

**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., May 11, 2009, in the Professional Learning Center of the Gale T. Bartow Administrative Service Center.

Present: Mr. Wright, Mr. Bradford, Mrs. Gilstrap, Mr. Walkup, Mr. Coen, Mr. Falck, and Mrs. Casey
Absent: None

During "Remarks by Board Members," Mrs. Gilstrap spoke about attending the Phoenix Awards ceremony at Blue Springs South High School that recognized 8 students who overcame adversity and problems in their education history to achieve academic success. She thanked the Blue Springs South staff for all of their efforts with these students.

Mr. Walkup who serves as the board rep for the School of Economics said that Excelsior Springs School District made a visit to the School of Economics to see what it was about and wasn't sure they would come back, but before their day was over the said they wanted to return next year because it is really a great program.

No. 88 Dale Walkup moved to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda as presented:

- a. minutes of the regular board meeting of April 13, 2009
minutes of the closed session meeting of April 13, 2009
minutes of the special board meeting of April 22, 2009
minutes of the special session meeting of May 4, 2009
- b. check register for May 2009, and assigned payroll warrants P48 through P51, payable when due
- c. certified personnel items as follows:
 1. resignations effective at the end of the 2008-09 school year of:
Keilee Brocato
Mollie Cole
Avanti McDowell
Mary Schermer
Aubrey Shortino
Erica Thieman
Jenna White
 2. request for maternity leaves of absence for:
Susan Hall – Blue Springs South High School
Stephanie Kasper – Daniel Young Elementary
Carrie Robine – James Lewis Elementary
Michelle Snyder – Daniel Young Elementary

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3. employment for the 2009-10 school year for the following certified staff:

Johnna Dotson - Master Degree, University of Central Missouri, 4 years experience, E Level, Art, Blue Springs High School

Carlee Harrison - Bachelor Degree, University of Central Missouri, no experience, A Level, Art, Blue Springs South High School

Jennifer Johnson - Bachelor Degree, University of Central Missouri, 4 years experience, A Level, Art, Sunny Vale Middle School

Karen Kraus - Bachelor Degree, University of Kansas, no experience, D Level, Science, Delta Woods Middle School

Errich Oberlander - Bachelor Degree, University of Central Missouri, no experience, A Level, Math, Freshman Center

- d. payment of district's portion of career ladder staff entitlements for the 2008-09 year (copy attached to these minutes)
- e. the following bids as indicated on the attached tabulations:
 - AHERA (3 yr. Exam/Evaluation for asbestos) – District Wide
 - Dell Hardware – District
 - (8) Dell Routing Switches for Wide Area Network – District
- f. Activities Code of Ethics as presented at the May 4, 2009 board worksession
- g. Performance Based Teacher Evaluation Plan 2009 Revision as presented at the May 4, 2009 board worksession
- h. Career Ladder Plan 2009 Revision as presented at the May 4, 2009 board worksession

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i. the following board representative committee appointments:

- District Insurance Committee – *Rhonda Gilstrap & Jennifer Casey*
(*Dale Walkup-Alternate*)
- Blueprint Blue Springs Committee – *Dave Wright & Dale Walkup*
(*Kent Bradford-Alternate*)
- District Extra Duty Committee – *Jim Coen and Dale Walkup*
(*Rhonda Gilstrap-Alternate*)
- Blue Springs School of Economics Board – *Dale Falck*
(*Jennifer Casey-Alternate*)
- Tax Increment Financing Commissions
 - Blue Springs Commission – *Dave Wright*
(*Jennifer Casey-Alternate*)
 - Lee's Summit Commission – *Kent Bradford*
(*Dale Falck-Alternate*)
 - Independence Commission – *Dale Falck*
(*Kent Bradford-Alternate*)
- District Calendar Committee – *Dale Walkup & Jim Coen*
(*Kent Bradford-Alternate*)
- MSBA Assembly Delegates – *Dave Wright & Jennifer Casey*
(*Rhonda Gilstrap-1st Alternate*) & (*Jim Coen-2nd Alternate*)
- Health Services Committee – *Rhonda Gilstrap & Jennifer Casey*
(*Kent Bradford-Alternate*)
- Technology Planning Committee – *Dale Falck & Kent Bradford*
(*Dave Wright-Alternate*)
- CSDGKC Liaison – *Jim Coen* (*Rhonda Gilstrap-Alternate*)

j. Program Evaluation for CSIP as presented at the May 4, 2009 board worksession.

k. set lunch prices for the 2009-2010 school year as listed below:

- Elementary & High School Breakfast- From \$1.25 to \$1.50
- Adult Breakfast – \$1.75 (no increase)
- Elementary Lunch – From \$2.00 to \$2.05
- High School Lunch – \$2.25 (no increase)
- Adult Lunch – \$2.75 (no increase)
- Milk/Juice – From 40¢ to 45¢

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

No. 89 Dale Falck moved to adopt the regular agenda amended as follows:

Under Guests

Remove Item C – Prudential Spirit of Community Award

Under New Business

Add Item E - May Executive Session for the purpose of considering:
legal actions involving the district
leasing, purchase or sale of real estate
hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting employees

Kent Bradford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously in favor.

