

No. 60 James Coen moved to approve the Blue Springs High School Building Package bid, as indicated on the attached tabulation. Rhonda Gilstrap seconded the motion, which carried unanimously in favor.

No. 61 Joyce Spears moved that the district continue to self-fund the employee medical insurance coverage for 2009-10 with Aetna as the third party administrator with a 7% increase. Further moved to provide dental insurance coverage through Delta Dental, as well as, vision insurance coverage. A rate sheet is attached to these minutes. Dale Falck seconded the motion which carried with five Yea votes and Mr. Coen abstaining.

No. 62 James Coen moved to approve the following student trip requests:

Blue Springs High School and Blue Springs South High School DECA – State Career Development Conference – Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO - March 22-24, 2009

Blue Springs High School and Blue Springs South High School DECA – International Career Development Conference – Anaheim, CA – April 28 –May 3, 2009

Blue Springs South High School Percussion and Guard - Mid Continental Color Guard Association Championships – Willard High School and Ozark High School – March 27-28, 2009

Blue Springs High School Wildcat Jazz Ensemble – Performances on the Branson Belle Riverboat, at the Liverpool Legends Show, and on the new Branson Landing for the Mother’s Day noon concert – Branson, MO – May 8-10, 2009

Dave Wright seconded the motion, which carried with five Yea votes and Mr. Walkup abstaining.

Superintendent Kinder announced the retirement of Beverly Leonard, Principal of Sunny Vale Middle School, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

No. 63 Joyce Spears moved to accept Beverly Leonard’s retirement resignation effective the end of the 2008-09 school year. Dave Wright seconded the motion which carried unanimously in favor.

No. 64 Rhonda Gilstrap moved that the Board of Education of Reorganized School District No. 4 conduct a closed session, pursuant to § 610.021(1) (2) (3) & (6) 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 March 16, 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
- scholastic probation, expulsion, or graduation of identifiable individuals

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

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

The public meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m. The closed session convened at 6:56 p.m. with President Walkup presiding.

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

The open session resumed at 7:55 p.m.

The open session adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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

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