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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 Standard Time, Monday, the 10th day of November, 2014. Those in attendance were as follows:

President Christine King  
Vice President James Whitt  
Member Paul Cushing  
Member Jan Mees  
Member Darin Preis  
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 6:31 p.m.

The first matter of business was consideration of the agenda for the November 10, 2014, meeting of the Board of Education. It was moved by Ms. Mees that the agenda be approved. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

## Consent Agenda

The Board considered approval of the minutes of the executive session and regular meeting of the Board of Education on October 13, 2014; acceptance of the treasurer's report; approval of bills; approval of personnel recommendations; 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 October in the amount of \$77.66 million, cash receipts of \$8.85 million, cash disbursements of \$19.01 million, and an ending balance of \$67.50 million. The \$67.50 million was invested in government securities in the amount of \$55.80 million and daily investment accounts in the amount of \$11.70 million. The average interest rate for all investments was 0.24%.

The Board of Education had previously been provided a detailed report of bills and expenditures for the month of October 2014. The report totaled 418 pages. The following is a listing and summary of the bills as provided to the Board of Education:

General Ledger Accounts	\$4,095,065.83	Middle/Junior High Business	1,256.60
Elementary Instruction	132,390.36	Middle/Junior High Family and Cons. Sci.	3,587.13
Elementary Health	652.76	Middle/Junior High Ind. Tech.	4,615.54
Elementary Music	1,295.64	Middle/Junior High Physical Education	14.88
Elementary Art	6,631.67	Middle/Junior High Speech	846.69
Elementary Science	5,682.19	Senior High Instruction	45,239.53
Elementary Math	1,771.97	Senior High Science	19,393.00
Elementary Social Studies	658.04	Senior High Math	606.05
Elementary Physical Education	908.83	Senior High Language Arts	1,675.33
Elementary Language Arts	2,981.94	Senior High Social Studies	27,951.37
Middle/Junior High Instruction	67,993.77	Senior High Foreign Language	175.04
Middle/Junior High Science	10,469.08	Senior High Music	27,590.13
Middle/Junior High Math	1,359.48	Senior High Art	5,003.96
Middle/Junior High Language Arts	1,333.45	Senior High Business Education	2,511.05
Middle/Junior High Social Studies	1,896.06	Senior High Family and Cons. Sci.	5,760.24
Middle/Junior High Foreign Language	306.73	Senior High Industrial Tech.	4,055.34
Middle/Junior High Music	6,769.98	Senior High Physical Education	2,024.00
Middle/Junior High Art	335.66	Senior High Speech and Drama	1,032.17

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Senior High Planetarium	151.97	Assessment Services	1,352.71
Secondary Summer School	50.63	Home School Visitor	179.72
Alternate Instruction	556.93	Pupil Health Services	5,216.28
Douglass High School	10,163.61	Ancillary Services	23,999.83
Child and Family Support	383.94	Staff Coordination	10,158.89
Suspension Center	760.87	Curriculum Development	244.65
Special Ed.—All Programs	45,582.98	Staff In-service Training	114,957.99
Gifted Program	7,983.25	Library	27,022.22
Title I	9,059.17	Instructional and Info. Tech. Svcs.	88,509.91
English—Second Language	692.40	Board of Education	42,157.08
Early Childhood Special Ed.	19,799.84	District Administration	29,968.75
Voc.—All Programs	7,654.73	Office of the Principal	11,414.16
Voc. Agriculture	4,756.06	Administration—Special Ed.	1,258.02
Voc. Welding	2,836.79	Administration—Vocational	4,746.64
Voc. Business Ed.	1,631.98	Business Services	2,924.82
Voc. Family and Cons. Sci.	11.00	Maintenance Services	873,775.40
Voc. Computer Ed.	125.40	Security Services	65,555.11
Voc. Health Sciences	4,027.92	Transportation—District	4,156.77
Voc. Occ. Culinary Arts	7,763.70	Transportation—Contract	535,164.76
Voc. Trade and Industry	2,721.94	Handicapped Pupil Transportation	119,864.14
Voc. Electronics	497.08	ECSE Transportation	24,475.69
Voc. Auto Mechanics	708.34	Food Services Program	486,258.35
Voc. Marketing and Coop. Ed.	1,351.38	Food Services Other	929.58
Voc. Engineering	2,691.50	Research, Assessment, and Accountability	129.50
Voc. Broadcast Journalism	394.01	Information Services	46,385.02
Voc. Programming	63.52	Employee Benefits	67,900.90
Voc. Special Needs	189.19	Title I Early Childhood	1,128.54
Voc. Geospatial Information Sys.	139.73	Community Relations/PIE	1,596.54
Voc. Teaching Professions	12.98	Parents As Teachers	16,170.23
Voc. Phototonics	66.97	Offset Printing	16,505.82
Voc. Safety and Security	29.84	Early Childhood	19,517.00
Project Lead the Way	2,022.27	Family/Student Services	270.00
Project Lead the Way—Biomedica	502.94	Summer School	866.79
Extracurricular Activities	188,094.26	Infant/Toddler Day Care	40.21
Athletics	65,708.57	Revolving Accounts	1,071.05
Adult Basic Education	1,392.90	Parent Involvement	4,660.67
Adult Business Education	9,036.95	2010 Bonds Issued 03/14	2,523,612.06
Adult Vocational Trades	5,762.32	2012 Bonds Issued 04/15	318,023.04
Health Occupations	11,045.12	Capital Projects—Tax	632,270.27
Enrichment	2,440.65		
Financial Aid Office	1,320.57		
Payments to Other Districts	7,590.50		
Counseling/Guidance	14,682.13		
		<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$11,058,739.43</b>

