

**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 13, 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. 21 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 October 9, 2023
minutes of the special board meeting of November 6, 2023
minutes of the special board meeting of November 9, 2023
- b. ratification of cash disbursements
- c. approval of the monthly check register over \$15,000
- d. approval of execution of specified contracts
- e. the following bids as indicated on the attached tabulations:
 1. Projection System and Microphones – HMEC
 2. Lead Testing (three-year agreement) – District
- f. certified personnel items as follows:
 1. employment of the following certified personnel for the 2023-2024 school year:
 - a. Makensey Burghart – Bachelor Degree, Graceland University, no experience, Level A, Grade 5, John Nowlin Elementary School
 - b. Bailey Devore – Bachelor Degree, Baker University, no experience, Level A, Grade 5, William Yates Elementary School
 - c. Maggie Gouldsmith – Bachelor Degree, University of Central Missouri, no experience, Level A, Grade 3, Franklin Smith Elementary School
 - d. Jodi Turnbough – Master Degree, University of Central Missouri, nine years experience, Level I, Grade 5, William Bryant Elementary School
 2. retirement resignations received from the following certified personnel effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year:
 - a. Deborah Becker – Blue Springs High School
 - b. Sandra McClure – Blue Springs High School
 - c. Zoe Phillips – Blue Springs High School
 3. resignations effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year:
 - a. Elizabeth Bunyarattaphantu – Sunny Pointe Elementary School
 - b. Amanda E Laws – Delta Woods Middle School
- g. approval of the quarterly financial report / quarterly investment report

- h. the final budget for the 2023-2024 school year
- i. board resolution regarding *Tilton v Jackson County, Missouri*
- j. the following student trips as requested:
 - 1. Blue Springs and Blue Springs South High School Robotics Team – Conference – December 1, 2023 – Omaha, Nebraska
 - 2. Blue Springs South High School Cheerleading – Competition – December 9 and 10, 2023 – Cape Girardeau, Missouri
 - 3. Blue Springs High School Girls Wrestling – Tournament – December 15 and 16, 2023 – Eldon, Missouri
 - 4. Blue Springs South High School Girls Wrestling – Tournament – December 28 through 30, 2023 – Columbia, Missouri
 - 5. Blue Springs and Blue Springs South High School Theatre – State Conference – January 4 through 6, 2024 – Kansas City, Missouri
 - 6. Blue Springs High School Boys Wrestling – Tournament – January 5 and 6, 2024 – St. Louis, Missouri

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

No. 22 Hearing no objections, President Hawk stated the adoption of the regular agenda was approved by unanimous consent as presented.

Katie Woolf announced that Ashlee Bernard, 1st grade teacher at William Yates Elementary School, was the November Employee of the Month. President Hawk presented a plaque and gift bag in recognition of the award. Mrs. Bernard thanked her building administrators for nominating her and their on-going encouragement, her colleagues for their guidance and collaboration, and her family for their support.

Katie Woolf announced Thiago Pinto-Huezo, 4th grader at Daniel Young Elementary School, as the November Student of the Month. Thiago was presented with a plaque and gift bag by President Hawk. He thanked his parents and little sister for their love and helping him through life.

Jason Woolf introduced James Walker Elementary School Principal Casey Brownsberger for presentation of the program highlight, featuring the JWE Farm to Table Club. Mrs. Brownsberger introduced club sponsor Heather Brown to explain the club's goals, and students Harshitha Devareddy, Logan Monroe, Lilyanna Dailey, Benjamin Lievsay, Hope Watts, Kate Bartlett, Michael Trujillo, and Brenden Durgan, along with parent Flor Trujillo, shared the impact of farm to table in their building and community.

The MSBA update video was presented.

Jason Woolf presented board policy revisions for second reading and final action.

No. 23 Kurt Swanson moved to accept the following policy revisions for final approval and adoption:

- 5.64(2)(c)(4) Student Trespassing
- 2.18 Unauthorized Entry (Trespassing)

Jeff Siems seconded the motion, which carried unanimously in favor.

Kirk Sampson presented the annual audit report for the 2022-2023 fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, as prepared by Westbrook & Company, P.C., noting a clean report for the district.

No. 24 Jeff Siems moved to accept the audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, as presented. Rebeca Swank seconded the motion, which carried unanimously in favor.

Dr. Jerome announced the board had accepted two administrative retirements. Dr. Leslie Evans, Assistant Superintendent – Human Resources, and Dr. Charlie Belt, Assistant Superintendent – Operations, will both retire effective June 30, 2024.

The public meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

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

Robert Hawk, President
Blue Springs R-IV Board of Education