

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
AURORA REORGANIZED SCHOOL DISTRICT R-VIII**

The Board of Education of the Aurora Reorganized School District R-VIII, Lawrence County, State of Missouri, met in closed session at 6:33 p.m., followed by an open session at 7:06 p.m., followed by closed session at 8:41 p.m. on Monday, April 5, 2021, in the Aurora R-VIII Central Office Board Room, 201 S. Madison Ave.

Present:	Grant Baker; Jeramie Grosenbacher; Steve McCulloch; Mark McCully; Chantil Miller; Michael Singer; Scott Welch; Kate Hughes, BOE Secretary; Billy Redus, Superintendent of Schools.
Visitors:	David Mais, Assistant Superintendent Brenda Lakin, Special Education Director Mykie Nash, Robinson School Principal Brad Boettler, Junior High Principal Scott Spooner, High School Assistant Principal Rob Brown, High School Principal
1. EXECUTIVE SESSION:	Mr. Grosenbacher made a motion that the Board enter into closed session pursuant to Section 610.021 (Section 3) of the Missouri Revised Statutes. This closed session occurred during the Board of Education’s meeting on April 5, 2021, at 6:33 p.m. at the Aurora R-VIII Central Office Board Room. Mr. McCulloch seconded the motion.
	Yeas: Grosenbacher, McCulloch, McCully, Miller Nays: None Abstentions: None
Resignations:	
<i>Employee Resignations:</i>	Resignations were received effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Melissa Duncan - Robinson Special Education ➤ Dawn Cassity - Junior High Special Education ➤ DJ Gutscher - Junior High Basketball ➤ Amanda Hall - Junior High Cheerleading ➤ Danette Nelson - Special Education Paraprofessional ➤ Michael Thach - High School Soccer ➤ Angie Nelson - Robinson Teacher

	Mrs. Miller made the motion to accept the resignations as presented. Mr. McCully seconded the motion.
	Yeas: Grosenbacher, McCulloch, McCully, Miller Nays: None Abstentions: None
Hiring:	
<i>HS Social Studies:</i>	Recommendation to hire Clinton Ames as a High School Social Studies Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. McCully made the motion to hire Clinton Ames as a High School Social Studies Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Grosenbacher seconded the motion.
	Yeas: Grosenbacher, McCulloch, McCully, Miller Nays: None Abstentions: None
	➤ Mr. Singer entered the meeting at 6:38 p.m.
<i>Junior High PE:</i>	Recommendation to hire Tanner Schmidt as a Junior High Physical Education Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Mrs. Miller made the recommendation to hire Tanner Schmidt as a Junior High Physical Education Teacher. Mr. McCully seconded the motion.
	Yeas: Grosenbacher, McCulloch, McCully, Miller, Singer Nays: None Abstentions: None
<i>HS Volleyball:</i>	Recommendation to hire Krishna Cullers as the High School Volleyball Coach for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Grosenbacher made the motion to hire Krishna Cullers as the High School Volleyball Coach. Mr. McCulloch seconded the motion.
	Yeas: Grosenbacher, McCulloch, McCully, Miller, Singer Nays: None Abstentions: None

	Mr. McCully made the motion to hire the cheer coaches as presented. Mr. Welch seconded the motion.
	Yeas: Grosenbacher, McCulloch, McCully, Miller, Singer, Welch Nays: None Abstentions: None
Move Out of Closed Session:	Mr. Grosenbacher motioned to move out of closed session at 7:01 p.m. Mr. Welch seconded the motion.
	Yeas: Grosenbacher, McCulloch, McCully, Miller, Singer, Welch Nays: None Abstentions: None
Visitors:	Philip Rogers, CTS John Kelsh, CTS Randy Smith, CTS Jason Brushwood, CTS David Mais, Assistant Superintendent Brenda Lakin, Special Education Director Mykie Nash, Robinson School Principal Brad Boettler, Junior High Principal Rob Brown, High School Principal Kim Mobley Paul Ward
<u>OPEN SESSION:</u>	
1. INTRODUCTION:	The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President Jeramie Grosenbacher.
	A moment of silence was observed for Landon Norris, Robinson School student.
ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:	Mr. Grosenbacher made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Miller provided the second for the motion.
	Yeas: Grosenbacher, McCulloch, McCully, Miller, Singer, Welch Nays: None Abstentions: None
2. CONSENT	Mr. McCulloch made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr.

