

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

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

Absent: None

No. 26 James Coen moved to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda:

- a. minutes of the regular board meeting of October 5, 2009
minutes of a special board meeting of October 23, 2009
minutes of a closed session board meeting of October 23, 2009
minutes of a special board meeting of November 3, 2009
- b. assigned payroll warrants P17 through P20, payable when due
- c. certified personnel items as follows:
 1. retirement resignation effective the end of the 2009-10 school year from:
 - a. Gwendolyn Burns – William Bryant Elementary
 - b. Karen S. McKemy – William Yates Elementary
- d. the following bids as indicated on the attached tabulations:
 1. (22)-LCD Epson Projector Package with DVD/VCR Player – MIS Integration of Projector - Foreign Language classes at Blue Springs High School and Blue Springs South High School
 2. (2) Resilite Wrestling Mats – Blue Springs South High School
 3. Flooring – Hall-McCarter Education Center
- e. Professional Development Budget as presented at the November 3, 2009 board worksession. (copy of approved Professional Development Budget attached to these minutes)
- f. 2009-2010 Blue Springs School District Blueprint as presented at the November 3, 2009 board worksession. (copy of Blueprint attached to these minutes)

- g. curriculum guides for the following courses as presented at the November 3, 2009 board worksession:

Agriculture:

Animal Science – Animal Care Assistant (Small Animals)
Animal Science – Equine (Large Animals)
Horticulture
Landscaping Maintenance and Design

Biomedical:

Human Body Systems (Curriculum Copyrighted)

Foreign Language:

Chinese III

- h. LAU Plan as presented at the November 3, 2009 board worksession
- i. completion of the construction/renovation project at Voy Spears Jr. Elementary subject to finalization of the items on the punch list.

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

No. 27 Rhonda Gilstrap moved to adopt the regular agenda as presented. Kent Bradford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously in favor.

Leslie Evans announced that Robin Stockdell, music teacher at Cordill-Mason Elementary, had been selected as the November "Employee of the Month." Mrs. Stockdell was accompanied by her son, Paul, her mother, Lois, her brother, Greg and her principal, Al. Mrs. Evans detailed accomplishments and characteristics, which emphasized the reasons Mrs. Stockdell was selected for this honor. Mrs. Stockdell was presented with a gift bag and plaque in recognition of her selection as "Employee of the Month."

Robin Stockdell thanked the board for the honor and said, "It is such an honor to be here. Thank you all for considering me as the Employee of the Month and giving me this special recognition." I would not be able to be here if it were not for a wonderful school family. You are only as good a teacher as the expectations of your school and our teachers hold each of us to a very high expectation. Our families are wonderful and of course our school board. Thank you for everything that you do and I would like to thank my principal for nominating me. He is a special man who knows I know my job and allows me to do it and leaves me alone and I appreciate that so much. Thank you all so much for this honor. I appreciate it."

Dr. Finley introduced Roger Lower, BSHS girls' softball coach, for recognition for his recent milestone achievement in his 14 season coaching career. This summer he coached his girls to his 300th career win followed by 12 additional victories since. As recognition for this achievement, Roger was presented with the 1st Foundation of Excellence Award.

Coach Lower said, "Thank you for this special recognition." Coach Lower introduced two girls, McKenzie Sikes and Ashton Stevens who were on this year's team and indicated they were representative of the girls who have gone through the program during the 14 years he has been coach. He said, "They are the reason that we've won 312 games. They have always represented Blue Springs School District with class and dignity and I just feel very fortunate to be in the position to be able to coach young ladies like this. Not only do they excel on the field, the GPA for the entire softball team last year was 3.6. They are some of the best kids we have in school and I am very proud that I'm the one that they call 'Coach' at the end of the day. Thank you very much."

Dr. Finley introduced Mr. Greg Johnson, James Walker Elementary School principal, for presentation of the Program Highlight. The highlight featured the partnership with MU and was presented by staff members, Hillary Chamberlain, Kari Hartstack, Ramona Dunn, Ashley Welch, Abbie Swisher, and Cindy Barnhart.

The monthly MSBA video was shown.

Annette Seago reported on the Parent/Teacher Conferences that were held the end of October and announced that 5,993 parent conferences were held at the elementary level this year, for a 96% success rate. There were 2,520 conferences held at the middle school level for a 78% success rate and this year the high school held 1,986 conferences.

Bill Cowling presented an update of the construction projects

No. 28 James Coen moved to adopt the final budget for the 2009-10 school year as presented. Kent Bradford seconded the motion which carried unanimously in favor. (copy of adopted budget attached to these minutes)

The matter of authorizing the issuance and deliver of \$6,225,000 principal amount of Taxable General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2009C (Build America Bonds) came on for consideration and was discussed.

No. 29 James Coen moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of \$6,225,000 Principal Amount of Taxable General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2009C (Build America Bonds), of Reorganized School District No. 4 of Jackson County, Missouri; prescribing the form and details of said bonds; providing for the levy and collection of an annual tax for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on said bonds as they become due; and authorizing certain other documents and actions in connection therewith. Dale Walkup seconded the motion which carried with the following vote:

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

The matter of authorizing the issuance and deliver of \$8,775,000 principal amount of General Obligation Qualified School Construction Bonds, Series 2009D (Tax Credit Bonds) came on for consideration and was discussed.

No. 30 Dale Walkup moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of \$8,775,000 Principal Amount of General Obligation Qualified School Construction Bonds, Series 2009D (Tax Credit Bonds), of Reorganized School District No. 4 of Jackson County, Missouri; prescribing the form and details of said bonds; providing for the levy and collection of an annual tax for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on said bonds as they become due; and authorizing certain other documents and actions in connection therewith. Dale Falck seconded the motion which carried with the following vote:

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

No. 31 Dale Walkup moved to approve the first reading the following policy revisions as presented and place these policies on the agenda for the December 14, 2009 board meeting for the second reading:

- 5.82 Classroom Visitation and Observation
- 6.5 Homebound Instruction
- 2.11 Officer Commissioning
- 4.12 Security and Supervision of Buildings
- 5.35 Collection and Protection of Student Information
- 5.64(2)(b)(2) Possession of Electronic Devices and Computers
- 6.11 Fire Drills
- 6.12 Disaster and Lock Down Drills

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

No. 32 James Coen moved to approve the following trip requests:

Blue Springs South High School DECA – DECA Central Regional Leadership Conference – Minnesota – December 4, 2009

Blue Springs South High School Theatre Department – State Thespian Festival – University of Missouri – St. Louis – January 7-9, 2010

Blue Springs High School A Cappella Choir – Performance at Disneyland Park and possibly other venues – Los Angeles, CA - April 23-27, 2010

Dale Falck seconded the motion, which carried with 6 yea votes and Mr. Walkup abstaining.

No. 33 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 held at 6:15 p.m., on December 14, 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

Kent Bradford 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 meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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

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