

**Minutes**  
**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
**Of the**  
**O'Fallon Community Consolidated School District 90**  
**Board of Education**  
**Tuesday, October 18, 2016**  
**Fulton Jr. High**  
**307 Kyle Road**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order/Roll Call** -- The regular meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

*Board members in attendance:* Matt Lloyd, Becky Drury, Mary Baskett, Steve Springer, Rebecca Huller, Todd Roach and John Wagnon

*Board members absent:* None

*Others in attendance (per sign in form):* See attached sign in sheets. Carrie Hruby, Patty Cavins and Lynn Biehl

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Good News - Carriel Jr. High Girls Cross Country team are State Champs**  
Coach Williams introduced the girls. Carriel had 4 girls in the top ten at state. Wagnon presented the students with certificates.

**Consent Agenda** -- Rebecca Huller made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Becky Drury seconded the motion. All Board members approved. The motion carried.

*September 14, 2016 Special Board Meeting Minutes*

*September 15, 2016 Special Board Meeting Minutes*

*September 20, 2016 Public Hearing/Regular Board Meeting Minutes*

*October 3, 2016 Special Board Meeting Minutes*

*Approval of Bills from September Board Meeting to October 16, 2016*

**Personnel Consent Agenda** -- Mary Baskett made a motion to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda. Matt Lloyd seconded the motion. All Board members approved. The motion carried.

*Extension of Superintendent's Contract*

*Approval of Personnel Agenda Items*

**Presentation of Financial/Treasurer's Report** -- Patty Cavins presented. The Tax Levy will be presented at the November BOE meeting. The District has not received the last categorical from FY16. The State is running 110 days behind. The District is 25% through the FY17.

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Board Committee Reports**

- a. *Building Committee* - Becky Drury - The committee met last Wednesday. They had one walk through and are going back to fix the issues that were found. Mary Baskett thanked Becky Drury for her work on this project.
- b. *Finance Committee* - Steve Springer - The committee is planning to meet first week of November.
- c. *Policy Committee* - No updates
- d. *BEST Committee* - Mary Baskett- The committee hasn't met.
- e. *BASSC* - Rebecca Huller presented - BASSC had a meeting last month where they presented their budget. Huller was elected to their board.

## **Old Business**

*Water Sampling Test Results* -- Jeff Faust of Environmental Consultants LLC presented. Two hundred water samples were collected throughout the District. The vast majority of the samples came back with no concerns. About 5% came back below standards. There were two sink fixtures at Moye that were addressed with preventative maintenance measures and retested. The majority of issues were classroom sinks at Kampmeyer. Those fixtures were taken out of use. Any water fixture that was below standards has been taken out of use completely, except for one fixture at Moye that is only used by staff for hand washing purposes. It has been marked as a sink that should only be used for handwashing. Jeff would like to come back to the next board meeting to present final information.

## **New Business**

*FY16 Audit* -- Steve Tripi of Schorb & Schmersahl, LLC presented. There were no difficulties performing the audit and no disagreements with management. Rebecca Huller made a motion to accept the FY16 Audit as presented. Steve Springer seconded the motion. All Board members approved. The motion passed.

*Presentation from the Boundaries Committee* -- President Wagon stated the boundaries committee was put together assembled a year ago and began meeting 10 months ago. It was comprised of parents, staff, administration and a Board representative. The Board is being presented with the information for the first time tonight and no decisions are expected to be made. Superintendent Hruby, Jamie Cadieux and Matt Ballance presented. The District has had quite a bit of growth since 2008 when the last redistricting was completed. In November Superintendent Hruby sent out an email asking for volunteers for the boundaries committee. Approximately 30 people responded, and Superintendent Hruby asked all who responded to participate. At the first meeting it was decided 30 people was a large group so they divided into

subcommittees. The committee met regularly over the last 10 months. The goal was to make a recommendation to present at the October BOE meeting for a decision by December. Superintendent Hruby explained the need to balance the number of free and reduced lunch students due to the desire to balance federal Title I funding received based on those numbers. The boundaries committee focused on elementary school boundaries for this study because that is the current need. The committee members came from various neighborhoods throughout the District. Several new subdivisions are planned for the Schaefer school area, but Schaefer is currently at capacity. The goal is to take questions from tonight's board meeting back to the boundaries committee, dig deeper into those questions and come back in November with additional information or options. The committee recommends that no decision be made until November or December at the earliest. The Evans boundaries are not contiguous due to the fact that the committee tried to keep subdivisions together. The smaller area of Evans had the right number of students to move into Evans.

