

## CHILLICOTHE R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Members:

Tom Chapman, President  
Michael Leamer, Vice President  
Paul Thomas, Treasurer  
David Meneely, Member

Julie McCoy, Member  
Randy Constant, Member  
David Williams, Member

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### Regular Board Meeting January 19, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Chillicothe R-II School District was held at the Administrative Office, 1020 Old Hwy 36 West, in the city of Chillicothe, state of Missouri, on January 19, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Randy Constant, David Williams, Tom Chapman, Michael Leamer, David Meneely, Julie McCoy and Paul Thomas.

Also present: Dr. Linda Gray Smith, Wade Schroeder, Pam Fetter, Ron Wolf, Roger Wolf, Paula Grozinger, Tony Perry, Bryan Cople, Penny Kennebeck, Jayme Caughron, Philip Pohren, Pam Brobst, Shelly Turner, Vicky Duckworth, Brandon Dennis, Jacob McCullough, Diane McCullough, LaeLoni Knouse, Wendy Mantzery, Troy Mantzery, Lane Gaunt, Kim Kieffer, Deborah Peery, Brenda Block, Joyce Mollohan, Tammy Price, Dorlene Meneely, Anne Jeschke, DeAn Witt, James Davis, Jerry Nibarger, Diane Nibarger, Jason Nibarger, Donna Nibarger, Katherine Meyers, Rebecca Lewis, Debbie Goodwin, Mary Pauley, Diana Holcer, Melanie Rucker, Nancy Burtch, Robin Westphal, Sonja Daly, Susan Stull, Jeff Frampton, Rose Frampton, Sara Frampton, Ashley Hawkins, Rachel Moore, Andrea Marriott, Jana Shira, Lisa Paulsen, Brooke Wolf, Kari Snyder, Maurice Moore, Beth Milanovich, Tyler Brobst, Karen Brobst, Arch Hasler, Mel Workman, Dick Bartow, Laura Schuler (C-T), Tom Tingerthal (KCHI), and Kristi Newlin.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Tom Chapman called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. He asked those present to participate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Constant second. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Thomas arrived at 6:35 p.m.

### **WELCOME & PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Chapman welcomed all administrators, staff, and community members in attendance. He then opened the floor for public comments. Jerry Nibarger addressed the Board regarding ongoing concerns with QNS, the company contracted to assist the district technology department with completing the migration process. Kim Kieffer, CHS teacher, spoke to the Board and gave her account of the progress that QNS has made on the technology in her classroom. Mr. Chapman then read letters that the Board had received from Betty Sue Radcliff, Library Media Specialist, and Debbie Willard, Dewey teacher, praising the professionalism and immediate responses from QNS.

### **STUDENT RECOGNITION**

Bryan Cople, CMS Principal, introduced several 8<sup>th</sup> grade students that were recent winners in the district science fair. Caleb Stull, Sara Frampton, Jacob McCullough, and Quinten Lewis gave a brief presentation of their winning science fair projects. Mr. Cople stated that the students will go on to compete in the Regional Science Fair in Fayette in March.

Penny Kennebeck, CACE Director, also introduced two students from the Alternative School. Lane Gaunt was recognized for achieving his academic and social goals and Tyler Brobst was recognized for his willingness to help others and being polite and respectful.

Mr. Chapman presented each of the students with a certificate of recognition.

## **CALENDAR HEARING**

A public hearing was held regarding the 2010-2011 calendar proposed to be set by the Chillicothe R-II School District. Pursuant to Senate Bill 64, school districts are required to set an opening date no earlier than ten calendar days prior to the first Monday in September, unless the local school board approves an earlier start date after a public hearing and vote. Mr. Chapman opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments heard. A decision on the 2010-2011 calendar will be made by the board during the Old Business section of the meeting agenda.

## **REPORT TO BOARD**

### District Annual Report

Dr. Smith presented to the Board the 2008-09 School Accountability Report Card from DESE. She stated that the report compares information between the state average and Chillicothe R-II on topics such as enrollment, graduation rate, teacher salaries, and MAP results. The board briefly discussed the report and noted the need to get the information on the report to district patrons.

### Program Evaluations

Dr. Smith presented to the board the evaluations of the Food Service Program, A+ Program, and the Budget/Audit. After a brief discussion, Dr. Smith recommended that the board approve the program evaluations as presented.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the evaluation of the Food Service Program. Mr. Constant second. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Constant made a motion to approve the evaluation of the A+ Program. Mrs. McCoy second. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the evaluation of the Budget/Audit program as presented. Mr. Constant second. Motion carried 6-0.

### Technology

Wade Schroeder, Asst. Superintendent, updated the Board on district technology issues. He stated that since contracting with QNS, the district computers have been migrated and the overall district network is continuing to be addressed. The addition of the QNS icon onto every district computer has made it possible for each user to report problems directly to QNS and in turn the response time continues to be positive. QNS continues to utilize its manpower resources to address issues as needed. The progress made over the last month has been encouraging and the future looks favorable as the district technology moves forward.