AGENDA:	McCully seconded the motion. In the Consent Agenda, the Board: <i>a.</i> Approved minutes from the Board Meeting on March 1, 2021. <i>b.</i> Approved the March 2021 expenditures in the amount of \$1,324,625.75. <i>c.</i> Approved the Job Descriptions for Activities Director and Transportation Director. <i>d.</i> Approved the Business Program Review. <i>e.</i> Approved the Technology/Engineering Program Review.
	Yeas: Grosenbacher, McCulloch, McCully, Miller, Singer, Welch Nays: None Abstentions: None
3. AGENDA REQUEST:	
<i>Mr. Paul Ward:</i>	Mr. Ward addressed the Board regarding the loss of opportunities by students in the band due to the pandemic. It was also noted that athletic activities have been allowed, but the Spring Concert was cancelled. With the reduction in numbers of positive cases and quarantines, the High School principal was directed to determine if a date is available to reschedule the Spring Concert.
4. OLD BUSINESS:	
a. Bond Issue Update:	Discussion was made regarding the bond issue and proposed project specifications from CTS. It was noted that the Junior High Severe Weather Shelter and Secure Entryway are in the planning stages which is the reason the amount being considered is below the \$7.7 million requested in the bond proposition. After development and obtaining bids regarding these Junior High items, the amount of bond money allocated for the projects will total the \$7.7 million asked in the election question. Mr. Grosenbacher made the motion to approve projects totaling \$6,891,080.00 through work with CTS, pending approval by the voters, with District administration and attorneys finalizing the remainder of the contract before receiving final approval by the Aurora R-VIII Board of Education. Mr. McCulloch seconded the motion.
	Yeas: Grosenbacher, McCulloch, McCully, Miller, Singer, Welch Nays: None Abstentions: None

	Redus to the TIF Commission. Mr. McCulloch seconded the motion.
	Yeas: Grosenbacher, McCulloch, McCully, Miller, Singer, Welch Nays: None Abstentions: None
d. Set Date for Board Organization Meeting:	Discussion was made to set the date/time for the Organization Meeting to April 19, 2021 at 7:15 a.m. Mr. McCully made the motion to set the date/time for the Organization Meeting to April 19, 2021 at 7:15 a.m. Mr. McCulloch seconded the motion.
	Yeas: Grosenbacher, McCulloch, McCully, Miller, Singer, Welch Nays: None Abstentions: None
5. REPORTS:	Reports were reviewed by the Board of Education.
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	Yeas: Grosenbacher, McCulloch, McCully, Miller, Singer, Welch Nays: None Abstentions: None
Winter Coaching Evaluations:	Mr. Grosenbacher made the motion to separate the list provided regarding coaching recommendations. Mr. Singer seconded the motion.
	Yeas: Grosenbacher, McCulloch, Miller, Singer Nays: None Abstentions: McCully & Welch
<i>Boys Basketball:</i>	Recommendation to hire Adam Thornhill as the HS Boys' Basketball Head Coach. Mr. McCully made the motion to hire Adam Thornhill as HS Boys' Basketball Head Coach. Mr. Welch seconded the motion.

	Yeas: McCulloch, McCully, Miller, Welch Nays: Singer, Grosenbacher Abstentions: None
<i>Boys Basketball:</i>	Discussion was made regarding the remaining list of coaching recommendations. Recommendation to approve the following coaches for the 2021-2022 school year: Shawn Bigler - HS Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach Justin Wilson - HS Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach Austin Wilson - JH Boys' Basketball (7th Coach) Mr. McCulloch made the motion to hire the basketball coaches as presented. Mr. McCully seconded the motion.
	Yeas: Grosenbacher, McCulloch, McCully, Miller, Singer, Welch Nays: None Abstentions: None
Move Out of Closed Session:	Mr. Grosenbacher motioned to move out of closed session at 9:05 p.m. Mr. McCulloch seconded the motion.
	Yeas: Grosenbacher, McCulloch, McCully, Miller, Singer, Welch Nays: None Abstentions: None
Adjourn:	Mr. Grosenbacher adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.
	_____ President, Board of Education
	_____ Secretary, Board of Education