## **Board Members Present**

Due to illness, the board meeting date was changed to March 23, 2016. Board members present for the regular meeting on March 23, 2016 were Mehrens, Kroenke, Eckhoff, Beaman, Parrott, Sell, and Swearngin.

Also present were Kevin Smith, Marc Spunaugle, Becky Eifert, and Carol Waibel. Arnold Hessefort was in attendance to present the Transportation Director Report. Marlin Hammond was present to give the board some information on the Benton County Jail tax proposal.

Call to Order

President Mehrens declared a quorum present, welcomed visitors and called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Citizens Comments

Mr. Hammond shared information regarding the proposed Benton County Jail issue to be on the April 5, 2016 ballot. Following his presentation, Mr. Hammond left the meeting.

## Consent Agenda

- a. March 23, 2016 board agenda
- b. February 15, 2016 regular meeting minutes
- c. February 15, 2016 executive meeting minutes
- d. Payment of Bills

Copies of the March 23, 2016 agenda, the February 15, 2016 regular meeting minutes, the February 15, 2016 executive meeting minutes, and pages 1 and 2 of the March 23, 2016 bills were mailed to board members prior to the meeting and were available for the public at the meeting. An additional page of bills was available at the meeting. Mr. Smith reviewed various bills. After questions and discussion a motion was made by Sell, seconded by Parrott to approve all items in the consent agenda as listed above. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Public Hearing for the 2014-2015 School Year Start Date

The proposed calendar identifies the first day of school for the 2016-2017 school year to be more than 10 calendar days before Labor Day. The district is holding this public hearing in order for the board to listen to questions, concerns, and comments from the public before making a decision. Mr. Smith recommends the first day of school for students for the 2016-2017 school year to be August 18, 2016. After discussion a motion was made by Kroenke, seconded by Swearngin to set the first day of school for students for the 2016-2017 school year to be August 18, 2016 and adopt the calendar as presented. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

## **Transportation Director** Report

Mr. Arnold Hessefort, the district's transportation director, reported to the board. The district runs seven morning and evening routes and one route to take students to State Fair Community College for classes. Mr. Hessefort provided the board with information on mileage, repairs, and general upkeep performed on the district's 10 buses. Several buses have accumulated over 100,000 miles. The bus

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cell phones will again access RadioNet through Central Communications of Sedalia, Missouri. The state highway patrol performed the annual bus inspections on March 1, 2016. All buses passed the inspection. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Beaman, seconded by Parrott to approve the transportation report. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Following his report, Mr. Hessefort left the meeting.

Health Insurance-MEUHP (Missouri Educators Unified Health Plan) Renewal 2016-2017 Lincoln R-2 School is a member of the MEUHP health consortium and rates for health insurance plans for July 2016 through June 2017 school year have been received. The plans offered were discussed by board members. A motion was made by Eckhoff, seconded by Kroenke to offer the following 3 plans to eligible employees: the HSA 4000 embedded plan (premium amount of \$383.00); the HSA 3000 embedded plan (premium amount of \$403.00) and, the PPO 2500 plan (premium amount \$577.00 with the employee paying the \$177.00 difference above the premium) and the district paying up to \$400 per month per eligible employee toward the individual monthly health insurance premium. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Copier Bids

The current lease agreement with our copier vendor Ricoh ends April 28, 2016. Mr. Smith shared information from the bids he has received from Ricoh and GFI.

A motion was made by Beaman, seconded by Swearngin to accept the bid of GFI for copier services effective at the end of the current Ricoh lease. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**Administrator Reports** 

Mr. Smith shared preliminary information regarding the district food service program. Two students participated in the State archery meet last Friday. Matthew Kreisler scored 15th in the State of Missouri for his age group. The fishing team competed in the first tournament of the year. The Lincoln team of Corbin Mertgen and Heath Renno placed 3rd out of 153 teams participating.

Mr. Spunaugle reported on high school student activities. Students have been doing very well in recent contests. Spring sports teams have begun their seasons. Attendance remains steady at 94% with current 7-12 enrollment at 229.

Mrs. Eifert reported on elementary student activities. Enrollment is currently 260 with attendance at 95%. A new math series is being considered for purchase. She shared with the board about upcoming Spring activities.

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Minutes – Regular Meeting

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**Executive Session** 

A motion was made by Swearngin, seconded by Sell at 8:20 P.M. to go to executive session for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3 & 13)). Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Swearngin-yes; Sell-yes; Parrott-yes; Beaman-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Kroenke-yes; and Mehrens-yes. Total vote 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Board members returned from executive session at 9:53 P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Kroenke, seconded by Sell to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 P.M. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Secretary, Board of Education

President, Board of Education