



**Board of Education Meeting
April 19, 2010
Board Summary**

Board Reorganization – The board of education was reorganized following the certification of the April election results. Ellen Kesterson was elected and Barrett Glascock was re-elected to the Southern Boone Board of Education. Ed Bartel will serve as president, and Bridget Canaday was elected vice-president. Phyllis Weter was selected as secretary to the BOE and Jennifer Reeder as treasurer.

Presentation – Hope Sickmeier shared with the board a project done by the students at the elementary school regarding their Positive Behavior Supports. The students created a video that modeled the universal expectations of behavior in their school.

Consent Calendar

- The board adopted the “Reducing Risk” curriculum for the alternative school. This is a health education program to support their program.
- Resignations – The board approved the resignation of Rick Briedwell (retirement), Buildings, Grounds and Transportation, and Jennifer Skillman, HS Spanish.
- Employment approved: Matthew Boldt was hired for the HS Biology position.

Reports

Charlotte Miller stated that the current enrollment for this district is 1430. She also reminded patrons that the last day of school will be May 27. Snow make-up days are May 24-27. Pat Lacy reported on much recognition that has been awarded for this quarter’s activities to date. Southern Boone students are having a great spring! Planning for maintenance and summer cleaning is underway. The principals highlighted events from their individual buildings. State testing is being completed this week at the elementary and middle school but continues at the high school.

Visitor Comments and Communications

None

Financial Information

Financial Reports - The board received electronically a monthly financial statement for review. Charlotte Miller, Superintendent, reviewed these documents. These [financial reports](#) can be reviewed on the district website.

Stipends - The board approved the personnel assigned to the stipend schedule. There still exist openings for MS cheerleading and HS volleyball.

Pre-School Program Fees – The board discussed the need to charge a fee for the pre-school program. Currently, the district receives \$39,800 grant funds from the Missouri Pre-School Project. The entire cost for the program is \$71,761. The district expends an additional \$32,861 beyond the grant. With economic challenges facing the district, it was apparent that a fee would be necessary. Each family would be charged \$6.00 per day per child, totaling \$990 for the year. Families who qualify for free/reduced lunches if their children were of school age would not be charged for this program.

Budget Discussion – Charlotte Miller discussed with the board information regarding this year's budget and expected revenues. Revenues, especially in transportation, career ladder, and PAT are still under state review. She discussed with the board the budget for capital projects, including technology and maintenance. The district is looking at minimal capital projects during this fiscal year. Reviews of the projects that have been completed or are still under review were discussed with the board. A draft budget will be reviewed at the May board meeting.

Instructional Reports/ Perpetual Calendar

Program Evaluations – Carolyn Deffenbaugh reviewed with the board the program evaluations for Foreign Language and Parents As Teachers. These program evaluations can be reviewed on the district website under [Teaching, Learning, & Accountability](#).

CSIP – Building administrators and their leadership teams are reviewing the draft CSIP objectives and creating strategies and action steps. A draft proposal will be reviewed by the district committee on May 12.

Fellows Program – Matt Wachel, Primary Principal, discussed with the board the Primary School's participation in the MU Fellows program. This year, we have had Fellows teachers in third grade, and it has been a very positive experience. The board approved participation in the Fellows program for next school year at the primary school. Fellows are certified teachers who are working on their master's degree through the University of Missouri while teaching in our district. Next year's Fellows will be mentored by Becky Quinn.

Summer School Information – State funding for summer school is still uncertain. Charlotte Miller, Superintendent, detailed a summer school plan that was approved by the board. Summer School will be held June 7- July 2. Primary and elementary students will attend from 8:00 - 3:00. Middle school programs will be held from 8:00-12:00. Breakfast and lunch will be available at primary, elementary, and middle school levels. Transportation will not be provided for summer school, except for students with disabilities whose IEP requires transportation.

Students will attend summer school related to the grade they would attend in the fall of 2010. Students entering grades K – 2 in the fall of 2010 will be placed in the primary level summer school; those entering grades 3 – 5 in the fall of 2010 will be in the elementary level summer school; those entering grades 6-8 in the fall of 2010 will be in the middle grades summer school program. The high school program will be for credit recovery only. Driver education is still being evaluated and will be discussed by the board at the May meeting.

Currently the district has \$185,327 budgeted for summer school in this year's budget. The estimated cost for the proposal described above would be \$120,674, saving our district \$64,653.

5th grade Band- Mrs. Miller, Brandi Fatherley, Elementary Principal, and Andrew Marjamaa, band instructor, discussed the 5th grade band program with the board. Since the 5th grade students have relocated to the new Elementary School, the band program has been faced with several obstacles in regards to time and space. A summary of the issue and possible solutions were discussed. After research and discussion with other school districts, Andrew has recommended not starting band until grade 6. Some of the districts contacted for comparison information indicated increased retention in band if the program begins in 6th grade. Next summer, there is a possibility of offering lessons for up-coming 6th graders, so that they will have that beginning instruction to support the program. This change will be monitored closely to review the impact of this change.

Building Handbooks – All building and extra-curricular handbooks were given to the board members to review during this next month. Approval of these handbooks will be on the consent calendar next month.

Old Business

Late Start Follow-up Discussion – The administrative team has reviewed the possibility of meeting the needs of both the MS/HS and the suggestions of the Elementary/Primary staff to move their collaboration to the afternoon. In discussing this with the board, positive feedback was given, in fact, on a positive aspect; the elementary and primary students would lose less instructional time.

SRO – Mrs. Miller discussed with the board a partnership with the Boone County Sheriff's department to provide a school resource officer for the district.. The sheriff has met with our administrative team to discuss the use of the SRO within our district. The Boone County Sheriff currently provides services in Hallsville, Sturgeon, and Harrisburg. All districts have indicated this to be a very positive program. There is no cost associated with this partnership. This partnership will be approved at the May board meeting.

Eagle Foundation Update - Joe Miller, representing the Eagle Foundation, updated the board on the work of the organization. Two new members were elected, Brian Canaday and Kevin Housman. The Eagle Foundation is looking to promote their purpose in meeting the needs in all areas, including academics, athletics, and the arts. They will be meeting monthly and will keep the board updated on their progress.

New Business

Volunteer Program – Brandi Fatherley and Alice Geller shared with the board their work on developing a district volunteer program. They have worked on a plan that will enlist all levels of volunteers. Mrs. Geller will coordinate this program for the district. Look for more information on how to volunteer in our schools.

Partnership with Columbia College – Our location has enabled us to take advantage of many positive partnerships. We currently utilize student teachers in our district from Columbia College. This plan formalizes our working relationship. Bob Simpson will be the liaison with Columbia College. This is similar to how we work collaboratively with MU.

Executive Session

Executive session was held for the purpose of discussion of personnel.

Continuing Business for May:

- ❖ Monthly financial reports
- ❖ 2010-2011 Draft Budget Discussion
- ❖ CSIP Update
- ❖ Review of the food service program
- ❖ MSBA policy updates
- ❖ School handbooks – action
- ❖ Extra-curricular handbooks – action
- ❖ Salary Schedules for 2010-11
- ❖ Automated School Lunch Accounts
- ❖ Program Evaluations for Mathematics and Gifted Education