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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 8th day of February, 2016. Those in attendance were as follows:

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Whitt at 6:30 p.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.

The first matter of business was consideration of the agenda for the February 8, 2016, meeting of the Board of Education. It was moved by Ms. Wade that the agenda be approved as presented. The vote was 6 yes—0 no—1 absent.

Consent Agenda

The Board considered approval of the minutes of the special and regular sessions of the Board of Education on January 11, 2016; approval of the minutes of the special session of the Board of Education on January 15, 2016; approval of the minutes of the special session of the Board of Education on January 21, 2016; 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 January in the amount of \$65.75 million, cash receipts of \$101.99 million, cash disbursements of \$23.81 million, and an ending balance of \$143.93 million. The \$143.93 million was invested in government securities in the amount of \$134.70 million and daily investment accounts in the amount of \$9.23 million. The average interest rate for all investments was 0.63%.

The Board of Education had previously been provided a detailed report of bills and expenditures for the month of January 2016. The report totaled 311 pages. The bills payable totaled \$11,003,723.49.

Personnel recommendations were made to the Board for employment and/or separations regarding professional and support staff positions in the district.

Revisions to the following policy were recommended for approval:

- KL, "Public Concerns and Complaints"

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

Also presented for consideration were:

- Application to 3M for STEAM bus funding
- Grant application to Missouri Arts Council for Lee Elementary School project, "Acting Right: Establishing the Kinesthetic, Cooperative Learning Environment"
- Grant application to Missouri Arts Council for Grant Elementary School project, "Ten Years of Blues in the Schools at Grant"

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- Missouri Preschool Program Learning Communities Project consulting agreement
- Missouri Preschool Program Learning Communities Project presenter agreement
- Hotel use agreement for Moving On Together (MoT), a program of Project Construct
- Linn State Technical College (State Technical College of Missouri) dual credit agreement
- University of Missouri–St. Louis academic partnership with Columbia Area Career Center
- Hanover Research agreement to review Research, Assessment, and Accountability department
- Service agreement with World Instructor Training Schools
- Facility use agreement with Curators of the University of Missouri for 2016 graduation ceremonies for Battle, Hickman, and Rock Bridge high schools
- Rock Bridge High School boys' basketball charter terms and conditions with White Knight Coaches
- Full service HVAC filter replacement renewal
- Fertilization and weed control service agreement with Turfmark Services, LLC
- MOTiming service agreement to provide timing services for middle school track meets on March 23, May 4, May 5, and May 10, 2016
- Service agreement with Ultimate Security Window Armor for security window film
- Service agreement with TV Eyes to monitor newscasts for key words, topics, or people
- Service agreement with Terracon Consultants Inc. for Battle High School roof study and repair

It was moved by Ms. Mees that the agenda be approved as presented. The vote was 6 yes—0 no—1 absent.

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

Special Recognition

Hickman High School, Professional Learning Communities Exemplary School

Special recognition was given to Hickman High School for its recent designation by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as a Professional Learning Communities Exemplary School.

(At 6:34 p.m., Mr. Sessions arrived.)

Public Comment

Public comments were received from the following individuals:

- David Aulgur, Gentry Middle School
- Deb Peters, Smithton Middle School
- Danielle Johnson, Oakland Middle School

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 Kathy Steinhoff, Columbia Missouri National Education Association president, presented reports from their respective organizations on recent and future activities.

Superintendent's Report

Achievement—Report of District Support Teams

Dr. Dana Clippard, Deputy Superintendent; Ben Tilley, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education; and Shelli Adams, Director of School Improvement, presented a report on student achievement and District Support Teams. Highlights included MAP and STAR correlational data on communication arts/reading and math assessments; information on STAR reading and math assessments; and an overview of the District Support Team process.

Financial Update

Ms. Quinley presented an update on the state foundation formula calculation and estimates for the current fiscal year reflecting the most recent information available. She reviewed the primary components of the formula (Weighted Average Daily

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Attendance, State Adequacy Target, Dollar Value Modifier, and Appropriation Percentage) and showed the total revenue produced from the formula. Current projections for 2015-16 show the school district will receive \$894,108 less than budgeted from the foundation formula.