Leslie Evans announced that Sonya Gough, 5th grade teacher at Voy Spears Elementary, had been selected as the May "Employee of the Month." Mrs. Gough was introduced and Mrs. Evans outlined some of the reasons Mrs. Gough was selected for this honor. Sonya's husband, Ted; her father, Paul Howard; and several Voy Spears Elementary staff members were also in attendance. President Wright presented a plaque and gift bag to Mrs. Gough in recognition of her selection as "Employee of the Month."

Sonya Gough said, "Thank you for taking time to thank the teachers and employees of this school district. Thank you so much for your continued support." Sonya thanked, Dr. Finley and Dr. Lewman, Scott Young, Terri Gillespie and other teachers, her family for putting her through college, and her husband for hanging bulletin boards for her. She said, "I just want to tell you how fortunate I feel to be here before you and that you allow me to stand in front of my kids every day and do the most amazing things. Thank you very, very much. I appreciate it."

Annette Seago introduced Marissa Walsh, Instructional Coach, for recognition of receiving the Missouri Staff Development Council Award for High Quality Instructional Leadership and introduced her husband, Jamie; daughters, Savannah, and Ciera; her mother Nancy Ward; and her brother, Corbin who were in attendance.

Mrs. Walsh said, "I want to thank the board, because I know that not every district has instructional coaches, and it is because of your support that we have instructional coaches and I get to come to work every day and do what I love which is support teachers and work with kids. I know it is a privilege to have this job. Thank you very much."

Annette Seago introduced principal, Doug Nielsen, and staff members Jean Royse, Teresa DeWeese, Mary Franco, and Marissa Walsh for recognition of Daniel Young Elementary receiving the Missouri Staff Development Council Award for High Quality Staff Development Program within a building.

Mr. Nielsen said, "Thank you very much for the leadership of the board. Dr. Kinder and Dr. Seago, we appreciate your time and effort into our schools and thank you for Marissa and instructional coaches. We have a great group of people at Daniel Young Elementary."

Jim Finley asked Annette Seago to introduce the Program Highlight, ICE⁵ Science Institute. Dr. Seago introduced presenters Chris Gibler, Instructional Coach; Kim Stillwell, Grant Manager; and Jan Brown, Science/Secondary Instructional Coach and all the science teachers entered the room to the music of Ice, Ice Baby." They shared a video of students participating in the Science Institute and explained how it benefits the students. They had the board participate in an experiment to make "snow." Dr. Seago and Marcia Haskins were thanked for writing the grant.

Scott Young introduced Kelly Clark, R.N. at Sunny Vale Middle School, who spoke about the Vision Assistance Program in our district and local optometrists, Pat Whitworth, Wade Godshall, Bill Brock, Ron Fornelli, and Richard Wilson who volunteer their time to provide exams and glasses to the students at a discounted rate. Megan Farber of Gateway Church was present and Kelly recognized the church for donating the costs of the exams and glasses.

Jim Finley presented a legislative update.

Bill Cowling presented a construction update.

No. 90 James Coen moved to approve budget amendment 09-1 needed for increase of expenditures over original budget amount as presented at the May 4 board worksession. Kent Bradford seconded the motion which carried unanimously in favor. (copy of approved budget amendment attached to these minutes)

No. 91 Dale Walkup moved to approve board resolution for intent to reimburse the district for the purchase of a future site for the future construction of school buildings as presented at the May 4 board worksession. Dale Falck seconded the motion which carried unanimously in favor. (copy of approved resolution attached to these minutes)

No. 92 Dale Walkup moved to approve the first reading the following policy revisions as presented and place the policies on the agenda for the June 8, 2009 board meeting for the second reading:

5.34.5 Classifications of Records
(New Policy) Collection and Protection of Student Information

James Coen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously in favor. (copy of proposed policy attached to these minutes)

No. 93 James Coen moved to approve the following student trip requests:

Blue Springs High School Color Guard (40 students) – Broken Arrow Senior High School – Tulsa, OK – May 29-May 31, 2009

BSHS & BSSH AFJROTC – Summer Leadership School – Whiteman AFB, UCM (Billeting and Messing) – June 15-19, 2009

Freshman Center Project Lead the Way (4 students) – Technology Student Association National Competition – Denver, CO – June 29-July 2, 2009

Jennifer Casey seconded the motion, which carried with six Yea votes and Mr. Walkup abstaining.

No. 94 Dale Walkup 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 was held at 6:15 p.m. on May 11, 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. Wright	Yea	Mr. Coen	Yea
Mr. Bradford	Yea	Mr. Falck	Yea
Mrs. Gilstrap	Yea	Mrs. Casey	Yea
Mr. Walkup	Yea		

The public meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m. The closed session convened at 7:22 p.m. with President Wright presiding.

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

The open session resumed at 8:46 p.m.

The open session adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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

Dave Wright, President
Blue Springs R-IV Board of Education