

Record of the Board of Education of the Columbia School District

Regular Session, 9th day of November, 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 9th day of November, 2015. Those in attendance were as follows:

President James Whitt
Vice President Jonathan Sessions
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: None

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 November 9, 2015, meeting of the Board of Education. It was moved by Ms. King that the agenda be approved as presented. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Consent Agenda

The Board considered approval of the minutes of the regular and special sessions of the Board of Education on October 12, 2015; approval of the minutes of the special session of the Board of Education on October 22, 2015; approval of the minutes of the special session of the Board of Education on October 30, 2015; 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 October in the amount of \$90.13 million, cash receipts of \$9.58 million, cash disbursements of \$20.76 million, and an ending balance of \$78.95 million. The \$78.95 million was invested in government securities in the amount of \$70.70 million and daily investment accounts in the amount of \$8.25 million. The average interest rate for all investments was 0.33%.

The Board of Education had previously been provided a detailed report of bills and expenditures for the month of October 2015. The report totaled 431 pages. The bills payable totaled \$13,503,828.48.

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

Revisions to the following policy were recommended for approval:

- IGBCA, "Programs for Homeless Students"

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

Also presented for consideration were:

- Annual architect evaluation and request to extend contract with Peckham, Wright and Associates for one year
- University of Missouri-Kansas City dual credit memorandum of understanding
- Agreement with Buzz Thomas to speak at the October 22, 2015, World Café
- Subscription and technical assistance agreement with COR Advantage
- Facilities use agreement with Stephens College for Douglass High School prom

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- Project Construct joint proposal with ChildCare Aware for Express Scripts grant for Ferguson Impact Area training
- Hotel use agreements for Moving On Together (a program of Project Construct)
- Missouri Preschool Program Learning Communities Project presenter agreements
- Indian Hills Community College National Science Foundation Award
- Dell "Return It" Program agreement
- Utility agreement with Boone Electric Cooperative for Battle Elementary School
- Snow removal agreements with Columbia Landcare and Salter Lawn Service
- Facility service agreements with Officer Mechanical and Air Masters
- STEAM bus sponsorship agreements
- License for Rock Bridge High School to produce and present "Metamorphoses"
- Easement for Boone Electric Cooperative on the Battle campus
- Blackboard for Schoolwires agreement
- Missouri Center for Education Safety grant (school safety grants)

It was moved by Ms. Mees that the agenda be approved as presented. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

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

Public Comment

No public comments were offered.

Board President's Report

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

Kathy Steinhoff, 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.

Summer Authority Recommendation

Mr. Whitt noted that the school district's attorney and the school district's auditor both have recommended that the Board of Education hold business meetings in the summer to approve contracts, budget amendments, the hiring of employees, and other business items, rather than authorizing the administration to conduct such business over the summer in the absence of Board meetings and then the Board approving summer actions at its regular September meeting. After discussion, the consensus of the Board was that a July Board meeting be added for business purposes only, and that business items be added to the Board meeting held in August for the annual tax rate hearing.

Superintendent's Report

Cradle to Career Collaborative Action Network Update

Dr. Pam Conway, Executive Director of the Cradle to Career Alliance, presented an update on the Cradle to Career Collaborative Action Network. The Collaborative Action Network, which is a group of state and local entities all working toward the education and well-being of children, explores root causes, best practices, positive deviants, innovative ideas, and deterrents to success; then it moves to action.

Bond Issue/Tax Levy Proposal

Dr. Stiepleman presented information regarding a proposed bond issue and an operating levy increase for the April 2016 ballot. He reviewed successes of the district, including major projects completed as a result of the bond issues voters approved in 2012 and 2014, elimination of trailers at schools, and a positive record of student achievement; he also reviewed challenges facing the district, including student enrollment growth, the increasing costs to educate each student and to provide student transportation, and declining revenues from the state. To continue providing an excellent education for all students and cope with the challenges, the administration recommends a \$30 million no-tax-increase bond issue and a 65-cent increase in the tax levy be proposed. The bond and levy proposal will be discussed in greater detail at the Board's work session on November 19, 2015.

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Sports Marketing Program Recommendation

Ms. Quinley provided an overview of the district's sports marketing program, which began in 2010. At the end of the 2015-16 school year, the current contract will expire. When this issue was discussed at the Board's October 12, 2015, regular meeting, the administration was directed to conduct an evaluation to see whether the district could do this internally. After the evaluation, it was the opinion of the administration that the sports marketing program should be handled internally for the 2016-17 school year and that it be evaluated annually to see whether or not it is effective.

(At this point in the meeting, 8:15 p.m., it was necessary for Mr. Cushing to leave the meeting.)

Unfinished Business

Consideration of Naming New Early Childhood Learning Center

It was moved by Mr. Sessions that the new early childhood learning center be named "Columbia Public Schools Center for Early Learning—North." Mr. Tilley presented an overview of the work of the naming committee. The vote was 6 yes—0 no—1 absent.

New Business

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 6 yes—0 no—1 absent. (A copy of the construction contracts and change orders is attached and made a part of the minutes.)

Announcements

President Whitt announced Mr. Preis will appear on KFRU on Tuesday, November 10, to review and discuss the November 9 Board of Education meeting.

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 issues regarding negotiations with employee groups as authorized by the provisions of Section 610.021(9) 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 was	Absent
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 8:28 p.m.

President

Attest: _____
Secretary