New Business

Consideration of Resolution in Support of University of Missouri

It was moved by Ms. King that a resolution in support of the University of Missouri be approved as presented. Dr. Stiepleman explained that the City of Columbia and County of Boone approved a similar resolution last week, recognizing the value of the University of Missouri to Columbia's economy (as well as the state's economy) and expressing support for adequate state funding of the university. The vote was 7 yes—0 no. (A copy of the resolution is attached and made a part of the minutes.)

Consideration of Annual Audit Services Proposal

It was moved by Mr. Sessions that the proposal of Marr and Company, P.C. to perform audit services for the school district be approved as presented. Ms. Quinley explained that the district's current audit firm, Gerding, Korte and Chitwood, has elected to discontinue performing audit services for school districts. Five proposals were received, none of which were from local auditors. The proposal of Marr and Company, a Kansas City firm, was recommended. After discussion, the vote was 7 yes—0 no. (A copy of the proposal is attached and made a part of the minutes.)

Consideration of 2016-17 Budget Parameters

It was moved by Ms. King that the 2016-17 budget parameters be approved as presented. Ms. Quinley presented the parameters, which are the same as those for 2015-16, as follows:

Preface

The Board of Education has used a multi-year budget planning process in recent years which resulted in intentionally increased operating fund balances. These balances, along with conservative revenue improvement forecasts, allow sustained operations without continued reductions. The state foundation formula has not been fully funded since 2008-2009 and is projected to remain underfunded for the foreseeable future. This has increased the reliance on local revenues to support growth and increased needs of the District. The local economy remains strong in Columbia however the assessed valuation growth over the most recent five years, which includes one reassessment year, has averaged 2.35%. This is different from the five previous years where the assessed valuation averaged 3.52% between 2006-2007 and 2010-2011. The recent year trends in assessed valuation create fewer local revenue dollars to support the growth of the District.

The District acknowledges deficit spending is not a long-term sustainable strategy; however, it was intentionally applied for 2013-2014 and is planned for future budget years to continue operations, open new schools and maintain class size at reasonable levels. The current 5-year financial model will require revenue improvements in order to eliminate deficit spending and continue current operations.

With this long-term vision, the 2016-2017 budget will be developed in a collaborative process and consider priorities and the District's Mission, Vision and Values using the following parameters.

1. The Board of Education will consider program and departmental budget adjustments as necessary to promote student achievement.
2. The Board of Education will consider salary improvements for all employee groups through the budget and negotiation processes.
3. The Board of Education will consider employee benefit programs for eligible employees through the budget and negotiation processes.
4. Operating efficiencies will continue to be reviewed and considered throughout the budget process.
5. An appropriate level of fund balance will be determined and reflected in the five year model based on current and projected future total expenditures. Controlled spending will ensure financial integrity.

After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Mees that language be added to the parameters indicating the appropriate level of reserve balances at 18 to 20 percent. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

The vote on the original motion, including Ms. Mees' revision, was 7 yes—0 no.

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Consideration of Policies for First Read and/or Approval

It was moved by Mr. Sessions that policies CFB and CFBA be approved as presented. Ms. Quinley presented the following policies:

- CFB, "Evaluation of Principals"
- CFBA, "Evaluation of Administrative Staff Other Than Superintendents or Principals"

The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

It was then moved by Mr. Session that policy FEF be approved for a first reading. Ms. Quinley presented two versions of the following policy for first read and/or approval, one from Missouri School Boards Association and another which included suggested revisions by the Columbia Public School District's legal counsel.

- FEF, "Construction Contracts Bidding and Awards"

After discussion, the vote to approve policy FEF for a first reading was 7 yes—0 no.

Consideration of Construction Contracts and Change Orders

It was moved by Ms. Mees 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.)

Announcements

President Whitt announced Ms. Mees will appear on KFRU on Tuesday, February 9, to review and discuss the February 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

It was moved by Mr. Sessions 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:

Ms. King voted	Yes
Ms. Mees voted	Yes
Mr. Sessions voted	Yes
Ms. Wade voted	Yes
Mr. Cushing voted	Yes
Mr. Preis voted	Yes
President Whitt voted	Yes

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

President

Attest: _____
Secretary