

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MAPLEWOOD RICHMOND HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR SESSION – January 18, 2007**

The Board of Education of the Maplewood Richmond Heights School District of St. Louis County, Missouri, met for Regular Session on Thursday, January 18, 2007, in the MRH Senior High Library/Media Center, 7539 Manchester Road, Maplewood, Missouri. President Montford called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Mrs. Montford, Rev. Malone, Mr. Mitten, Mr. Findley, Mrs. O’Sullivan, Mrs. Blankenship and Mr. Klein

Also present: Dr. Henke, Mr. Pearson, Parents, Patrons and Ms. Thorp, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

- 1.01 Welcome Visitors and Guests**
- 1.02 Pledge of Allegiance**
- 1.03 Public Forum: No Names on List**

**Recognition**

**2.01** – The following MAP Scholars were recognized for outstanding academic achievement and received a \$200 scholarship for their efforts:

- Rachel Berry
- Samantha Coughlin
- Jessica Duong
- Melissa Stevenson
- Jessica Pollman
- David Zahn
- Jonathan Webb will be recognized at the February meeting

**3.00 Consent Items**

Motion was made by Mr. Mitten and seconded by Mrs. O’Sullivan that the Board of Education adopts the Consent Agenda as presented. The vote on the motion was YES: Rev. Malone, Mr. Mitten, Mr. Findley, Mrs. Blankenship, Mrs. O’Sullivan, Mr. Klein and Mrs. Montford. NO: none  
Motion carried 7-0

**Construction**

**4.01** Kort Cole of SM Wilson presented the construction update.

**Study Items**

**5.01 Pre-Referendum Service – Kort Cole**

Mr. Cole presented a pre-referendum service proposal to aide MRH in understanding the costs associated possible future programs before going to the voters on April 3, 2007.

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*Motion was made by Mr. Findley and seconded by Mrs. Blankenship that the Board of Education accepts the Pre-Referendum Service Proposal as presented. The vote on the motion was YES: Rev. Malone, Mr. Mitten, Mr. Findley, Mrs. Blankenship, Mrs. O’Sullivan, Mr. Klein and Mrs. Montford. NO: none Motion carried 7-0*

Dr. Henke led the discussion on seeking Requests for Proposals for possible architectural services on future projects going to the voters on April 3, 2007.

*Motion was made by Mr. Mitten and seconded by Mrs. Blankenship that the Board of Education publishes Request for Proposal for architectural services as presented. The vote on the motion was YES: Rev. Malone, Mr. Mitten, Mr. Findley, Mrs. Blankenship, Mrs. O’Sullivan, Mr. Klein and Mrs. Montford. NO: none Motion carried 7-0*

### **5.02 2007-2008 Calendar – Dave Kuschel**

Mr. Kuschel led the discussion on the two additional days included on the 2007-2008 calendar and the impact on the budget.

*Motion was made by Mr. Findley and seconded by Mrs. Blankenship that the Board of Education eliminates two days from the calendar. The vote on the motion was YES: Rev. Malone, Mr. Findley, Mrs. Blankenship, Mrs. O’Sullivan, and Mrs. Montford. NO: Mr. Mitten and Mr. Klein Motion carried 5-2*

### **5.03 ECC Gifted Curriculum Proposal – Cyndi Hebenstreit, Bernadette de la Fuente and Julie Dennison**

Enrichment Program at ECC: Studio Explorations

### **5.04 African American Achievement Study – Margaret Scordias**

Margaret Scordias presented the African American Achievement Study – What’s Working?

### **5.05 If the Tax Levy Does Not Pass – Linda Henke**

Dr. Henke addressed the issue of possible cuts to the budget should the tax levy not pass.

### **Board Communications**

- 6.01** Board Candidates – Mrs. Montford reported the incumbents, Cindy Blankenship and Nelson Mitten were the only people to declare their candidacy for the April 3 election. There will be no election for the two seats up for election on April 3.
- 6.02** Legislative Update – Mr. Findley led the discussion on pending legislative issues.
- 6.03** CSD Winter Conference – Mrs. Montford reported the Winter Conference would be held on January 25 at Fox School District.
- 6.04** MSBA - Mrs. O’Sullivan reported the Legislative Conference would be held in Jefferson City January 22 and 23.

