

**Minutes**  
**Public Hearing/Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
**of the**  
**O'Fallon Community Consolidated School District 90**  
**Board of Education**  
**Tuesday, March 15, 2016**  
**Administrative Building**  
**118 E. Washington Street**  
**7:00 PM**

Public Hearing--President Wagnon offered the public an opportunity to address the Board regarding bond sales. John Valentine asked, for clarification, if the funds were being borrowed now and paid off over time. President Wagnon confirmed that yes, they were. The debt will be paid over a 13 year schedule.

Roach moved to adjourn the hearing which was seconded by Drury. All members voted in favor. The public hearing was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

*Call to Order/Roll Call--7:12 pm*

Board members in attendance: Drury, Wagnon, Roach, Huller, Baskett.

Board members absent: Springer, Pulcher.

Others in attendance (per sign in form): Rob Stoelzle, Ryan Keller, Rebecca Williams, Gina Harding, Michelle Dippel, Kim Pate, Jacque Grout, Ellen Hays, Grady Niles, The Choice Family, Kristie Belobrajdic, Tracy Duggins, Ed Smith, Rachel Jones, Matt Weld, John Valentine, Janet Schyler, Julie Gerstenecker, Dabin Leim, Melissa Dreyer, Tracie Bauer, Sila Tuju, Grace Tuju, Laurin McWhorter, Cindy Doil, Jennifer Gunn, Joyce Ringdahl, Nigel C Henry, Mark Dismukes, Lynn Biehl, Carrie Hruby

*Pledge of Allegiance*

*Good News--Racial Harmony Awards--*District 90 is very proud of our Racial Harmony Award winners, Trinity Choice and Rehema Tuju. Board members recognized them for their strong character.

*Consent Agenda--*Roach made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items, Drury seconded the motion. All Board members present approved the motion.

Approval of Minutes--February 19, 2016 Regular Board meeting; February 19, 2016 Finance Committee meeting; and March 1, 2016 Finance Committee meeting.

Monthly Approval of Bills

Approval of Preschool Handbook Revisions--second reading

Approval of Revisions to the Before and After Care Manual-second reading

Approval of Revisions to the Before and After Care Manual  
Official Setting of Final Day of School 2015-16--May 23, 2016 will be the last day of student attendance, due to the use of two Emergency Days this year.

*Personnel Consent Agenda*

Baskett made a motion to approve the recommended Physical Therapy Assistant Services per IEP needs. Drury seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

Roach made a motion to approve the recommended Personnel Action Items 5b1-6 as presented. Baskett seconded the motion and all members voted aye.

Superintendent Hruby stated that the Honorable Dismissals are difficult as these employees have done a very nice job, and the District is happy to have them on staff. Unfortunately the School Code requires that a District give enough notice before the end of the year that reductions in force are necessary due to uncertainty in funding. Specifically the positions are grant funded or driven by student need. It is our sincere hope that the District will be able to recall the employees at a time when grant funds are secured and/or student enrollment is verified. The District thanks the honorably dismissed certified and noncertified staff for their service to District 90 this year.

Drury made a motion to approve the recommended Personnel Action Item--Honorable Dismissal of Special Education teacher, Megan Hoog, as presented. Roach seconded the motion and all members voted aye, 5-0.

Roach made a motion to approve the recommended Personnel Action Item-Honorable Dismissal of Title I Interventionist, Kimberly Balius as presented. Drury seconded the motion and all members voted aye, 5-0.

Drury made a motion to approve the recommended Personnel Action Item-Honorable Dismissal of Title I Interventionist, Michelle Schwoebel as presented. Roach seconded the motion and all members voted aye, 5-0.

Drury made a motion to approve the recommended Personnel Action Item-Honorable Dismissal of Early Childhood teacher, Alyssa Bengston as presented. Roach seconded the motion and all members voted aye, 5-0.

Drury made a motion to approve the recommended Personnel Action Item-Honorable Dismissal of Non-certified first year support staff as presented. Baskett seconded the motion and all members voted aye, 5-0.

*Addition of Full-Time Maintenance and Grounds Position*--Drury made a motion to accept the recommendation to increase a seasonal position to full-time. Huller seconded the motion and all members voted aye, 5-0.

*Presentation of Financial*--Superintendent Hruby shared information on the District's financial profile status. District 90 has improved its status, from two years of Watch status to the Early Warning Status in 2015. The Treasurer's Report and BOE Monthly Financial Report were also presented.

