

“In The Know”

Board of Directors meeting summary, September 10, 2008

Members Present: Marilyn Simmons, Helen Ragsdale, Airick Leonard West, Ingrid Burnett, Ray Wilson, Arthur Benson, Duane Kelly

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Hearings and Communications - Public Comments

Theresa Thornton – Removal of Girls’ Basketball Coach at Central –Request that Coach Jamieson not be made a negative example—the program will not be the same without her. Ms. Simmons will have Dr. Martin speak with the parent she made it clear that they were unaware of the situation.

Kelly Danner – The Removal of Girls’ Basketball Coach at Central / Incident with her Daughter

Her plea was regarding Ms. Jamison: guidance for the girls is needed; discipline has been an issue. A second issue was also brought to the Board.

Melissa Eddy – “Do the Right Thing” Parent of two children and active on a task force that observes the performance of school board meetings and produces “report cards” based on MDESE guidelines. Presented report with specific suggestions for Board improvement. (Report card attached)

Dennis Enslinger – The Southwest Early College Campus – Community is asking KCMSD to participate in city’s curb replacement program; city requires 50% of property owners to participate in order to fund. KCMSD owns 50% of the property on their block. Mr. Enslinger circulated photos.

Donna Birks, President, Tri-County Labor Council – Spoke of the challenges facing the teachers: long hours at home after the “official” school day, cuts in private time at school and changover in leadership. She asked for administration and the Board to be supportive of teachers, since this is, essentially, support for the youth.

Bridgett Williams, President, AFLCIO – Organization represents 100,000 union members and was formed to “provide a voice in the workplace to fight for the powerless; turn hope into success.” She says she has seen the current situation with the Union contract negotiations and they either deteriorate or turn to consensus. We all have a vested interest in seeing this come to a reasonable and fair conclusion—we all have something to lose. Without teachers, the schools will fail; without the Board, there is no governing body. She ask that the Board to go back to the table and empower someone to act at the table.

Judy Morgan – Negotiations –Spoke of the current contract situation, and all the employees it represents: teachers, administrative, professional, and technical.

Bridgett Cordray, Parent-- -Has children at Trailwoods K-8 and spoke on behalf of a teacher’s contract, stating that most teachers act above and beyond the call of duty. She stated that most of the time she’s had children at the District and that “it’s been chaos.” She went on “This affects our future and economics. When you’re gone, the effects live on.”

Rev. Ron Brooks – Reading Program, Grand Ave. Temple United Methodist Church – Metropolitan Racial Equity-Task Force-(Group of 17 congregations)-The task force intends to be a helpful and supportive presence to the District. At this time the group wished to commend the Board in upholding the Superintendent's decision to continue with the SFA program this year. It would have been difficult for the teachers to change at the last minute, and their action was consistent with MSIP and DESE guidelines.

Creative Imaging-Grant Writing Presentation – External contractor made presentation regarding opportunities in the KCMO area.

BOARD COMMENTS

Airick L. West commented on calendar and scope of work of the Board.
Marilyn Simmons spoke of city marathon opportunity for children.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Head Start Update by Cecilia Green, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

A 120-corrective action plan will be put in place as a result of last spring's federal review. The good news is that the full fund enrollment was 710. We have met with all 107 staff. A timeline is in place. We are on day 47, and will submit weekly updates. Before the 120 days are up federal review team will be invited back. They have the authority to cite us for other violations. We have 4 citations: for example, hand-washing with running water; we were using Purel, and they probably don't have it at home. Physical exams are also required, including lead and dental screenings. Ms. Simmons asked if we needed to teach children to cross the street at the bus; she was worried it might be another finding. Mrs. Green stated most findings were administrative: yearly evaluation, annual physicals and TB tests for staff, and less classroom.

Good News Report (see PowerPoint attached)

CONSENT AGENDA (All items were approved unless noted otherwise)

- **Consent Agenda - General Items**
 - 09-L-009-016 Husch Blackwell Sanders - July, 2008 - \$275,353.78
 - 09-L-009-018 Hogan & Hartson - June, 2008 - \$1,810.85
 - 09-L-009-019 Husch Blackwell Sanders - June, 2008 - \$167,225.99

- **Consent Items Forwarded by Community and Government Relations Committee**
 - 09-S-009-001-Donation of 3-ring binders from Cheryl Zahner, \$600.00
 - 09-S-009-002-Donation of Sprint Logoed Merchandise-\$13,000.00
 - 09-S-009-003-TEK Systems employees-\$1,227.78
 - 09-S-009-004-Crown Center Gift Certificate-\$30.00
 - 09-S-009-005-Temporary Employment Agencies-\$70,000.00
 - 09-S-009-007-Donation from HCI Publications-\$1,590.00

- **Consent Items Forwarded by Education Committee**
 - 09-I-009-058 Health Clinic Agreement for HealthQuest Nursing Services, LLC (Westport High School Clinic) \$100,000
 - 09-I-009-060 Service Agreements with State Approved Private Agencies
 - 09-I-009-061 Summer Bridge Program University of Central Missouri 34,753
 - 09-I-009-062 - ACT Program and Project Testing - \$95,000
 - 09-I-009-063 - ACUITY Assessment System - \$96,870

- 09-I-009-064 - Scantron Performance and Achievement Series - \$58,100
- 09-I-009-065 - MAP Materials - CTB-McGraw Hill - \$35,000
- 09-I-009-066 - SAT-10 Testing - Harcourt and ARC - \$60,000
- 09-I-009-068 Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute Service Agreement 750,000.00
- 09-I-009-069 Acceptance of Kauffman Scholars, Inc. 2008-2009 Memorandum of Understanding
- 09-I-009-070 Instructional Technology Software (\$129,836.00)
- **Consent Items Forwarded By Finance and Audit Committee**
- 09-B-009-021 "Summer Nutrition for Children" Contract with the City of Kansas City, Missouri
- 09-B-009-022 - Grant Agreement with H. D. Lee TIF Member, Inc. - \$50,000
- 09-B-009-023 - Reinvestment of CIP Escrow Held by Trustee - \$30,611,691
- 09-B-009-024 Approval of FY09 Comprehensive Budget – Amendment 1
- 09-B-009-025-Membership Dues for Cooperating School Districts of GKC-\$97,704
- 09-F-009-032 Purchase of Grounds Machinery - \$50,825.00
- 09-R-009-006 - Declare Marlborough Surplus - No Fiscal Impact
- 09-R-009-007 Deed of Vacant Lot
- **Consent Items Forwarded by Personnel Committee**
- 09-P-009-027 - Appointment of Contract Personnel - \$570,997.00
- 09-P-009-028 Separation of Contract Personnel
- 09-P-009-029 Separation of Contract Personnel - Sanctions
- 09-P-009-031 Medical and Dental Insurance Contract C-5012 Renewal for CY2009 - \$23,299,713.00
- **Consent Items Forwarded by Policy Committee**
- 09-POL-009-002 Policy Regulations Modification, BDDDB-R
- **Regular Agenda**
- 09-F-008-016 Commercial Boiler Repair and Mechanical Services IFB C-08015 \$50,000
- 09-L-009-017 Spencer Fane Britt & Browne - July, 2008 - \$5,851.00
- **Unfinished Business**
 - The Board waive board policy for rename of a portion of the Southeast High School Field House
 - Rename basketball floor --- Warren Armstrong
 - The Board agreed to retain the *IL logo*
 - The final changes to the logo – the incorporation of Warren Armstrong Signature will be give to the board for final approval prior to any work being done.