**6.05** SSD Report – Nothing to report this month

**6.06** Joe’s Place – Mr. Mitten and Mr. Findley reported one student has moved in and one student preparing to move into Joe’s Place. Ameritime has agreed to donate \$15,000 to sponsor one student for one year.

**6.07** TLC Committee – Mrs. Montford reported on the Teaching and Learning Committee meeting held January 10, 2007.

**6.08** CBTF – Mrs. Montford led the discussion on the upcoming Compensation Benefits Task Force meeting to be held January 24, 2007.

**6.09** Wellness Committee – Mrs. Blankenship and Mr. Klein reported on the Wellness Committee meeting held January 11, 2007.

**6.10** Middle School and High School Parent Dialogues – Mrs. Montford reported on the Middle School Parent Dialogue held January 17, 2007. The High School Parent Dialogue is scheduled for February 8 at 7:00 pm in the Library Media Center.

**6.11** Scholarship Fundraising – Mrs. Montford led the discussion on the BOE Scholarship fundraiser. The Board would like to schedule this event on April 21 from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at Applebees in Maplewood.

**6.12** Honoree for Citizen and Family of the Year – Mrs. Montford led the discussion on the selection of Citizen and Family of the Year.

## **Finance**

**8.01** Mrs. Lesley presented the December Financial Statements.

## **Action Items**

### **9.01 Bond Resolution – Kay Lesley**

Motion was made by Mr. Findley and seconded by Mrs. Blankenship that the Board of Education approves the Bond Resolution as presented. The vote on the motion was YES: Rev. Malone, Mr. Mitten, Mr. Findley, Mrs. Blankenship, Mrs. O’Sullivan, Mr. Klein and Mrs. Montford. NO: none Motion carried 7-0

### **9.02 Resolution for Tax Levy – Kay Lesley**

Motion was made by Mr. Mitten and seconded by Mrs. Blankenship that the Board of Education approves Resolution for Tax Levy as presented. The vote on the motion was YES: Rev. Malone, Mr. Mitten, Mr. Findley, Mrs. Blankenship, Mrs. O’Sullivan, Mr. Klein and Mrs. Montford. NO: none Motion carried 7-0

## **PROPOSITION C**

**For the purposes of acquiring, constructing, renovating, improving, furnishing and equipping school facilities and grounds, including renovations and improvements to the High School, Middle School, Early Childhood Center and Central Office spaces and constructing an addition to the Early Childhood Center and acquiring land necessary therefore, shall the Maplewood Richmond Heights School District, St. Louis County, Missouri, issue its general obligation bonds in the amount of \$9,000,000?**

**YES / NO**

## **PROPOSITION M**

**Shall the Maplewood Richmond Heights School District, St. Louis County, Missouri, be authorized to increase the District's operating tax levy by \$0.3067 per \$100 of assessed valuation? If this proposition is approved, the adjusted operating levy of the District (per \$100 of assessed valuation) is estimated to be \$3.9189 for residential real property, \$4.6567 for commercial real property and \$4.5524 for personal property, WHICH RATES ARE UNCHANGED from the District's 2006 operating tax levy due to the estimated reduction resulting from the expiration of the existing recoupment tax levy.**

**YES / NO**

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**Executive Session**

**9.03** *Motion was made by Mr. Klein and seconded by Mrs. O’Sullivan that the Board of Education in accordance with section 610.021, subsections 1 and 3 and section 610.022 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri go into closed session on January 18, 2007 for the following specific reason: personnel and legal matters - The roll call vote on the motion was YES: Rev. Malone, Mrs. O’Sullivan, Mr. Mitten, Mr. Findley, Mrs. Blankenship, Mr. Klein and Mrs. Montford. NO: none Motion carried 7-0*

Meeting recessed at 10:00 pm.

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Sheryl Montford  
President

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Barbara O’Sullivan  
Secretary