



Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools

Unified School District No. 500

SPECIAL AGENDA

Monday, June 14, 2010
11:30 a.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approval of Special Agenda
- V. Reports of the Superintendent
 - A. Discuss and Provide Direction for the Development of the Budget for the 2011 Fiscal Year (Note Page 3).
 - B. Executive Session for the Following Exceptions to the Kansas Open Meetings Act:
 - (a) Attorney Client Exception
 - For consultation with the Board's attorney on a matter protected by the attorney-client privilege.
 - (b) Non-Elected Personnel
 - To protect privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed.
 - (c) Negotiations
 - To protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract.
 - (d) Real Estate
 - To protect the district's financial interest and bargaining position.
 - C. Approve Participating in Schools For Fair Funding Litigation (Note Page 5).
- VI. Adjournment



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MEMORANDUM

TO: THE KANSAS CITY, KANSAS BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM: Dr. Jill Shackelford, Superintendent of Schools

DATE: June 14, 2010

SUBJECT: FISCAL PLANNING


RECOMMENDATION:

That the Kansas City, Kansas Board of Education **accept a report pertaining to fiscal planning and budget development for the 2010-2011 fiscal year** as submitted by Dr. Cynthia Lane, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Business and Mrs. Connie Brand, Director of Finance and as recommended by Dr. Jill Shackelford, Superintendent of Schools.

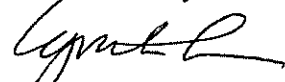
EXPLANATION:


Information will be shared regarding the budget planning process. We will discuss the status of revenue estimates for the State of Kansas, the determination of the mill levy, possible budgetary reductions and New Market Tax Credits.

Recommended by:


Dr. Jill Shackelford
Superintendent of Schools

Submitted by:


Dr. Cynthia Lane
Assistant Superintendent for
Business and Instruction


Mrs. Connie Brand
Director of Finance



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kansas City, Kansas Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Jill Shackelford, Superintendent of Schools

DATE: June 14, 2010

SUBJECT: Approval of Resolution Supporting Schools for Fair Funding Litigation

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Kansas City, Kansas Board of Education **approve the Resolution Supporting Schools for Fair Funding Litigation** as submitted by Dr. Cynthia Lane, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Business and recommended by Dr. Jill Shackelford, Superintendent of Schools.

EXPLANATION:

The Kansas Constitution mandates that the Legislature provide "suitable" funding for schools. As a member of the Schools for Fair Funding organization, the District has been very concerned that the Constitutional obligation to fund schools is not being met. Over the past several years, the Legislature has failed to provide the funding required to establish a funding formula that meets the criteria and findings as defined by their very own analyses of what constitutes "suitable" education. School districts across the state are faced with increasing class size and making difficult decisions about what aspect of education will be eliminated in the face of increased expectations for academic achievement and the demand from communities to provide comprehensive services. The Kansas Legislature has no long range plan to fund schools. Kansas Supreme Court ordered the Legislature to increase funding to schools in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution. The Legislature and the Governor have reduced funding to schools by cutting the Base Aid by 9.5% or \$421 per student.

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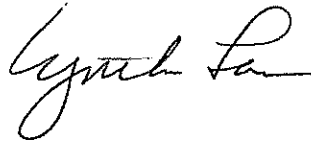
These cuts disproportionately impact Districts in communities with lower assessed valuation of property and higher numbers of student who are considered "at-risk" for academic failure. Therefore, we find it necessary to support the Schools for Fair Funding efforts and ask the Board to authorize the District's participation in new litigation against the state of Kansas and other parties deemed necessary, to require that the education of all students be valued and that the State of Kansas be required to suitably fund all schools in accordance with the mandates of the Kansas Constitution and order of the Supreme Court.

Recommended by:



Dr. Jill Shackelford
Superintendent

Submitted by:



Dr. Cynthia Lane
Assistant Superintendent

U.S.D. 500

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SCHOOLS FOR FAIR FUNDING LITIGATION

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Kansas mandates that the Legislature provide suitable funding for the schools of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Schools For Fair Funding and its member school districts have previously sponsored litigation against the State of Kansas to gain adequate and equitable funding for the schools of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the case of *Montoy vs. Kansas* was successfully tried to the trial court in Shawnee County, Kansas, and later upheld upon appeal by the Kansas Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the *Montoy* case was responsible for causing the Kansas Legislature to increase funding to Kansas schools, all in accordance with the requirements of the Kansas Constitution and the Orders of the Kansas Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Legislature and Governor have thus far cut funding to schools by reducing the Base Budget per Pupil by \$421, a 9.5% cut, making the Base even less than it was prior to the beginning of the multi-year funding levels enacted by the legislature to gain dismissal of the *Montoy* case; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Legislature has made these education funding cuts during the same time period as the Legislature has enacted massive tax cuts within the State, depriving the State of needed revenues to meet its Constitutional obligations to schools;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED.:

That U.S.D. 500, a member of Schools For Fair Funding, Inc., support the Schools For Fair Funding efforts and authorize the District's participation in new litigation against the State of Kansas, and any other parties deemed necessary, to require the State of Kansas to suitably fund its schools according to the mandates of the Kansas Constitution and the Orders of the Kansas Supreme Court.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2010.

President