

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM: August 2015

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE
KANSAS CITY 33 SCHOOL DISTRICT**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Section 162.492, RSMo

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DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 4:

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will improve departmental efficiency and operational effectiveness.

SUMMARY:

The Commissioner of Education has received notice from the Kansas City 33 School District that a vacancy exists in a Sub-District 2 board member position on the Kansas City 33 School District Board of Directors. Pursuant to Section 162.492, RSMo, action is requested by the State Board of Education to authorize the Kansas City Board of Election Commissioners to hold a special election to fill that vacancy.

PRESENTER(S):

William R. Thornton, General Counsel, will participate in the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.

RECOMMENDATION:

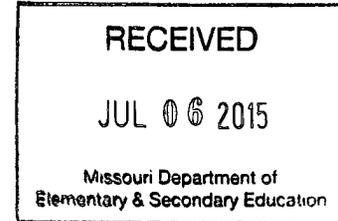
It is recommended that the State Board of Education authorize a special election, pursuant to Section 162.492, RSMo, to fill a Sub-District 2 board member position on the Kansas City 33 School District Board of Directors.

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June 30, 2015



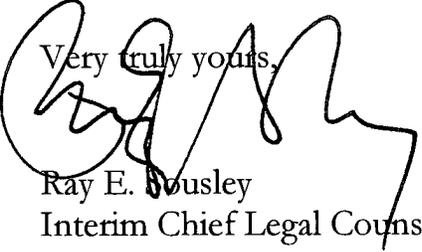
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RE: *Kansas City Public Schools—Special Election*

Dear Mr. Thornton:

Please be advised that Mr. Gunnar Hand resigned his position as a member of the Kansas City Public Schools Board of Education leaving a vacancy in Sub-District 2. Pursuant to RSMo. § 162.492 KCPS is required to hold a special election in order to fill the vacancy. KCPS would like to hold the special election on November 3, 2015 in order to “piggy-back” on the regular election held that date. In accordance with the statute, KCPS is requesting the Missouri State Board of Education, through the Commissioner of Education, to authorize the Kansas City Board of Election Commissioners (“Election Board”) to hold this special election on November 3, 2015.

Please place this request for a special election to be held on November 3, 2015, on the next meeting agenda of the Missouri State Board of Education so that we can get started on the election process since the first date for candidate filing is July 21, 2015. We appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at the number below.

Very truly yours,

Ray E. Bousley
Interim Chief Legal Counsel

Cc: KCPS Board of Education Members
Mr. Allan Tunis, Interim Superintendent of Kansas City Public Schools
Ms. Sandra Fette, KCPS Board Secretary