

CHILLICOTHE R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

Members:

Brent Turner - President
Lauren Horsman - Treasurer
Paul Thomas - Member
Ron Wolf - Member

Pat Jones -Vice President
Robin Quinn – Member
Lindy Chapman - Member

Regular Meeting
August 21, 2018

The Chillicothe R-II Board of Education met for an open meeting on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Administrative Offices, 1020 Old Highway 36 West, Chillicothe, Mo., 64601.

Members present: Mr. Turner, president; Mr. Jones, vice president; Mrs. Horsman, treasurer; Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Quinn, Mr. Bone, Mrs. Chapman and Mr. Wolf.

Also Present: Dr. Roger Barnes, Dr. Zach McMains, Emily Schmidt, Abby Smith, Jayme Caughron, Adam Wolf, Haden Crumpton, Jennie Boon, Deborah Hardy, Melanie Rucker, Dan Nagel, Steve Haley, Alyssa Kapp, Mindy Kincade, Bethany Tipton, Dr. Jill Watkins, Brandi Fahrmeier, Michael Creekmore, Brooklyn Stevens, Amanda Williams, Christin Dush, Tim Rulo, Nik Ferri, Tom Tingherthal-KCHI; and Laura Schuler.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Turner called the open meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Turner asked for a motion to approve an amended agenda with the addition of Item F – Sale of Surplus Property. Mr. Thomas moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Item F – Sale of Surplus Property. Mrs. Chapman second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 7-0.

WELCOME, PUBLIC COMMENT & RECOGNITION

Mr. Turner welcomed those in attendance and asked if there were any Public Comment. There was no Public Comment. Mr. Turner then asked the administrators in attendance to introduce the new certified staff members in attendance. Emily Schmidt introduced Michael Creekmore; Melanie Rucker introduced Brandi Fahrmeier, Mindy Kincade and Allyssa Kapp; Steve Haley introduced Brooklyn Stephens and Nikolas Ferri; and Dan Nagel introduced Christin Dush and Tim Rulo.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agenda: Mr. Turner asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the items listed on the Consent Agenda. Seeing none, he asked for a motion. Mr. Thomas moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Jones second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 7-0. Items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

- Minutes from the July 17, 2018 Regular Meeting;
- Payment of Bills: Totaling - \$438,628.85;
- Fund II Transfer: There was no Fund II Transfer.

Approve District Tax Rate for 2018: Mr. Turner asked Dr. Barnes to present the proposed 2018 Tax Rate. Dr. Barnes told the Board that the new tax rate ceiling for operating purposes will be \$3.63, which is slightly more than last year's rate of \$3.6080 due to an increase in Assessed Valuation and a decrease in State Assessed Utilities. With Dr. Barnes' recommendation, the fund levy amounts would be:

- Fund 1 (General Fund) \$3.6300;
- Fund 2 (Teachers Fund) \$0.00;
- Fund 3 (Debt Service) \$0.9660;
- Fund 4 (Capital Improvements) \$0.1200

Total: \$4.716 Per \$100 assessed valuation.

Mr. Turner asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the proposed 2018 Tax Rate. Seeing none, Mr. Turner asked for a motion on the issue. Mrs. Horseman moved to approve the Tax Rate as presented. Mrs. Chapman second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 7-0.

Consider Funding Resolution: Dr. Barnes recommended the Board approve:

“A Resolution approving a project pursuant to Section 177.088 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended, to provide for certain repairs and improvements to the District’s Middle School facility through a lease purchase financing with the Missouri School Boards Association; approving the delivery of a lease participation certificate for the purpose of providing funds to pay

costs of the project; and authorizing and approving certain documents and actions in connection therewith.”

Dr. Barnes explained that the resolution is part of a necessary process to secure the funds for the Middle School Foundation Stabilization project just completed. This was a major project similar to the \$300,000 foundation stabilization of Dewey School a few years ago. He reported that the payback on the proposed lease purchase agreement is over a 10 year pay period with semi-annual payments. Mr. Turner asked if there were any questions or comments on the issue. Seeing none, he asked for a motion. Mr. Thomas moved to approve the Funding Resolution as presented. Mr. Jones second. The motion carries, 5-0-2, with Mr. Thomas and Mr. Wolf abstaining from the vote.