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

Awarding of bids for materials, supplies, and equipment was recommended as follows:

Flooring (Benton Elementary School)	Award to low bidder meeting specifications, Continental Flooring, Scottsdale, AZ, in the amount of \$58,600.00
Custom computers (Columbia Area Career Center)	Award to only bidder, Personalized Computers, Columbia, MO, in the amount of \$107,120.00

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IT equipment recycling services (Technology Services)	Award to low bidder meeting specifications, MRC Recycling, Imperial, MO
Authorization to renew contract for professional lawn mowing and irrigation services from March 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015 (mowing services district-wide and irrigation services for Rock Bridge, Hickman, and Battle high schools, the Administration Building, and West Middle School)	Renew contract with Columbia Landcare, Columbia, MO, as follows:  Mowing ..... \$274,950.29 Irrigation ..... 14,316.76
Authorization to purchase vehicle (Custodial Services)	Purchase from Joe Machens Ford, Columbia, MO, in the amount of \$23,143.00

It was reported that there are several items of surplus property that are either no longer needed by a particular school or no longer required for use by the district, and it was requested that the Board act to dispose of the property by adoption of the following resolution:

### Resolution

RESOLVED, that there are within the Columbia School District several items of school property that are either no longer needed by a particular school or no longer required for use by the district, such items being contained on the list which is submitted and made a part of this resolution.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the district redistribute or sell all of the aforesaid school property. If sold, the property will go to the highest bidder after proper publication of notice and pursuant to Section 177.091, RSMo.

Also presented for consideration were:

- Revisions to the following existing district policies to comport with state and federal laws or to clarify language:
  - AD, School District Mission
  - EBCA, Crisis Intervention Plan
  - EEA, Student Transportation Services
- Issuance of early letters of intent for acquisition of staff for the 2015-16 school year
- Names of administrators and public citizens appointed to Board of Education committees for 2014-15
- G-17 disclosure and underwriter engagement letter for bonds
- A proposal to name the Midway Heights Elementary School baseball field “Frank Graham Field”
- Kaboodle Kit agreement with the Assistance League of Mid-Missouri
- Agreement with Columbia Housing Authority for property to house Adult Learning Center
- Communications tower cooperative agreement and construction agreement with Boone County
- School resource officer agreement with City of Columbia
- Hickman High School Amnesty International human rights enhancement agreement
- Oakland Middle School yearbook purchase agreement
- Weather or Not Inc. weather services contract from November 1, 2014 through October 31, 2015
- University of Northern Colorado College of Natural and Health Sciences educational affiliation agreement

It was moved by Mr. Whitt that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Mr. Cushing requested removal of item 1f12, the Weather or Not services contract, from the consent agenda for separate consideration as item 7a under New Business; and President King requested removal of item 1f8, the cell tower agreements, from the consent agenda for separate consideration as item 7b under New Business; with all the other New Business items moving under these two items on the agenda accordingly.. Mr. Sessions noted the overview of item 1e1 should be corrected to reference policy AD rather than policy A. The vote to approve the consent agenda as amended was 7 yes—0 no.

### Special Recognition

#### **Rock Bridge High School Girls' Tennis Team, State Championship**

Special recognition was given to the Rock Bridge High School girls' tennis team for winning the 2014 state championship title.

#### **Rock Bridge High School Boys' Baseball Team, State Championship**

Special recognition was given to the Rock Bridge High School boys' baseball team for winning the 2014 state championship title.

### Public Comment

A public comment was offered from the following individual:

- Verna LaBoy, 611 W. Worley

### Board President's Report

#### **Reports from Columbia Missouri National Education Association and Columbia Missouri State Teachers Association**

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

### Superintendent's Report

#### **World Café Review**

Dr. Stiepleman presented a review of the World Café held on October 21, 2014 regarding readiness for school and career readiness. The three major themes that emerged as a result of input received from participants in the World Café were healthy children, access to education, and access to support. The feedback will continue to be reviewed to identify barriers as well as examine existing programs or ideas for solutions.

Dr. Stiepleman reported on his recent trip to Knoxville, Tennessee, as part of a Columbia Chamber of Commerce leadership visit, and how it showed economic development is inextricably linked with early childhood education and authentic connections to the business community. The overarching message that came out of the trip was "Communities with the best schools win."

