The Board of Education of the School District of Columbia, Boone County, Missouri, met in special session at the Administration Building, 1818 West Worley Street, at the hour of 7:30 a.m., Central Daylight Time, Thursday, the 20th day of August, 2015. Those in attendance were as follows:

President James Whitt
Vice President Jonathan Sessions
Member Paul Cushing
Member Jan Mees
Member Darin Preis
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: Member Christine King
Member Helen Wade

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by President Whitt at 7:30 a.m. Also present at the meeting were Deputy Superintendent Dr. Dana Clippard, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education Ben Tilley, and Director of School Improvement Shelli Adams.

Consideration of Agenda
The first matter of business was consideration of approval of the agenda for the August 20, 2015, meeting of the Board of Education. It was moved by Ms. Mees that the agenda be approved as presented. The vote was 5 yes—0 no—2 absent.

Tax Rate Hearing and Consideration of School District Tax Levy
Jim Cherrington, Director of Business Services, and Ms. Quinley presented an overview of the process used to determine the proposed tax rate for the Columbia School District for the 2015-16 school year.

(At 7:35 a.m., Ms. Wade arrived.)

It was recommended that the 2015-16 tax rate be established as follows:

Incidental Fund ................... $ 1.9413
Teachers Fund .................... 2.4788
Capital Projects Fund .............. .0736
Total Operating Funds Levy ........ $4.4937
Debt Service Fund Levy .......... .9719
Total Levy ........................ 5.4656

It was then moved by Ms. Wade that the 2015-16 tax rate be established at $5.4656 as recommended, which is a 2.12-cent decrease from the 2014-15 tax rate. After discussion and a public comment by Kathy Steinhoff, CMNEA president, the vote was 6 yes—0 no—1 absent.

Adjournment
There was no further business to come before the Board, and it was moved by Mr. Sessions that the meeting be adjourned. The vote was 6 yes—0 no—1 absent. The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:25 a.m.