

## **FOX C-6 SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting**

July 24, 2001

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Pete Nicholas at Fox High School, Leo Peck Media Center, Arnold, Missouri, on July 24, 2001 at 7:05p.m.

#### **Roll Call:**

##### **Members Present**

Mr. Pete Nicholas, President  
Mr. Paul Hill, Director  
Mrs. Cheryl Hermann, Director  
Mrs. Ruth Ann Newman, Director  
Mr. Richard Simpson, Director  
Mrs. Carolyn Broach, Director

Mr. James Chellew, Superintendent

#### **Adoption of Agenda:**

Mr. Nicholas entertained a motion to amend the Executive Session and to add Litigation per Section 610.021.1.

Mr. Hill made a motion to amend the Executive Session and to add Litigation per Section 610.021.1. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Hermann. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mr. Nicholas entertained a motion to approve the Agenda for the regular meeting and to approve the amended Executive Session.

Mrs. Broach made a motion to approve the Agenda for the regular meeting and the amended Executive session. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Newman. Motion carried: 5-0.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Nicholas entertained a motion to approve the minutes of previous meeting of June 26, 2001 and Special Meeting of July 18, 2001.

Mrs. Hermann made a motion for the board to approve the minutes of previous meeting of June 26, 2001 and Special Meeting of July 18, 2001. Motion was seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion carried: 5-0.

#### **Oath of Office:**

The Board Secretary administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Linda Tramel, who

was voted in at the Special Meeting of July 18, 2001 to fill the vacancy due to the passing of Mr. Don Earl.

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**Staff Recognition:** Mr. Nicholas introduced the Board members and the administration.

**Visitor Recognition:** Mr. Nicholas welcomed all visitors to the meeting, including the media and staff who were in attendance.

**Letters:** Amanda Cook Earl - Thank you.  
Randy Gilman - Thank you.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Old Business:**  
**Item(s) Discussed:** None.

**New Business:**  
**Item(s) Discussed:** None.

**Business Items-**  
**Medicaid Funds -**  
**End of Year Report:** Mrs. Hanson reported the Medicaid Program has continued to be an additional source of funds provided to the buildings for specific needs.  
  
Dr. Ralph Herron of Educational Consultants, Inc. provides the administrative services and management of the program.

**Building Blocks Preschool**  
**Program - End of Year**  
**Report:** Mrs. Hanson reported that the Building Blocks Preschool Program has been in operation since 1997.  
  
The MPP grant funds will decrease by an additional 10% in the 2001-02 school year, with the loss of the MPP grant funds.

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**Health Insurance**  
**Update:** Mr. Stricker gave an update about the ongoing efforts to investigate alternatives to our health insurance plan.

**Food Service Dept.  
Update:**

Mr. Stricker and Candy Sengheiser, Food Service Supervisor, reported to the Board preliminary plans for increasing food service revenues and preliminary plans to decrease food service expenditures. It was also mentioned that the food service served one million lunches and 140,000 breakfasts last year.

**Capital Project  
Improvements Update:**

Mr. Stricker, Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. Fott, architect, updated the board on the progress of the summer capital improvements. The projects are going extremely well and there have been many favorable comments from staff in regard to the improvements.

Mr. Chelley commended Mr. Sullivan for his management of all the summer projects.

**Secondary Curriculum  
Language Arts, Physical  
Education, Math, &  
Science:**

Mr. Pipkin reported the teachers in Communication Arts, Physical Education, Science  
The four complete curriculums were delivered with the Friday notes and will be present

**Discuss High School  
Secretarial Staff  
Arrangements:**

Mr. Pipkin reported that the principals at each high school have requested an addition  
Mr. Brengle and Mr. Bostic were appointed as full time Assistant Principals. The Activity

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**Senior Citizen  
Activity Passes:**

Mr. Chelley reported that he had been approached by one of our patrons that the district  
games, or district tournaments. This will be brought back for possible board  
approval.

**Board Meeting  
Schedule(2001-02):**

Mr. Chelley explained this is a tentative Board Meeting Schedule for the 2001-02.

After discussion Mrs. Hermann made a motion suggesting the board approve the Board M  
Newman. Motion  
carried 6-0.

## **Student Assistance**

### **Program:**

Mr. Stricker reported on the student assistance program that we provide to students through the program. The program will need to be sent out for bid and approved at the next board meeting.

## **Business Items - Action:**

### **Approve Bids: Milk, Bread,**

#### **Ice Cream, and Food:**

Mr. Stricker reported that bids were sent out for milk, bread, ice cream, and food. He recommended that Valley Farms be awarded the bread, ice cream, and milk and that Droege be awarded the food.

