

“In The Know”

Board of Directors meeting summary, September 24, 2008

Members Present: Marilyn Simmons, Airick Leonard West, David Smith, Ray Wilson, Arthur Benson, Duane Kelly

PRESENTATIONS

- **Diane Thomas/Kevin McGahee, ICOP Digital of Lenexa, Kan. (Cameras on buses)** – His company wants to offer a product trial for this school year. Mrs. Simmons directed the administration to contact the company any arrange a meeting.
- **Tax Increment Financing, Jan Toliver (with Chris Sally, Development Initiatives)** – Discussed how TIF aids development and impacts District’s property tax revenues. The District has adopted key points that address its desires for TIF process. Sally discussed how we can use developers to aid development within the District and the need to work closely with other TIF commissioners and City Council – public partnerships. **Kelvin Perry** – Read a recent article in The Star, and noted in contrast how KCMSD’s TIF policies are effective. Mr. Perry also noted a problem developing boilerplate agreements – his group might have suggestions in that regard. He feels the District has not spent enough time to hammer out those agreements as they progress through the city’s approval process. **Sally** – The DST project could have cost the KCMSD nearly \$2 million. District representatives received last minute notice and had to work quickly to lessen the financial blow to the District.
- **Qwest Plus Summer Camps (Hugh Merrill, from KC Art Institute and Chameleon Art Group)** – His group partners with the KCMSD to provide an arts camp. He has brought curriculum for New York Institute of Child Poverty and paired it with arts and education. Has exiting partnership with Paseo Academy – his children have attended Paseo Academy. He said the District needs recognition for good things it does.

BOARD COMMENTS

- **Mrs. Simmons** – Recognized Mrs. Toliver for her contributions to changes in the TIF process and noted how important the District’s participation is to protect resources for our students.
- **Mr. West** – Wants to note all that’s working and all that’s not. **Good:** As a District we’ve seen academic progress, an increase in dual credit courses, progress in the new superintendent search, a recently scheduled Board forums and the scheduling of similar forums in future. He also noted a good opening of schools week, and how the Board has supported the administration in teachers’ union negotiations and the administration has placed contact information for the Board on the District Web site. **Bad:** We’ve only seen tiny increments in academic growth – we’d get there in a decade at this pace. We’ve struggled getting furniture in place for the start of new school year, there is no teacher’s contract yet, and the Board is averaging more than a dozen meetings a month. Most failures can be attributed to the Board.

The Board is moving in a direction that counters District's positive growth. He's helped with some decisions, he said, including placing blame elsewhere. So much more can be done.

- **Mr. Kelly** – A few meetings back he said he mentioned the need for good faith negotiations; he would like to see more progress. Tossing out teacher's contract after 40 years is not good faith, he said. Mr. Kelly added not enough effort has been made to understand each other in negotiations.

SUPERINTEDEDENT'S REPORT

- Special presentation, Associate Superintendent Cecilia Green on Head Start
- Good News – Dr. John Martin, attached

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Community and Government Relations Committee Report - No report.
- Education Committee Report - Moved items to regular meeting agenda
- Finance and Audit Committee Report – Met Sept. 14 and were two presentations. Moved items to the agenda. Waiting on update of budget.
- Personnel Committee Report - Met, considered items and moved to consent agenda
- Policy Committee Report – No report

CONSENT AGENDA (All items were approved unless noted otherwise)

- **Consent Agenda - General Items**
- **Consent Items Forwarded by Community and Government Relations Committee**
 - None
- **Consent Items Forwarded by Education Committee**
- Health Clinic Agreement for HealthQuest Nursing Services, LLC (Westport High School Clinic) \$100,000
- Service Agreements with State Approved Private Agencies
- Summer Bridge Program University of Central Missouri \$34,753
- ACT Program and Project Testing - \$95,000
- ACUITY Assessment System - \$96,870
- Scantron Performance and Achievement Series - \$5 8,100
- MAP Materials - CTB-McGraw Hill - \$35,000
- SAT-10 Testing - Harcourt and ARC - \$60,000
- Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute Service Agreement \$750,000
- Acceptance of Kauffman Scholars, Inc. 2008-2009 Memorandum of Understanding
- Instructional Technology Software (\$129,836.00)

Consent Items Forwarded By Finance and Audit Committee

- "Summer Nutrition for Children" Contract with the City of Kansas City, Missouri
- Grant Agreement with H. D. Lee TIF Member, Inc. - \$50,000
- Reinvestment of CIP Escrow Held by Trustee - \$30,611,691
- Membership Dues for Cooperating School Districts of GKC-\$97,704
- Purchase of Grounds Machinery - \$50,825.00
- Deed of Vacant Lot

Consent Items Forwarded by Personnel Committee

- Appointment of Contract Personnel - \$570,997.00
- Separation of Contract Personnel
- Separation of Contract Personnel - Sanctions
- Medical and Dental Insurance Contract C-5012 Renewal for CY2009 - \$23,299,713.00

REGULAR AGENDA

- (Revised) Approval of FY09 Comp Budget–Amend 1 - *(Board tabled approval pending a hearing before the Finance and Personnel Committee in October)*
- Donation of 3-ring binders from Cheryl Zahner, \$600.00
- Donation of Sprint Logoed Merchandise-\$13,000.00
- TEK Systems employees-\$1,227.78
- Crown Center Gift Certificate-\$30.00
- Temporary Employment Agencies-\$70,000.00
- Donation from HCI Publications-\$1,590.00

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Simmons announced that Ingrid Burnett has resigned from the Board of Directors effective immediately.