*Public Comment*--John Valentine asked if the District had considered taking additional days off during Spring Break when building the 2016-17 calendar. He stated he would like to see 9-10 days off during Spring Break and stated that many other districts do that. He suggest the District consider holding session on Casimir Pulaski Day, for example, in order to increase Spring Break. Mr. Valentine also asked why the schools continue to serve as polling places, noting the security concern. Superintendent Hruby responded that November 8 is scheduled as an inservice day so students will not be on campus. Mary Baskett also added that the Board had, years ago, requested that the schools no longer be used, but that suggestion received a great deal of pushback from the county.

#### *Board Committee Reports*

*Building Committee*--Chair Becky Drury stated that Trane has identified additional items in their review that must be addressed in order to guarantee the savings in our performance contract. She stated that we need to approve these updates/repairs (\$54,123) to get the savings for which the District is planning. Major work will be done at EK this summer. Windows in pods will be replaced. Motion to approve the additional \$54,123 Motion-Drury, Second-Wagnon. All members in attendance voted in favor.

*Finance Committee*--Todd Roach reported that the committee discussed bringing back extracurriculars with the option of transportation being left to the Board to decide. The committee also discussed a 70/30 split on debt repayment/improvements, with safety being a high priority. The committee also discussed the grounds/maintenance position and recommended it be approved. The committee also discussed RevTrak fees that are charged to the District.

Policy Committee--No committee meeting has been held since the last Board meeting.

BEST Committee--No meeting since the last Board meeting.  
Presenter: Mary Baskett

BASSC--No meeting since the last Board meeting.  
Presenter: Rebecca Huller

### **Old Business**

*Extra-Curricular Advisory Committee--Motion-To accept the extracurricular fee structure as recommended by the Advisory Committee, with two-way transportation being provided unless the team only needs one-way transportation to an event.*

Motion-Baskett, Second-Roach--All members voted in favor.

### **New Business**

*2016 Graduation Information--Mrs. Hays shared the Graduation date being recommended as May 18.*

Motion-Baskett, Second-Huller. All members voted in favor.

*Boundaries Committee Update--Superintendent Hruby shared an overview of the work the Boundaries Committee has done to date. She shared that the Committee felt it was important not to rush this decision and therefore are recommending the current boundaries remain for the 2016-17 year. The Committee will continue to meet and plans to bring a recommendation to the Board by late October if possible.*

*Preschool Location for 2016-17--Early Childhood Director Gina Harding discussed the needs of each of the three preschool programs (At Risk, Special Education and Tuition). She shared the need to maintain a continuity of programming. Want to maintain a Gold standard, and working toward a standard of Excellence. Board member Roach stated that the program is an excellent one that is offered at a lower cost than many preschool programs in the area, and because there is a revenue attached to it, he would be supportive of the need to hire an additional staff member if needed. That would only improve the quality of the program. Roach moved to*

accept the recommendation as presented. Baskett seconded the motion and all voted in favor

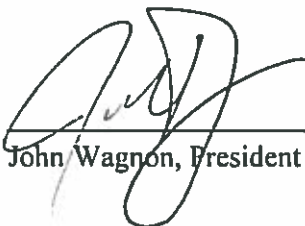
*County School Facilities Tax Option*--The members discussed the potential \$1.8 mil per year that District 90 could receive if the CFST was to be voted upon by St. Clair constituents. Specifically the Board stated that the majority (60-70%) should be directed toward abatement of current debt. This debt was extended for the construction of Carriel, Moye and performance contracting updates. Using the funds to reduce this debt will also reduce the bond and interest levy rate which directly impacts property owners. The Board members discussed the short and long term goals for these CFST funds, and agreed that the short term goal would be to pay off existing building debt and improve safety and security across the District.

*2016-17 School Calendar*--Superintendent Hruby presented the recommended calendar based on input from the Calendar Committee, and input from the OTHS calendar. Baskett made a motion to accept the calendar as presented. Drury seconded and all voted in favor.

*Public Comment*--None

*Motion to Enter Into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Issues Relative to Personnel, and/or Student Discipline according to Section 2, subsection c #1 and #9 of the Open Meetings Act.*--9:15 pm

*Adjournment*--Drury motioned to adjourn and Huller seconded the motion. All voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 pm.

  
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John Wagnon, President

  
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Mary Baskett, Secretary