Mr. Simpson made a motion that the board that Valley Farms be awarded the bread, ice cream, and milk and that Droege be awarded the food as presented on pages 11-24. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Hermann. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Approve Bids: Fox Sr.**

#### **Football Field**

#### **Sound System:**

Mr. Stricker reported that this project had been bid in November 2000 and was put aside until now. It was his recommendation to award the Fox Sr. High Football Field Sound System to Sonacom in the amount of \$11,931.13.

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Mr. Simpson made a motion for the board to award Sonacom the Fox Sr. High Football Field Sound System in the amount of \$11,931.13 as presented on pages 26-27. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Newman. Motion carried: 6-0.

The old sound system from the press box could be used as a portable system for the Jr. High School.

### **Approve Bids: Fox Elementary**

#### **Access Road and**

#### **Retaining Wall:**

Mr. Stricker reported this was bid previously and the cost was too high. The specifications of the project were changed to reduce the cost. This project can't be completed now before the school year begins. It was his recommendation to rebid this project in possibly January or February and start the project as soon as school is out next summer and may get a better price.

Bids were also sent out for the concrete work by the gas pumps and no one responded. It was recommended to rebid this project in September or October and will need to reroute the traffic and the buses fill up on the other side.

**Fleet Insurance  
Specifications:**

Mr. Stricker reported that our fleet insurance expires at midnight on August 31.

We wil

**No Tax Increase  
Bond Issue:**

Mr. Chellew reported that after careful consideration, it is his belief that a no tax increase is in the best interest of the district. Mr. Chellew is currently learning.

If approved, a proposal as it will appear on the ballot will be submitted to the board for approval.

Mrs. Broach made a motion for the board to approve a no tax increase bond issue for \$18,000,000.

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**Rock Creek Sewer  
Easement:**

Mr. Chellew reported that after a review of the Rock Creek Sewer District easement request, that he recommended approval of both easements contingent on the following:

- The manhole located in the center of the Seckman Jr. High athletic fields be installed in a manner that would not interfere with the use of the athletic field by participants in sporting activities.
- Hook up fees be waived for the Raymond and Nancy Hodge Elementary School located on Prairie Hollow Road.
- A sewer line will be made available to Raymond and Nancy Hodge Elementary School at no cost to the Fox C-6 Schools District when needed.

Mr. Simpson made a motion for the board to approve both of the Rock Creek

Sewer I

**Approve Seckman Road  
Intersection:**

Mr. Chellew reported that after discussion with the county representatives regarding the Seckman Road and Old Lemay Ferry Road intersection easement request, the following board recommendations were included in the road design; a guard rail will be installed along that part of the road adjacent to Seckman Jr. High School and utility relocations will be included in the project and will not be competed at school district expense.

Mrs. Hermann made a motion to approve the Seckman Road intersection as presented on pages 37-41. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Newman. Motion carried: 6-0.

**Special Education Textbooks -**

**Secondary Level:**

Mrs. Hanson reported that information was presented at the last board meeting

regarding

Mrs. Hermann made a motion for the board to approve the purchase of Special

Educational

**IDEA Assurance**

**Statements:**

Mrs. Hanson reported the assurance statements related to the provision of services under the appropriate authorized signatures, in order to comply with time lines established by DESE.

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Mr. Simpson made a motion for the board to approve the assurance statements

related

**Title IX ADA & Section 504**

**District Coordinator:**

Mrs. Brown reported that annually the Board needs to approve the Coordinator for Title IX

Mrs. Newman made a motion for the board to approve Mrs. Dianne Brown as the

Coordinator

**Athletic Training Services**

**Health South:**

Mr. Pipkin reported that Healthsouth provides athletic training services at both high schools. This years services would be expanded and provides the trainers five days a week for three hours a day and all games..

Mr. Hill made a motion for the board to approve Healthsouth for the athletic training services at both high schools as presented on pages 46-54. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Broach. Motion carried: 6-0.

**Gifts to the District:**

Mr. Chellev presented gifts to the district for board approval.

Mr. Simpson made a motion for the board to approve the gifts to the district as

presented

**Education Summit -  
September 20, 2001:**

Mr. Chellev presented to the board the plans to review the Comprehensive School Improvement to be announced later.

Mrs. Newman made a motion for the board to approve the Education Summit as

presented

**Direct Deposit -  
Pilot Program;**

Mr. Stricker reported that at the board meeting last the month there was discussion of direct

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If the board decides to allow direct deposit for payroll checks at institutions other than EECU, we will need to establish a regulation for optional direct deposit for all employees, setup of our payroll system, receive information from employees for direct deposit, and pilot the system in central office for the August 15 payroll to assure it is working properly.

