

**MINUTES
OF A
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HELD
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2011
7:00 P.M
O'FALLON CCSD #90
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
118 E. WASHINGTON STREET**

President Coers called the Special Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked for a Roll Call.

PRESENT: Mary Baskett, Becky Drury, Steven Hellin, Keith Richter,
Steve Springer and John Coers

ABSENT: Scott Adkins

Dr. Koehl asked each Board Member to summarize the sessions that they attended at the Triple I Conference. Discussed how to present this information at the Board meeting.

Mary Baskett

Mary went on a school tour of Bucktown which is a K-8 Charter School. There are 650 students in the school. The school encouraged students to think to the future as “Where am I going to College” was all over the school. Money is spent on resources instead of teachers. There are 400 on a waiting list. This school does not provide transportation.

Steven Hellin

Steven attended the Board Book Session. He presented the handout. Are there savings to use this?

Steve Springer

Steve attended the Hot Topics Session in which they talked about the state budget – Lt. Gov Simon. We can expect 95% GSA this year, but 90% next year if we are lucky. Things leaving the state – going to get worse. Talked about consolidation/ROE. Steve also stated that 25% of revenues go to fund pensions. He was a little disappointed in the presentation

Keith Richter

Keith attended the session on Social Media, using Facebook and Twitter. We need to do more. Keith was also our delegate for the Delegate Assembly. All items pass that were on the agenda.

John Coers

President Coers attended a session on computing. Bethalto curriculum/tech person using Apple products and MAC Books. Experienced teachers as well as new teachers use this computer as

the learning tool. Teachers used planning periods and lunch times to learn this. Funding for this was working cash bonds. Three year turnover – on-line textbooks.

John also attended the Health Insurance Session. You don't have to be large to self insure. Self insured to save. Cost increase may be 1-3%. Union president was on board to do this.

General Session – Blizzard Stand up.

Board evaluations – we should do.

Board calendar – what is going to happen in a particular month.

Dr. Koehl – Dashboard

Mary Baskett

Mary attended the session on consolidation. Agreed it didn't save money until five or more years down the road.

Mary also attended the Pension Reform session.

Steven Hellin

Steven attended Cyberbullying. Technology is the learning brain. Aware of visual learning.

Steve Springer

Steve attended the session on Common Core Standards – data collection system. Moved to a new grading system. Common Core is looking more at skills, college and career.

The Board discussed ways to present this information at the Board meeting.

Moved by Springer, seconded by Richter, to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Adjournment time was 8:50 p.m.

John Coers, President

Rebecca Drury, Secretary