

**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., February 12, 2024, 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. 40 Hearing no objections, President Hawk stated the following consent agenda items were approved by unanimous consent as presented:

- a. minutes of the special board meeting of January 22, 2024
minutes of the regular board meeting of January 22, 2024
minutes of the special board meeting of January 25, 2024
minutes of the special board meeting of February 5, 2024
- b. ratification of cash disbursements
- c. approval of the monthly check register over \$15,000
- d. the following bids as indicated on the attached tabulations:
 1. Work Trucks (one-ton) – Buildings & Grounds
 2. Pre-Demo Asbestos Abatement – Career Innovation Center
 3. Early Demolition – Career Innovation Center
 4. Precast Cement – Career Innovation Center
 5. Microsoft Surface Go Computers and Covers – 5th and 9th Grade Refresh
 6. iPads and Cases – 1st Grade Refresh
- e. certified personnel items as follows:
 1. employment of the following certified personnel for the 2024-2025 school year:
 - a. Cassandra Forcellini – Bachelor Degree, University of Central Missouri, no experience, Level A, elementary level, location to be determined
 - b. Bethany Frederick – Bachelor Degree, Northwest Missouri State University, no experience, Level A, Special Education, Brittany Hill Middle School
 - c. Jennifer Kincaid – Master Degree, University of Central Missouri, twenty years experience, Level G, Special Education, Blue Springs High School
 - d. Tara Miller – Master Degree, Western Governors University, eight years experience, Level F, Math, Delta Woods Middle School
 - e. Joseph Raffurty – Master Degree, University of Central Missouri, twelve years experience, Level E, Assistant Director of Band, Delta Woods Middle School
 - f. Mackenzie Seigler – Bachelor Degree, Missouri State University, no experience, Level A, Science, Blue Springs High School
 - g. Allison Weinel – Education Specialist, University of Central Missouri, twelve years experience, Level K, Library Media Specialist, Sunny Pointe Elementary School and William Yates Elementary School

2. retirement resignations effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year:
 - a. Geoffrey Gran – Blue Springs South High School
 - b. Kendal Koch – Delta Woods Middle School
 - c. Shelley Mullane – Liggett Trail Education Center
 - d. Jackie Qualls – Blue Springs South High School
 - e. Julie Skinner – Blue Springs High School
3. resignations effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year:
 - a. Nicole Diecidue – Paul Kinder Middle School
 - b. Olivia Durrell – Cordill-Mason Elementary School
 - c. Andrea Matson – Franklin Smith Elementary School
 - d. Sean McKinlay – William Yates Elementary School
 - e. Victoria Spencer – Blue Springs High School
4. resignation effective for the 2024-2025 school year:
 - a. Eric Mitchell – location had not been assigned
- f. approval of the quarterly financial report / quarterly investment report
- g. approval of five-year agreements for Math textbooks – K-5 Houghton Mifflin Harcourt and 6-10 Big Ideas Math
- h. the following student trips as requested:
 1. Blue Springs South High School DECA – Competition – March 3 through 5, 2024 – Kansas City, Missouri
 2. Blue Springs South High School Winter Guard – Competition – March 9, 2024 – Bellevue, Nebraska
 3. Blue Springs South High School FCCLA – Competition – March 17 through 19, 2024 – Lake Ozark, Missouri
 4. Blue Springs South High School Baseball – Tournament – March 28 through 30, 2024 – St. Louis, Missouri
 5. Blue Springs High School TSA – Competition – April 7 through 9, 2024 – Warrensburg, Missouri
 6. Blue Springs South High School Winter Guard – Competition – April 10 through 14, 2024 – Dayton, Ohio

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

No. 41 Jeff Siems moved to add an item under New Business, 9 A – Administrative Hiring Recommendation, and approve the regular agenda as amended. Kurt Swanson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously in favor.

Katie Woolf announced that Jessica Talcott, Kindergarten teacher at William Bryant Elementary School, was the February Employee of the Month. President Hawk presented a plaque and gift bag in recognition of the award. Mrs. Talcott thanked the board for the award, her WBE family and current and former administrators for encouragement throughout her career, and her family, whose support has allowed her to become a better teacher year after year.

Katie Woolf announced Harper Hankins, 5th grader at Thomas Ultican Elementary School, as the February Student of the Month. Harper was presented with a plaque and gift by President Hawk, and she thanked the board for the award, her parents for reminding her to do the right thing and encouraging her to try new things, her sister for allowing her to inspire others, and her teachers and dance instructors.

Jason Woolf introduced Career Innovation Center Director Andy Mayfield for presentation of the program highlight, featuring the Business Accelerator Program. Instructors Stephanie Lower and Shawn Clark discussed the program's real-life applications and skills gained by giving the students "a voice and a choice" on projects, and students Ava Minton, Madi Hill, and Shelby Bernhardt shared their experiences with community partners.

Charlie Belt presented a legislative update.

Dr. Jerome presented an administrative hiring recommendation for the 2024-2025 school year for consideration.

No. 42 Jeff Siems moved to approve the promotion of Ben Baier from A+ Coordinator at Blue Springs South High School to Assistant Principal at Blue Springs South High School, effective for the 2024-2025 school year. Kurt Swanson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously in favor.

The public meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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

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