

Record of the Board of Education of the Columbia School District

Regular Session, 12th day of January, 2015

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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 12th day of January, 2015. 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 6:29 p.m.

The first matter of business was consideration of the agenda for the January 12, 2015, 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 December 8, 2014; 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 December in the amount of \$56.22 million, cash receipts of \$23.79 million, cash disbursements of \$20.89 million, and an ending balance of \$59.13 million. The \$59.13 million was invested in government securities in the amount of \$46.13 million and daily investment accounts in the amount of \$12 million. The average interest rate for all investments was 0.27%.

The Board of Education had previously been provided a detailed report of bills and expenditures for the month of December 2014. The report totaled 326 pages. The bills payable totaled \$9,151,997.85.

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

Revisions to the following district policies were presented for consideration of approval due to legal changes, language clarifications, and recommendations from the Missouri School Boards Association:

- BDDG, Minutes
- BDDL, Release of Information
- BF, School Board Policy Process

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

Also presented for consideration were:

- Purchasing card services agreement with Bank of America
- University of Missouri agreement for services under Boone County Coalition grant
- Lange Middle School yearbook purchase agreement with Walsworth Publishing Company
- Communications tower cooperative agreement and construction agreement with Boone County
- Full service HVAC filter replacement agreement with Filter Services of St. Louis

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It was moved by Mr. Sessions that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Ms. Quinley requested that item 1f5 under Business Transactions, the communications tower cooperative agreement and construction agreement with Boone County, be removed from the consent agenda, as the agreements are still being worked out with Boone County. The vote to approve the consent agenda with the exception of item 1f5 was 7 yes—0 no.

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

Special Recognition

Kari Schuster, MSTA Leadership Class

Special recognition was given to Kari Schuster, who has been named as part of the Missouri State Teachers Association's inaugural MSTA Leadership Class.

Public Comment

No public comments were offered.

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.

Discussion of Detail in Board Meeting Minutes

President King noted there are areas of the minutes of Board of Education meetings where detailed information is included, when it is already included as part of the consent agenda. Ms. Quinley read a statement from Jim McGinnis, auditor with Gerding, Korte and Chitwood, stating that including this level of detail in the minutes is redundant, and noting that Columbia is the only municipal client of theirs in the state which does this. The two specific areas he referenced were the listing of bills payable and the listing of bids. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that future minutes omit this level of detail.

Superintendent's Report

Naming Committee Report

Dr. Stiepleman reviewed the history of the process used for naming schools. The naming committee, formed in September 2013, solicited names for three sites: the northeast site near Battle High School, the southwest site off of Scott Boulevard, and the early childhood learning center on the Lange Middle School property. The top two names for each site are to be recommended to the Board of Education for consideration. The top two names recommended by the committee for the southwest elementary school site were Luella St. Clair and Beulah Ralph.

Delayed Start Report

Dr. Stiepleman reviewed the purposes of the school district's late start option and noted there have so far been three instances when this option has been implemented. Ms. Quinley presented statistics on absences resulting from the delayed start. Fairly high levels of absences were noted the first day the delayed start was implemented (Wednesday, January 7), but absences were significantly less the second delayed-start day (Thursday, January 8). After discussion, the consensus of the Board was that delayed start continue to be an option, and that the administration use this option judiciously.

Unfinished Business

Consideration of Policy GBM, "Staff Grievances"

It was moved by Mr. Whitt that policy GBM, "Staff Grievances," 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.)

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Consideration of Naming of New Southwest Elementary School

It was moved by Mr. Sessions that the new elementary school off of Scott Boulevard, currently under construction, be named Beulah Ralph Elementary School. After discussion, public comments were received from the following individuals:

- Monica Naylor, 4809 Silver Cliff Drive
- James Gray, 1805 N. Charleston
- Judy Hubbard, pastor at Imani Mission, 7 E. Ash Street
- Monica Miller, 1607 Richardson Street
- Glenn Cobbins (no address provided)
- Mary Ratliff, 211 Park Deville Drive

The vote to name the new school Beulah Ralph Elementary School was 7 yes—0 no.

At this point in the meeting (7:29 p.m.), a recess was declared. At 7:35 p.m., the Board reconvened and began to consider further agenda items.

New Business

Consideration of Revised Social Studies Curriculum

Columbia Public Schools operates a systemic process for periodic study, review, and revision of curriculum standards and objectives. This process includes the voices of teachers, students, parents, and patrons. During 2013-14, the district's Social Studies department revised K-12 curriculum objectives to align with the Missouri Learning Standards. It was moved by Ms. Mees that the revised social studies curriculum be approved as presented. Nick Kremer, the district's social studies coordinator, presented details on the revised curriculum. After discussion, the vote was 7—0.

Consideration of Resolution Authorizing the Offering for Sale of General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds and Pay Capital Expenditures Authorized at April 3, 2012, Bond Election; and Engagement of Financial Advisor and Legal Counsel for Bond Sale

It was moved by Mr. Preis that a resolution authorizing the offering for sale of approximately \$42,000,000 of general obligation refunding and improvement bonds be approved as presented, and that certain professionals be engaged therewith. Ms. Quinley presented the resolution and explained approximately \$41,345,000 of the proceeds of this bond sale would be used to refund a portion of the district's outstanding bonds and pay capital expenditures authorized at the April 3, 2012, bond election. In addition, Series 2006, 2007, and 2008 bonds are anticipated to be refinanced in conjunction with the improvement bonds in the total additional approximate amount of \$30 million; the refunding is projected to save net debt service in the amount of over \$2.8 million. The closing is anticipated for May 12, 2015. Jack Dillingham of Piper Jaffray and Toni Stegemann of Gilmore and Bell responded to questions. The vote to approve the resolution, as well as to engage Piper Jaffray to serve as underwriter of the bonds and for Gilmore and Bell to serve as the district's bond counsel, was 7 yes—0 no. (A copy of the resolution is attached and made a part of the minutes.)

Consideration of Policy GBCA, "Staff Conflict of Interest"

It was moved by Mr. Sessions that policy GBCA, "Staff Conflict of Interest," be accepted as presented for a first reading. After discussion, Mr. Sessions amended his original motion to table this policy and send it back to the Policy Committee.

Consideration of Policy JG-R, "Student Discipline"

It was moved by Mr. Sessions that policy JG-R, "Student Discipline," be accepted as presented for a first reading. After discussion, the vote was 7 yes—0 no. The policy will be presented at the Board's regular meeting on February 9, 2015, for a second reading and consideration of approval.

Consideration of Construction Contracts and Change Orders

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

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Announcements

President King announced the Board will meet in executive session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 9, prior to the regular Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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

President King announced Mr. Whitt will appear on KFRU on Tuesday, January 13, to review and discuss the January 12 Board of Education meeting.

Adjournment

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

President

Attest: _____
Secretary