### Middle School Update

Bryan Copple, CMS Principal, updated the Board on the progress at the middle school. The monthly report shows a steady attendance rate as well as a decline in the total number of students with a failing grade. Mr. Copple stated that the classrooms located in the gym had been rearranged to allow for a quieter learning environment.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### 2010-2011 Calendar

Dr. Smith discussed with the board the proposed 2010-2011 calendar. She stated that a calendar should be adopted based on what provides the best education for children. Students are more ready to learn in mid-August than they are in May. The proposed 2010-2011 calendar has a start date of August 18<sup>th</sup>, early release days for staff development on Fridays, addition of parent-teacher conference in February, and a teacher work day set for January 3<sup>rd</sup>. After a brief discussion, Mr. Constant made a motion to approve the 2010-2011 calendar as presented. Mr. Meneely second. Motion carried 6-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Consent Agenda

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Constant second. Motion carried 6-0.

Items on the consent agenda included:

- 1) Minutes of the December 15<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting and Executive Session
- 2) Minutes of the December 21<sup>st</sup> Special Meeting and Executive Session
- 3) Minutes of the January 11<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting
- 4) Payment of bills totaling \$931,487.09
- 5) Administrative Reports
- 6) Transfer of \$433,526.76 from Fund 1 to Fund 2

Financial Report/General Ledger

Dr. Smith reviewed with the board the Monthly Finance Statement that showed ending balances for each fund for the month ended December 2009. Also included for comparison was the Monthly Finance Statement from December 2008. A spreadsheet was prepared showing investments and bank account balances for both the general fund and employee health care fund. The quarterly General Ledger was enclosed showing revenues and expenditures for the first six months of the fiscal year. Ending balances for each fund are as follows:

Fund 1 -	\$1,054,084.29
Fund 2 -	0.00
Fund 3 -	180,861.61
Fund 4 -	<u>(330,032.86)</u>
Total	\$ 904,913.04

Facility- Bond Issue

The matter of providing additional building funds came on for consideration and was discussed. Dick Bartow of George K. Baum & Company spoke to the Board about the potential bond election, which would fund construction of a new pre-K through second grade school building and make renovations to existing buildings. He stated that the district has a current bonding capacity of \$11.7 million. A major factor in pursuing a bond issue now is the availability of Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB), which come with little to no interest and are divided up by DESE between districts that have passed a successful bond issue. Mr. Bartow predicted that the district would receive around \$10 million in QSCB's, saving the district about \$4 to \$5 million in interest. The remaining balance of the project would be paid by regular bonds, which are selling at an all-time low. Mr. Bartow stated that there is no better time for schools to pass capital improvement projects. He stated that an \$11 million bond would increase the debt service levy by 35¢ for a total of 85¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation. Dr. Smith stated that the deadline for filing with the County Clerk is Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. They discussed the costs associated with placing a bond issue on the ballot in April. They decided to approve the ballot language, but deferred to take action on the actual levy amount until the district's assessed valuation could be verified.

Thereupon, Mr. Leamer presented and moved the adoption of a resolution entitled as follows, a copy of which is appended to the minutes of this meeting and incorporated herein by this reference:

RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE  
QUESTION OF ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION  
BONDS OF CHILLICOTHE R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MISSOURI

The motion for the adoption of the above and foregoing resolution was seconded by Mr. Constant.

Thereupon, the President put the question on the adoption of the above and foregoing resolution. Said motion was carried and said resolution adopted by the Board, the vote being as follows:

Aye: Mrs. McCoy, Mr. Williams, Mr. Constant, Mr. Leamer, Mr. Meneely, Mr. Thomas.

Nay:

The President declared the resolution duly adopted.

Further discussion prompted Mr. Leamer to make an amendment to the original motion to approve the ballot language as proposed with the established amount to be determined based on the bonding capacity. Mr. Constant second. Mr. Chapman called for a motion on the amended motion to approve the ballot language as presented with the established amount to be determined based on the bonding capacity. Motion carried 6-0.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Chillicothe R-II School District, that a special bond election is hereby ordered to be held concurrently with the municipal election on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 on the following question:

Shall Chillicothe R-II School District, Livingston County, Missouri, incur indebtedness and issue its general obligation bonds in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of building a new pre-kindergarten to grade 2 school building, renovating, repairing and improving existing school buildings and facilities and furnishing and equipping the same resulting in an estimated increase to the debt service levy of \$. \_\_\_\_\_ Per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation?

If this proposition is approved, the adjusted debt service levy of the District is estimated to increase from \$0.50 to \$        per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of real and personal property.

Grant Applications

There were no new grant applications for approval.

School Board Filings

Dr. Smith stated that the filing period for those interested in running for school board closed with three persons filing for the two available seats with a three-year term, and two persons filing for the one seat with the one-year term. Municipal Election Day is April 6<sup>th</sup>, after which candidates will be sworn-in during a board meeting in April 2010.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Dr. Smith presented to the board several letters of correspondence for review.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Chapman opened the floor for public comments. Dr. Smith read a press release commemorating National School Board Week the week of January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Thomas made a motion to enter into executive session as provided under Missouri Revised Statute, Section 610.021.03 for the purpose of employing, discussing and evaluating personnel, discussing real estate and legal matters. Mr. Williams second. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. McCoy – yea. Mr. Williams – yea. Mr. Constant – yea. Mr. Leamer – yea. Mr. Meneely – yea. Mr. Thomas – yea. Mr. Chapman – yea. Motion carried 7-0 on voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Tom Chapman, President

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Kristi Newlin, Secretary