Financial Report: Dr. Barnes noted that the pre-audit indicates the ending Unrestricted Fund Balance of 21.34 percent for the end of the 2017-18 school year. After transferring \$350,000 from Fund 1 to Fund 4, Capital Project Fund, the ending actual reserved for 2017-18 is 19.53 percent. The transfer, he said, is necessary to rebuild the Capital Projects Fund for general maintenance and upkeep of the District, and to replace funds used for bus lease payments and the District's share of the Vo-Tech Enhancement Grant. He said the ending fund reserve of 19.53 percent compares to 21.69 percent actual one year ago. The District's current budget reflects a State Adequacy Target of \$6,250 per previous year Weighted Average Daily Attendance with not prorating of funds. As of July 31, 2018, fund balance for all funds is \$6,019,894, which includes restricted construction funds of \$136,000. Overall, he said, the present reserve, 19.53 percent is better than predicted at budget adoption time. However, he noted, the District will continue to experience a drop in reserve of 2-3 percent each year due to the need for annual Capital Improvements. He said the District only has two years left on the large bus lease, but is entering into a 10-year lease payment schedule for the repair work of the Middle School foundation stabilization project. The fund balance from each fund for the month ending July 2018-19 is as follows:

•	Incidental Fund:	\$3,666,703.35
•	Teacher's Fund:	\$ 268,713.15
•	Debt Service:	\$1,383,454.51
•	Building Fund:	\$599,956.18
•	<u>Construction Fund:</u>	<u>\$126,304.25</u>
	Total All Funds:	\$6,045,131.44

Dr. Barnes also included, in his financial report, a summary of the District's Investments and Bank Accounts as of July 31, 2018. The total of all General Funds was \$6,081,349.48. The total funds for the Employee Health Care Fund was \$159,945.21 as of July 31, 2018.

Mr. Turner asked Dr. Barnes to provide an update on the demolition of District-owned houses on Bryan Street next to the Pink House. Dr. Barnes reported that the District has an opportunity to participate in a grant the City of Chillicothe is applying for. If the city is included in the grant, the two houses next to the Pink House – 1315 and 1317 Bryan Street – would be demolished for \$500 each. The grant application is due by the first of October. The City will be notified by the first of December, he said, if they win the grant funds.

Consider Approving Board Policies: Dr. Barnes recommended the Board approve the Chillicothe R-II Board Policies which are in the 2018B Update provided by the Missouri School Boards Association. He explained that the policies need updating because of enacted legislation – most of which are regarding special education. Mr. Turner asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the issue. Seeing none, he asked for a motion on the issue. Mrs. Horsman moved to approve the Policies as recommended by MSBA. Mr. Thomas second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 7-0. Board policies updated due to the Board action were:

- DC – Taxing and Borrowing Authority and Limitations
- DJFA – Federal Programs and Projects
- GCPE – Termination of professional Staff Members
- GDPE – Nonrenewal and Termination of Support Staff Members
- IGAB – Instructional Interventions
- AGB – Accommodation of Students with Disabilities
- IGBA – Special Education
- IGBC – Parent and Family Involvement and Engagement
- IGBCA – Programs for Homeless Students
- IGBCB – Programs for Migratory Students
- IGBE – Students in Foster Care (K-12 Districts)
- IGBH – Programs for English Learners
- IGC – Extended Instructional Programs.

Consider Surplus Property Bid: Dr. Barnes recommended the Board approve the bid submitted from Pamela Brobst for the purchase of smartboards previously listed as surplus property. Her bid totaled \$100 each and stated that she would like “selection: privileges. Mr. Turner asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the issue. Seeing none, he asked for a motion on the issue. Mr. Jones moved to approve the surplus property bid submitted by Pamela Brobst. Mrs. Chapman second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 7-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE/BOE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Turner asked questions to each administrator in attendance regarding the start of the school year and the new practices going on in each building and department.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no Correspondence.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Turner asked if there was anyone present who would like to make a Public Comment. There was no Public Comment.

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Turner asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session. Mrs. Quin moved to enter into Executive Session as provided under Missouri Revised Statute, 610.021 for the purpose of employing, discussing and evaluating personnel, discussing real estate, legal and student matters. Mr. Thomas second. There was a roll call vote. Mr. Jones, aye; Mrs. Horsman, aye; Mr. Thomas, aye; Mrs. Quinn, aye; Mrs. Chapman, aye; Mr. Wolf, aye; and Mr. Turner, aye. Motion carries, 7-0.

The Board Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:16 p.m.

The Board exited Executive Session at 8:46 p.m.

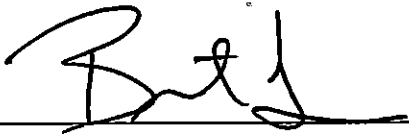
OTHER BUSINESS

Consider Contracting with MSBA Superintendent Search Services: Mr. Turner asked if there were any questions or comments regarding hiring MSBA Superintendent Search Services for a fee of 7 percent of the incoming superintendent's actual salary and no more than \$1,500 in expenses. Mr. Jones moved to hire MSBA Superintendent Search Services for the stipulations mentioned above. Mrs. Chapman second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 7-0.

ADJOURN

With no further Business to go before the Board, Mr. Turner asked for a motion to Adjourn. Mr. Jones moved to Adjourn. Mrs. Horsman second. All were in favor. Motion carries, 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Brent Turner, President



Laura Schuler, Secretary