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The Board of Education of the School District of Columbia, Boone County, Missouri, met in regular session at the Administration Building, 1818 West Worley Street, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., Central Daylight Time, Monday, the 8th day of June, 2015. Those in attendance were as follows:

President James Whitt
Vice President Jonathan Sessions
Member Paul Cushing (participating electronically)
Member Christine King
Member Jan Mees
Member Darin Preis
Member Helen Wade (participating electronically)
Superintendent Dr. Peter Stiepleman
Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operations Officer and Board Treasurer Linda Quinley
Executive Assistant to Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operations Officer and Board Secretary Tracy Davenport

Absent: None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Whitt at 6:31 p.m. Also present at the meeting were Deputy Superintendent Dr. Dana Clippard and Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education Ben Tilley.

The first matter of business was consideration of the agenda for the June 8, 2015, meeting of the Board of Education. It was moved by Ms. King that the agenda be approved as presented. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Consent Agenda

The Board considered approval of the minutes of the special, executive, and regular sessions of the Board of Education on May 11, 2015; approval of the minutes of the special and executive sessions of the Board of Education on May 21, 2015; acceptance of the treasurer's report; approval of bills; approval of personnel recommendations; approval of policies; and approval of business transactions.

The monthly treasurer's report had been previously provided to the Board of Education by Jim Cherrington, Director of Business Services. The report showed a beginning balance for the month of May in the amount of \$153.16 million, cash receipts of \$10.28 million, cash disbursements of \$18.96 million, and an ending balance of \$144.48 million. The \$144.48 million was invested in government securities in the amount of \$136.20 million and daily investment accounts in the amount of \$8.28 million. The average interest rate for all investments was 0.28%.

The Board of Education had previously been provided a detailed report of bills and expenditures for the month of April 2015. The report totaled 390 pages. The bills payable totaled \$10,663,916.06.

Candidates were recommended to the Board for employment in the district in professional and support staff positions.

Revisions to the following policy were recommended for approval:

- IGDA, "Student-Initiated Group Use of District Facilities"

Awarding of bids for materials, supplies, and equipment was recommended.

Also presented for consideration were:

- Final approval of the 2014-15 student transportation bus routes
- Authorization to conduct school district business through September 14, 2015
- Memorandum of understanding between Columbia Public Schools, Columbia Police Department, Boone County Sheriff's Department, and the 13th Judicial Circuit Court-Juvenile Division
- Product purchase agreement with Aercor for wireless solution
- Catering/rental contract for Rock Bridge High School 2016 prom

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- Addendum to agreement with Sungard Public Sector
- Memorandum of understanding with the Columbia Housing Authority Low Income Services Inc. as fiscal agent for The Youth Community Coalition
- Contract for Hickman High School datebooks
- Weeks Orientation & Mobility contract
- Amended food service contract with The Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri
- Heart of Missouri Regional Professional Development Center/Hook Center elementary principals service plan
- Heart of Missouri Regional Professional Development Center/Hook Center Missouri Professional Learning Communities project Mature Schools partnership agreements
- Use of facilities agreement with the Curators of the University of Missouri
- Renewal of agreement with Visionworks Marketing Group for (u)Matter campaign
- Parents As Teachers social work field education with Our Lady of the Lake University memorandum of agreement
- Douglass High School School Improvement Grant from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- Workers' compensation excess (stop loss) renewal
- Nutrition Services collection agency agreement
- Rental agreement with Joe Machens Dealerships for summer school drivers' education vehicles
- Schoology Learning Management System agreement
- Temporary construction easement and easement for communications tower purposes on the Battle campus
- Workers' compensation administration fee authorization

It was moved by Ms. King that the agenda be approved as presented. Ms. Mees requested clarification of the request to conduct school district business through September 14, 2015 ("summer authority"); clarification was provided by Ms. Quinley. President Whitt also noted a correction of dates on one of the bids and a correction of the summary statement on a memorandum of understanding. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

(Copies of consent agenda documents are attached and made a part of the minutes.)

Special Recognition

Michele Yang, Presidential Scholar

Rock Bridge High School 2015 graduate Michele Yang was recognized for her selection as a 2015 Presidential Scholar.

Rock Bridge High School Girls' Swimming and Diving Team, State Championship

The Rock Bridge High School girls' swimming and diving team was recognized for winning the MSHSAA State Championship.

Rock Bridge High School Boys' Golf Team, State Championship

The Rock Bridge High School boys' golf team was recognized for winning the MSHSAA Class 4 State Championship.

Public Comment

No public comments were offered.

Board President's Report

Reports from Columbia Missouri State Teachers Association and Columbia Missouri National Education Association
Susie Adams, president of the Columbia Missouri State Teachers Association; and Susan McClintic, Columbia Missouri National Education Association outgoing president, and Kathy Steinhoff, Columbia Missouri National Education Association incoming president, presented reports from their respective organizations on recent and future activities.

Chapter 100 Update

Ms. Mees provided an update on the activities of the Chapter 100 Review Committee. She announced there will be a Chapter 100 meeting at 2:00 p.m. on June 26, 2015, and said Board of Education members are welcome to attend.

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Unfinished Business

Consideration of Policy GBCBC, “Staff Absences and Tardiness”

It was moved by Ms. King that policy GBCBC, “Staff Absences and Tardiness,” be approved as presented. After discussion, the vote was 7 yes—0 no. (A copy of the policy is attached and made a part of the minutes.)

