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, Tuesday, the 1st day of July, 2014. Those in attendance were as follows:

President Christine King
Vice President James Whitt
Member Jan Mees
Member Paul Cushing
Member Darin Preis (participating electronically)
Member Jonathan Sessions
Member Helen Wade
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 King at 7:34 a.m.

Consideration of Agenda
The first matter of business was consideration of approval of the agenda for the August 21, 2014, meeting of the Board of Education. It was moved by Mr. Whitt that the agenda be approved as presented. The vote was 6 yes—0 no—1 absent (Mr. Preis was not physically present).

Tax Rate Hearing and Consideration of School District Tax Levy
Ms. Quinley presented an overview of the process used to determine the proposed tax rate for the Columbia School District for the 2014-15 school year. It was recommended that the tax rate for 2014-15 be established as follows:

- Incidental Fund ................... $ 1.8413
- Teachers Fund ................... 2.6000
- Capital Projects Fund .............. 0.0736
- Total Operating Funds Levy ......... $ 4.5149
- Debt Service Fund Levy .......... 0.9719
- Total Levy $5.4868

President King invited public comments on the proposed tax rate. No comments were received.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Cushing that the 2014-15 tax rate be established at $5.4868 as recommended. The vote was 6 yes—0 no—1 absent.

Consideration of Columbia Public Schools E-mail Accounts for Board of Education Members
President King proposed the administration establish e-mail accounts for Board of Education members. After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Wade that the administration be authorized to establish e-mail accounts for Board of Education members. The vote was 6 yes—0 no—1 absent.

Consideration of Community Improvement District Petition
President King presented a Community Improvement District petition for Board consideration. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Sessions that the petition be approved. The vote was 6 yes—0 no—1 absent.

Adjournment
It was moved by Mr. Whitt that the Board of Education immediately adjourn to meet in executive session at the Administration Building, 1818 West Worley Street, for the purpose of considering personnel issues as authorized by the provisions of Section 610.021(1)(10)(13) of the Missouri statutes. The roll call vote was as follows:
Mr. Preis was............................Absent
Mr. Cushing voted..............................Yes
Ms. Wade voted.................................Yes
Ms. Whitt voted.................................Yes
Ms. Mees voted.................................Yes
Mr. Sessions voted.............................Yes
President King voted............................Yes

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:33 a.m.