Todd Roach asked if the committee looked at grandfathering in and if any other schools were looked at for the 5th grade center. Superintendent Hruby explained Schaefer made sense because it has a full size gym which could allow the district to offer PE daily to grades 5-8 in the future if funding was available. Schaefer also has lockers that can be used by fifth graders to prepare them for junior high. Matt Lloyd asked if the committee had looked at building a new school. Superintendent Hruby responded no because the committee focused on affordable solutions and that there is currently enough classrooms in the district for the enrollment projected for the short term. Lloyd also asked if there is a map for Option B and if the third option can be reviewed by the Board. Superintendent Hruby responded no, but there is a list of the subdivisions and the committee will bring that information back to the Board at its next meeting. Steve Springer asked if we do this redistricting will all schools receive about same amount of federal funding based on free and reduced lunch percentages. Across the district our average free and reduce is low compared to other districts but the committee is looking to make all the schools more comparable. Steve Springer would like to know what the longest time students are on a bus now. Rebecca Huller wants the difference in bus ride times for those riding a bus to Schaefer that will be going to Evans. Steve Springer wants to see what the change in costs (such as transportation) will be. Springer also asked why the committee wants to have at least 3 classes for each grade. Superintendent Hruby said the more classes we have the better likelihood we have to balance class sizes from year to year without relying on transfers. Steve Springer asked if each class has 3 sections will we need to add staff. Superintendent Hruby stated this recommendation did not include adding staff. Option A was designed based on current enrollment and current staffing numbers. Steve Springer asked what prevents the unbalance in free and reduced lunch from coming up again. Superintendent Hruby stated the District will have to keep an eye on that and that the committee believes we will have to revisit boundaries again in 5 years depending on growth in the district. Mary Baskett asked if start/stop times at the schools will change. Superintendent Hruby said they would be staggered in Option A. Todd Roach asked if before and after care will need to be staggered. Superintendent Hruby answered yes, as a result of the staggered school start times. Matt Lloyd asked if there was a priority list of what would be taken into consideration in coming

up with the different options. Superintendent Hruby stated the committee's top 3 objectives were meeting the goal of 25% FRL population per school, allow for 3 or more sections of each grade level per building (in an effort to reduce transfers), and address the fact that Schaefer is at capacity and has additional growth expected in the next few years. Superintendent Hruby explained that everyone living in District 90 pays the same tax rate. She also explained the committee looked at making sure bus ride times were under an hour and not necessarily the shortest bus ride time. Steve Springer thanked the boundary committee for their 10 months of work and thanked everyone who came to the BOE meeting tonight. President Wagnon asked if the committee considered having all schools with contiguous lines instead of pockets. Superintendent Hruby answered that they had not because the District has always had non-contiguous boundaries so that wasn't seen as a concern. The thinking in the district had always been that if students are on a bus already (and don't live near a school), it was acceptable to have the bus drive to the next school since they already had to ride a bus, as long as bus routes remained under an hour. President Wagnon also thanked the committee and stated no action would be taken tonight.

*Application for Approval of Ten Year Life Safety Surveys* – Becky Drury made a motion to approve the Application for Approval of Ten Year Life Safety Surveys for Moye, Fulton, Schaefer, Hinchcliffe, Evans and Kampmeyer as presented. Todd Roach seconded the motion. All Board members approved.

**Public Comment --**

Julia Porfirjeva - She doesn't understand why some subdivisions would be leaving Evans and going to Hinchcliffe. Why are Stone Briar and Savannah Hills being moved to Evans? Both those neighborhoods are growing. A lot of people decided to buy in those subdivisions based on the school. She stated this will devalue homes because Evans isn't rated as high as other schools. She was also concerned that Evans doesn't have a gym.

Alicia Coleman - With Evans only currently under 37 for capacity, she feels adding Stonebriar and Savannah Hills to Evans will put Evans over capacity within 2 years because those 2 subdivisions are growing. She feels Evans should be the 5th grade campus. Only 2 subdivisions are feeling the brunt of the changes.

Matt Lloyd asked why wasn't Evans looked at for a 5th grade center. Superintendent Hruby explained that the committee thought it fit best at Schaefer, due to capacity and that Schaefer already has preschool. Some preschool families use public transportation and Schaefer has easy access to public transportation.

Ty Shumeyer (name not audible) - Why is the District looking at a 5th grade center when several years ago a 6th grade center was considered and decided against. The pocket out west will lose friends from K-4 and 5th and then go to different jr. high schools.

Kennel (name not audible)- It looks like educational gerrymandering and redistribution of wealth. Why don't we sell the Evans property and use the money to develop a new school? It seems like we are using statistics to make decisions. This should be taken to a vote rather than leave it up to 30 people to make a recommendation.

