

**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., September 18, 2023, in the Professional Learning Center of the Gale T. Bartow Administrative Center, 1801 NW Vesper, Blue Springs, Missouri.

Present: Mr. Hawk, Mr. Siems, Mr. Swanson, Mrs. Gilstrap, Mrs. Coen, Mrs. Agate, and Mrs. Swank

Absent: None

President Hawk noted all board members were in attendance and called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

President Hawk asked for any objections to the adoption of the Consent Agenda.

No. 10 Hearing no objections, President Hawk stated the following consent agenda items were approved by unanimous consent as presented:

- a. minutes of the regular board meeting of August 14, 2023
minutes of the special board meeting of September 11, 2023
- b. ratification of cash disbursements
- c. approval of the monthly check register over \$15,000
- d. the execution of specified contracts
- e. the following bids as indicated on the attached tabulations:
 1. Demographic and Enrollment Study – District
 2. Blueprint Publication Print and Mailing Services – BAC
 3. Vehicles for Small-Activity Travel – Transportation
 4. Minivan for District Fleet – BAC
 5. Automated External Defibrillators – Health Services
- f. certified personnel items as follows:
 1. employment of the following certified personnel for the 2023-2024 school year:
 - a. Amy Delaney – Master Degree, Truman State University, eight years experience, Level F, ELL, Brittany Hill Middle School
 - b. Julie Hume – Master Degree, University of Northern Iowa, twenty-two years experience, Level J, Gifted Program, Moreland Ridge Middle School / Blue Springs High School
 - c. Shylo MacLeod – Bachelor Degree, Western Governors University, no experience, Level A, Interventionist, James Walker Elementary School
 - d. Amanda Sanchez – Bachelor Degree, Missouri State University, seven years experience, Level B, Part-Time Interventionist, William Yates Elementary School
 - e. Lara Schmidt – Master Degree, University of Central Missouri, six years experience, Level E, Part-Time Interventionist, William Yates Elementary School
 - g. approval of a one-time stipend to qualified personnel for Trauma-Informed Training, Part 2 (set at \$2,000 to full-time employees / \$1,000 to 15-29.9 average hours per week employees / \$500 to employees working an average of up to 14.9 hours per week)

- h. approval of the quarterly financial report / quarterly investment report
- i. adoption of the Local Compliance Plan and Certification Statement implementing Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- j. the following student trips as requested:
 - 1. BSSHS Band – Competition – October 7, 2023 – Bentonville, Arkansas
 - 2. BSSHS Band – Competition – October 14, 2023 – Tulsa, Oklahoma
 - 3. BSHS / BSSHS FFA – Ag Career Success Event – October 18 and 19, 2023 – Manhattan, Kansas
 - 4. BSSHS AFJROTC Raider Team – Meet – October 20 and 21, 2023 – Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri
 - 5. BSHS / BSSHS Band – Competition – October 27 and 28, 2023 – St. Louis, Missouri
 - 6. BSSHS Debate and Forensics – Competition – October 27 and 28, 2023 – Willard, Missouri
 - 7. BSHS / BSSHS DECA – State Leadership Conference – October 29 and 30, 2023 – Lake Ozark, Missouri

President Hawk asked for any objections to the adoption of the Regular Agenda.

No. 11 Hearing no objections, President Hawk stated the adoption of the regular agenda was approved by unanimous consent as presented.

Katie Woolf announced that Matthew Willis, Brittany Hill Middle School band teacher, 2023-2024 BSSD Teacher of the Year, Missouri Regional Teacher of the Year, and Missouri State Teacher of the Year Semi-Finalist, was the September Employee of the Month. President Hawk presented a plaque and gift bag in recognition of the award. Mr. Willis thanked the board for the opportunity to represent the district this year and expressed his commitment to mentoring students and colleagues to build a successful learning community.

Katie Woolf introduced Aiden Howladar, a senior from Blue Springs South High School, as the September Student of the Month. President Hawk presented a plaque and gift bag, and Aiden thanked his parents for making him the person he is today, his teachers, principal, and coach for their leadership, and Blue Springs South High School for instilling core values in the student body.

The board recognized former board member Mr. Dale Walkup for his 27 years of service. Mr. Walkup commented on the evolution of the district during his nine terms on the school board and thanked his family for their support.

Jason Woolf introduced Blue Springs South High School Principal Ryan Gettings for presentation of the program highlight, featuring the AFS International Exchange Program students. Counselors Lisa Peterson (BSSHS) and Jim Breske (BSHS) discussed the goals and mission of AFS and seven international students introduced themselves and described their experience from their first month in the United States.

The MSBA update video was presented.

A public hearing was held at 5:00 p.m. on September 18, 2023, prior to the board meeting for presentation of information regarding the district's 2023-2024 tax levy.

No. 12 Kurt Swanson moved to approve setting the 2023-2024 total levy at 5.0635 per \$100 of assessed valuation, to be distributed as follows:

Operating Fund	\$3.9760
Debt Service Fund	\$1.0875

Rebeca Swank seconded the motion, which carried unanimously in favor.

Sgt. Stueve introduced a new Department of Public Safety Officer.

No. 13 Jeff Siems moved to commission the new officer to the Blue Springs School District Department of Public Safety, pursuant to section 162.215 RSMo. Kay Coen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously in favor.

President Hawk administered the oath of office to Public Safety Officer Amber Westerman.

The public meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Karin E. Keener, Secretary
Blue Springs R-IV Board of Education

Robert Hawk, President
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