Dr. Stiepleman also shared information about his recent trip to the Blue Valley School District in Overland Park, Kansas, with a group of school district leaders and community members to observe the Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) program which has been implemented there. In this program, high school juniors and seniors attend school for half the day and attend CAPS for the other half of the day. This internship program offers the opportunity for students to work on real-world problems, and strengthened our administrators' belief that students ought to be able to align their coursework with their interests. Efforts will be made to come up with a schedule that supports this.

#### **Early Childhood Learning Center Design Plans Review**

Ben Tilley, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, presented information on the design process, the plan for interior and exterior spaces, and the next steps in the design process for the district's Early Childhood Learning Center. Construction on the center, which will be located next to Lange Middle School, is planned to begin in July 2015 with an anticipated completion date of January 2017.

#### **Late Start Days Discussion**

Ms. Quinley presented information related to a two-hour late start plan in the event of certain weather events in 2014-15. By starting school two hours later in these situations, there will be time to assure safer transportation and arrival of students, and to ensure more instructional time during the regular school year. The plan should be operational within the next two weeks.

### Unfinished Business

#### **Consideration of Policy BCE, “Board Committees/Advisory Committees to the Board”**

Dr. Stiepleman and Ms. Mees presented information on revisions to policy BCE, “Board Committees/Advisory Committees to the Board,” for a first reading. It was moved by Mr. Sessions that policy BCE be approved as presented. After discussion, the vote was 7 yes—0 no.

### New Business

#### **Consideration of Weather Services Contract**

It was moved by Mr. Sessions that the contract for weather services be approved as presented. Mr. Cushing requested clarification regarding the need for the Weather or Not contract. After clarification from Dr. Stiepleman and discussion, the vote to approve the contract was 7 yes—0 no.

#### **Consideration of Cell Tower Agreements**

It was moved by Mr. Preis that the cooperative and construction agreements for a cell tower to be placed on the Battle Elementary School site be approved as presented. President King requested clarification on the meaning of these agreements. Ms. Quinley explained what each agreement means and what the possible outcomes could be, depending on whether or not the Battle area is annexed by the City of Columbia. After discussion, the vote was 7 yes—0 no.

#### **Consideration of Student Transportation Services**

It was moved by Ms. Mees that the Board approve Student Transportation of America as the district’s provider of student transportation services for a five-year period beginning with the 2015-16 school year, contingent on contract work being acceptable, with a proposed contract to be presented at the Board’s regular meeting on December 8, 2014, for consideration of approval. Ms. Quinley explained the current contract for pupil transportation services with First Student, Inc., expires at the end of the 2014-15 school year, completing the originally authorized five-year agreement with First Student and a sixth year which was authorized for 2014-15. Requests for proposals were sent and made available with a request that bidders bid the current model of full service and consider optional models a firm might consider a better option for Columbia Public Schools. Additionally, it was requested that all bidders provide information on possible options that might encourage healthier student transportation and behavior. One company offered an alternative model in which the school district would negotiate the acquisition of the bus fleet and acquire it under a lease purchase agreement. The provider would then provide turn-key services to include all costs of fleet maintenance, repair, and insurance. Under this model, the district would make two payments, one for the lease purchase and one for the service. At the end of the bus lease/purchase, the district would own the fleet. Based on the bids received and the input of building and program leaders, the administration recommended a contract for the current model of programming with Student Transportation of America (STA). STA’s proposal would leave the budget for daily routing flat at \$10.1 million for 2015-16 and increase over the five-year agreement to \$11.3 million. Two representatives from Student Transportation of America provided additional information. After discussion, public comments were received from the following individuals:

- Mark Bruemmer, 230 West Dunklin Street, Jefferson City (representing Teamster Local 833)
- Wayne Gensler, 11960 Westline Industrial, St. Louis (representing First Student)

The vote was 7 yes—0 no. The proposed contract with Student Transportation of America will be presented for consideration at the Board’s December 8, 2014, meeting.

#### **Consideration of Policy JC, “School Attendance Areas”**

It was moved by Mr. Preis that policy JC, “School Attendance Areas,” be accepted for a first reading as presented. After an overview was presented by Dr. Stiepleman and additional discussion, the vote was 7 yes—0 no. The policy will be presented for a second reading and consideration of approval at the Board’s regular meeting on December 8, 2014.

#### **Consideration of Policy ECA, “Building and Grounds Security”**

It was moved by Ms. Wade that policy ECA, “Building and Grounds Security,” be accepted for a first reading. After an overview was presented by Dr. Stiepleman and additional discussion about this policy and what it means, the vote was 5 yes—2 no (Mr. Preis and Mr. Whitt voted no). The policy will be presented for a second reading and consideration of approval at the Board’s regular meeting on December 8, 2014.

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## **Consideration of Construction Contracts and Change Orders**

It was moved by Mr. Sessions 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. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

## **Announcements**

President King announced Ms. Wade will appear on KFRU on Tuesday, November 11, to review and discuss the November 10 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, and it was moved by Mr. Whitt that the meeting be adjourned. The vote was 7 yes—0 no. The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:12 p.m.