Mr. Hill made a motion for the board to approve direct deposit as presented.

Motion

**Consent Grouping for**

**Action-Business:**

**Payment of Bills:**

Mr. Nicholas entertained a motion for payment of bills in the amount of \$656,418.67.

Mrs. Broach made a motion for the board to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$656,418.67 as presented on pages 56-74. Motion was seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion carried: 6-0.

**Consent Grouping for Action-**

**Human Resources:**

1. Staff Separations

Mrs. Brown presented a list of staff separations for Board approval.

Mrs. Broach made a motion for the board to approve the list of requests for resignations, retirements, and leaves of absence as presented on page 75. Motion was seconded by Mr. Hill. Motion carried: 6-0.

2. Employment of Certified Staff.

Mrs. Brown presented a revised list of certified staff for Board approval.

Mr. Hill made a motion for the board to approve the revised list of certified staff as presented.

Mr. Hill - Yes  
Mrs. Hermann - Yes  
Mrs. Newman - Yes  
Mr. Simpson - Yes  
Mrs. Broach - Yes  
Mrs. Tramel - Yes  
Mr. Nicholas - Yes  
Motion carried: 7-0.

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### 3. Employment of Classified Staff

Mrs. Brown presented a list of classified staff for Board approval.

Mrs. Hermann made a motion for the board to approve the list of classified staff as presented.

Mr. Hill - Yes  
Mrs. Hermann - Yes  
Mrs. Newman - Yes  
Mr. Simpson - Yes  
Mrs. Broach - Yes  
Mrs. Tramel - Yes  
Mr. Nicholas - Yes  
Motion carried: 7-0

### Superintendents' and Board Reports:

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##### Mr. Pipkin :

- The cross country coaches at Fox High School got students involved at Fox Jr. High in cross country last year and would like to continue the program this year. It will be no extra cost to the district.

##### Mrs. Brown:

- Invited the board to the All Employee Welcome Back Meeting on August 15, 2001, at 8:30a.m. Dr. Al Burr will be the motivational speaker.

##### Mrs. Menne:

- Expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve at Central Office and thanked the staff at Central Office for being so helpful.

##### Mr. Chellew:

- Sunshine Law Workshop - September 27, 2001, 7:00p.m-9:00p.m., at Leo Peck Media Center. We will be inviting other districts to the workshop.

### Board Reports:

#### Mrs Newman reported:

- She and Mrs. Tramel will be attending a conference this weekend to complete their board certification.

#### Mrs. Hermann reported:

- Attended the Leadership Summit June 29 & 30.

#### Mr. Nicholas reported:

- Also attended the Leadership Summit. At the meeting they were asking Presidents if they were also the MSBA Delegates to step down. Mr. Nicholas volunteered to be the Alternate MSBA Delegate and Mrs. Hermann volunteered to be the MSBA Delegate.
- He has completed advanced board certification and Mrs. Hermann is one hour from finishing advanced board certification.



- Stated that he had seen the new Fox High School press box and it was an asset to the community and the volunteers of the Fox Stadium Club had done a very nice job.

Mr. Chellew also expressed his appreciation to the volunteers for the long hours and weekends they have given and the extreme heat they have been working in to get the job completed.

- Mr. Nicholas inquired about the old press box being used by the Jefferson County Youth Association. It was assumed that the Stadium club would dispose of the old press box.

Mr. Chellew shared that a volunteer in the group moved the press box instead of

**Adjournment to  
Closed Session:**

Mr. Nicholas entertained a motion that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussing Litigation per Section 610.021.1, Real Estate per Section 610.021.2, Personnel per Section 610.021.3, and Personnel Records per Section 610.021.13.

Mrs. Broach motion that the Board of Education adjourn to closed session for the Mr. Hill. Roll call vote:

Mr. Hill - Yes  
Mrs. Hermann - Yes  
Mrs. Newman - Yes  
Mr. Simpson - Yes  
Mrs. Broach - Yes  
Mrs. Tramel - Yes  
Mr. Nicholas - Yes  
Motion carried: 7-0.

Board went into Executive Session at 9:40 p.m. and reconvened at 11:12 p.m.

The board announced:

Ed White as Fox High School varsity head coach for boys track.

Nathan Niehaus as Fox High School varsity head coach for boys soccer.

Greg Fortner as Fox High School varsity head coach for girls basketball.

The board also announced that the Fox High School varsity head coach for boys

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**Adjournment:**

Mrs. Broach moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion carried: 7-0.

Time of adjournment 11:14p.m.

Deborah A. Davis, Board Secretary

Pete Nicholas, Board President  
Approved August 14, 2001