Hayden Thomas - He thanked everyone involved in the process. He spent a lot of time researching the best education for his children. Military kids already have a hard time always having to make new friends. The time frame for this seems too short. Please look at not just numbers but the people.

Heather Dye - She stated that she lives in Savannah Hills. She has to drop her kids off at before and after care. With these changes many people will have their commute time increased by 20 minutes. With this distance will the volunteer pool remain?

Keira Wrightfeld - If this happens her child will have gone to 5 different schools by the time he graduates high school. Free and Reduced changes every year. Schaefer school is getting ripped apart.

Forry Wells - Forry would like clarification on the number of transfers versus current capacity. He would also like to see map of Option B. How do you determine where the transfers are? It seems like the number 1 goal is bringing up the free and reduced lunch program numbers.

Ryan Duncan - What are best practices for redistricting? The map looks biased. Why can't the District get a 3rd party consulting firm?

Jamie Greenlow - Jamie was around for redistricting last time. She would like the jr. high schools to be looked at as the committee looks at making changes with the grade schools.

Catherine Boeving - What is the District going to do about the staff? How will the District make sure current good teaching teams stay together.

Glenn Haake - Glenn has a 3rd grader at Schaefer. With these changes his child will be moving schools 3 times in the next 3 years. That is a lot of moving.

Alaina Meier - How will these changes affect students with IEP's who have formed bonds with their current teacher? Open concept is a concern.

Ray Roskus - It is disheartening that our community is treating and saying the things they are about free and reduced kids. Evans is a great school. The staff is amazing. The principal creates a community within that school that is second to none. The quality of education the students are getting at Evans is incredible.

Name not audible- She is worried how Evans being an open concept school will affect her kids. Her son has an IEP. She currently has kids at 3 different schools in District 90. She feels that Evans students should be moved out to the other schools. She thinks with this plan the District will be in same situation in 2 years. If the District is going to send kids to Evans then the District should make it a closed concept. Make it look like the rest of the schools.

Jeff Taylor - He doesn't like idea of Schaefer school splitting up. It seems like the District is tearing apart a whole school for only 1% of students that get transferred. He would like to see a map for Option B.

Diane Slazinik - Parents chose a neighborhood for better schools. She would like to have better clarification of Title 1. Shouldn't the school with the most free and reduced lunch get most money?

Mary Delabre - If Option A is chosen where would extra funds be spent? Would it be possible to increase P.E. time? Will siblings be riding same bus if they are going to 2 different schools?

Natalie Ellington - Natalie would like to encourage the Board to research the effects on kids when moving from school to school. There is a teacher collaboration at the schools so why divide them up? Look at what is best for the kids. That should be the priority. Keeping all the schools K-5 seems best.

Tamica Mishorich - When choosing where you are going to live people pick based on the school. Singling out 2 neighborhoods is a disservice to those neighborhoods. Kids won't have opportunities to develop strong relationships.

Name not audible-- Lives in Milburn Estates subdivision. - Schaefer has that family feel, and it would be hard to leave. The social impact on the kids of moving from school to school is not good. The only change to Hinchcliffe is adding Milburn Estates kids. Those kids from that subdivision will be the brand new kids at that school. It doesn't seem right.

Jared Piper - Jared lives in Savannah Hills. He stated it seems short-sighted to look at redistricting and not look at improving current schools.

Mae Scott - Mae worked in a school district that grew and added portables to the schools so they could take the time to develop the best plan. The district needs to think about the kids and not just Title 1.

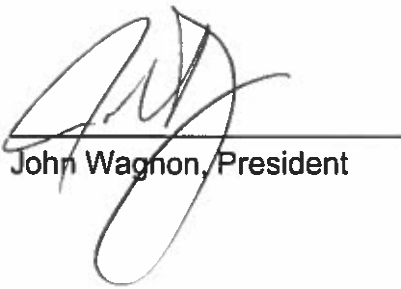
Julia Porfirjeva - Transportation is an issue. Will there will be better communication from the bus company. What is going on with transportation? What happened at the transportation meeting?

Todd Roach made a Motion to Enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Issues Relative to Personnel, Student Discipline, and Review of Closed Session Minutes, according to Section 2, subsection © (1, 9, and 21) of the 5 ILCS 12/2 from Ch. 102, par. 41. Rebecca Huller seconded the motion. All Board members approved at 10:10 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 10:43 p.m.

Huller made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes for September 14, 15 and 20, 2016 as presented. Springer seconded the motion. All Board members approved.

**Adjournment** -- Drury made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roach seconded the motion. All Board members approved at 11:34 p.m.



John Wagnon, President



Mary Baskett, Secretary