New Business

Consideration of Policy AC, “Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation,” and Policy JG-R1, “Student Discipline”

It was moved by Mr. Sessions that policy AC, “Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation,” and policy JG-R, “Student Discipline,” be approved as presented for a first reading. After discussion, the following public comments were received:

- Stephanie Dorman, 2504 Oakland Gravel Road
- Howard Hutton, no address provided
- Monica Miller, 1607 Richardson Street
- Carrie Schaffer, no address provided
- Erin Hutton, no address provided
- Emily Hammin, no address provided

(At this point in the meeting, 7:13 p.m., Ms. Wade left the meeting, as her electronic connection was lost.)

After additional discussion, the vote was 6 yes—0 no—1 absent. (A copy of the policies is attached and made a part of the minutes.)

Consideration of 2014-15 Budget Amendments

It was moved by Ms. King that the 2014-15 budget amendments be approved as presented. Ms. Quinley presented several proposed amendments to the 2014-15 budget. After discussion, the vote was 6 yes—0 no—1 absent. (A copy of the budget amendments is attached and made a part of the minutes.)

(At 7:24 p.m., Ms. Wade rejoined the meeting, as her electronic connection was once again established.)

Consideration of 2015-16 Budget

It was moved by Mr. Preis that the 2015-16 budget be approved as presented. Ms. Quinley presented the 2015-16 budget for consideration. After discussion, the vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Consideration of Land Purchase Agreement for New East Elementary School

Ms. King moved approval of an agreement to purchase land for a new elementary school in eastern Columbia. Dr. Stiepleman announced the administration has negotiated a real estate contract with Vineyards Columbia LLC which will allow for the purchase of an estimated 26.35 acres at \$32,000 per acre. This property was selected as the finalist from over 20 properties considered based upon guiding principles for the ideal location of an elementary school. The purchase agreement also calls for a traffic study, a development agreement with the City of Columbia, extension of certain roadways, and sidewalks and fencing at the cost of the school district. The vote was 7 yes—0 no. (A copy of the land purchase agreement is attached and made a part of the minutes.)

Consideration of Superintendent’s Contract

It was moved by Ms. King that the superintendent’s contract be approved as presented. President Whitt presented the superintendent’s contract, which will begin July 1, 2015, and extend through June 30, 2018. He recommended that the superintendent’s salary be increased by 1.64 percent, which is the average percentage increase for teachers for 2015-16. He also recommended the superintendent receive 19 days of vacation for 2015-16, an increase from 17 days in 2014-15. After discussion and a public comment by Susan McClintic, the vote was 7 yes—0 no. (A copy of the contract is attached and made a part of the minutes.)

Consideration of Election of Board of Education Secretary and Treasurer

President Whitt nominated Tracy Davenport to serve as Board of Education Secretary and Linda Quinley to serve as Board

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of Education Treasurer for the 2015-16 school year. It was moved by Ms. Mees that the nomination of Ms. Davenport and Ms. Quinley be approved. After discussion, the vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Consideration of Early Childhood Learning Center Bid

It was moved by Ms. Mees that the bid to construct an early childhood learning center in northwest Columbia be awarded to Verslues Construction Co. of Jefferson City, Missouri, in the amount of \$8,395,720. Bids were accepted for construction of the district's 54,000-square-foot early childhood learning center, which will be located in northwest Columbia on the Lange Middle School property. Construction will begin in July 2015, with a completion date of December 2016. Ten bids were received, and Ms. Quinley recommended the contract be awarded to the low bidder meeting specifications, Verslues Construction Co. of Jefferson City, Missouri, in the amount of \$8,395,720. After discussion, the vote was 7 yes—0 no. (A copy of the bid tabulation is attached and made a part of the minutes.)

Consideration of Rock Bridge High School Roof Replacement Bid

It was moved by Ms. King that the bid for roof replacement at Rock Bridge High School be awarded to Weathercraft of Jefferson City, Missouri, in the amount of \$1,077,646. Bids were accepted for approximately 115,000 square feet of roof replacement at Rock Bridge High School. This will complete total roof replacement, as the other 53,000 square foot were replaced in the spring of 2012. Roof replacement will begin in June 2015, with completion in November 2015. Four bids were received, and Ms. Quinley recommended the contract be awarded to the low bidder meeting specifications, Weathercraft of Jefferson City, Missouri, in the amount of \$1,077,646. After discussion, the vote was 7 yes—0 no. (A copy of the bid tabulation is attached and made a part of the minutes.)

Consideration of Construction Contracts and Change Orders

It was moved by Ms. King that the construction contracts and change orders be approved as presented. Ms. Quinley presented recent construction contracts and change orders for the Board's consideration. After discussion, The vote was 7 yes—0 no. (A copy of the construction contracts and change orders is attached and made a part of the minutes.)

Consideration of Resolution Urging Veto of House Bill 42

Ms. Mees moved approval of a resolution urging Governor Nixon to veto House Bill 42. Dr. Stiepleman explained House Bill 42, if signed into law, could penalize individual schools' accreditation related to the implementation of a new statewide testing system, meaning that school districts would be obligated to allow intradistrict transfers to other schools and be required to pay for student transportation to these other schools. Ms. Mees read the resolution aloud. After discussion, the vote was 7 yes—0 no. (A copy of the resolution is attached and made a part of the minutes.)

Announcements

Ms. King announced she will appear on KFRU on Tuesday, June 9, to review and discuss the June 8 Board of Education meeting.

Information was shared about various activities in which Board members have recently taken part or in which they will soon take part.

Adjournment

There was no further business to come before the Board. Ms. King moved adjournment. The vote was 7 yes—0 no. The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

President

Attest: _____
Secretary