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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 Daylight Time, Monday, the 11th day of April, 2016.

First Session

Those in attendance were as follows:

President James Whitt
Vice President Jonathan Sessions
Member Paul Cushing (by videoconference)
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

Second Session

Those in attendance were as follows:

President James Whitt
Vice President Jonathan Sessions
Member Paul Cushing (by videoconference)
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

First Session

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Whitt at 6:30 p.m. Also present were Deputy Superintendent Dr. Dana Clippard and Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education Ben Tilley.

The first matter of business was consideration of the agenda for the April 11, 2016, meeting of the Board of Education. It was moved by Ms. Mees that the agenda be approved. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Consideration of April 5, 2016, Election Results

The next order of business was the consideration of results of the election of members to the Board of Education held April 5, 2016. President Whitt presented the following unofficial results of the April 5 election:

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Election of Directors

To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education each to serve for a term of three (3) years.

Paul Rainsberger	4,527
James A. Whitt	7,974
Sarah Elizabeth Dubbert	6,295
Joseph Arthur Toepke	2,929
Jan Mees	12,505

Question 1

Shall The School District of Columbia, Boone County, Missouri, be authorized to increase the operating tax levy by sixty-five cents (\$0.65) per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for general school operating purposes, including maintaining current programs, providing support for an increasing student enrollment and assisting in recruiting high-quality faculty? If this proposition is approved, the District's adjusted operating tax levy ceiling is estimated to be \$5.1437 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

Yes	11,394
No	10,282

Question 2

Shall The School District of Columbia, Boone County, Missouri, issue its general obligation bonds in the amount of Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000) for the purpose of paying costs of acquiring, constructing, improving, extending, repairing, remodeling, renovating, furnishing and equipping new and existing school facilities and acquiring land therefor, including, without limitation, acquiring and developing land and preparing plans for a new middle school, constructing additions to two elementary schools, renovating and expanding a cafeteria kitchen, improving outdoor middle school athletic facilities, repairing or replacing roofs, windows, parking lots, and heating and air conditioning, and improving technology? Approval of this question is expected to result in no increase of the District's current debt service tax levy, which is estimated to remain at \$0.9719 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

Yes	16,037
No	5,624

It was moved by Ms. Wade that the election results be accepted, and that James Whitt and Jan Mees be presented with certificates of election acknowledging their election as members of the Columbia Board of Education for a term of three years each. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

There was no other business to come before the Board at the first session. Mr. Sessions moved that the first session be adjourned *sine die*. The vote was 7 yes—0 no. President Whitt declared that the session was adjourned *sine die*.

Second Session

The second session of the April 11, 2016, meeting of the Columbia Board of Education was called to order by Board Secretary Tracy Davenport.

Oath of Office to Recently Elected Board of Education Members

Presentation of the Certificates of Election

Ms. Davenport administered the oath of office to James Whitt and Jan Mees and presented each of them with a certificate of election.

Organization of the Board of Education

Election of the President

Ms. Davenport then requested nominations for the position of President of the Columbia Board of Education for a term of one

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year. Ms. King moved that Jim Whitt be nominated for the position of President for a term of one year. There were no other nominations. The vote was 7 yes—0 no, and Mr. Whitt was declared unanimously elected by acclamation.

Presentation of the Gavel to the President

Ms. Davenport then presented the gavel to President Whitt, and President Whitt began to conduct the meeting.

Election of the Vice President

President Whitt then called for nominations for the position of Vice President of the Columbia Board of Education for a term of one year. It was moved by Ms. Mees that Jonathan Sessions be nominated for the position of Vice President. There were no other nominations. The vote was 7 yes—0 no, and Mr. Sessions was declared unanimously elected by acclamation.

Consent Agenda

The next matter of business was the consideration of the approval of consent agenda items: approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education held on March 14, 2016; approval of the minutes of the special session of the Board of Education held on March 24, 2016; 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 March in the amount of \$138.81 million, cash receipts of \$17.77 million, cash disbursements of \$20.62 million, and an ending balance of \$135.97 million. The \$135.97 million was invested in government securities in the amount of \$121.00 million and daily investment accounts in the amount of \$14.97 million. The average interest rate for all investments was 0.74%.

The Board of Education had previously been provided a detailed report of bills and expenditures for the month of March 2016. The report totaled 382 pages. The bills payable totaled \$10,980,149.19.

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.

Also presented for consideration were:

- Construction change orders
- Battle High School prom facilities use agreement with The Plaza Event Center
- Battle High School track meet service agreement with TRXC Timing, LLC
- Hickman High School girls' basketball bus rental with Doc & Norm Direct
- Hickman High School MOTiming service agreement
- Rock Bridge High School speech and debate team hotel contract
- Rock Bridge High School prom DJ services agreement
- AVID Path to Schoolwide Training agreement
- Columbia Area Career Center standard training agreement
- Columbia Area Career Center curriculum agricultural science education agreement
- Columbia Area Career Center Carl D. Perkins post-secondary consortium agreement with Rolla Technical Institute-Center and Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- Cooperating School District affiliation agreement with University of Central Missouri
- Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education School Age Community (SAC) grant applications for Shepard Boulevard and New Haven elementary schools
- Food service contracts with Missouri Department of Health
- Pizza delivery service agreement with Central MO Pizza Inc. (Domino's)
- National Math and Science Initiative professional development agreement
- National School Lunch Program equipment assistance grant application
- Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) cost-share application
- Missouri Arts Council grant applications for Blues in the Schools program
- Summer school Fun City Academy memorandum of understanding
- Facility use agreement with The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for district fifth grade honors choir

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- West Middle School orchestra room asbestos removal service agreement
- Smithton Middle School trailer relocation project electrical services agreement
- Restorative Practices training agreement
- Conflict waiver for Armstrong Teasdale LLP
- Boys and Girls Club school year 2016-17 memorandum of understanding
- Boys and Girls Club summer school 2016 memorandum of understanding
- Paying agent fees proposal with UMB Bank for general obligation refunding and improvement bonds Series 2016

It was moved by Mr. Preis that the consent 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.)

Special Recognition

Brittany Wen, State Champion in 500-yard Freestyle (Swimming)

Special recognition was given to Hickman High School junior Brittany Wen for earning the state championship for the 500-yard Freestyle at the 2016 MSHSAA Girls' State Swimming and Diving Competition.

Rock Bridge High School Girls' Swimming and Diving Championship

Special recognition was given to the Rock Bridge High School girls' swimming and diving team as the winner of the 2016 MSHSAA Girls' State Swimming and Diving Competition.

Dr. Stiepleman also reported that wrestler and Hickman High School graduate J'Den Cox has qualified for the 2016 Summer Olympics.

Public Comment

Public comments were received from the following individuals:

- Molly Pozel and Jordan Smith, Battle High School students

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

Financial Update

Ms. Quinley shared information on fixed costs and a timeline for development of the 2016-17 school year budget. She provided details on property and liability insurance, transportation costs, utilities, and other fixed costs. Total fixed costs are projected to come in \$1,148,203 under budget, due in large part to decreases in fuel costs. Planning and assumptions for the 2016-17 budget were also discussed. A draft budget is planned for presentation to the Board at its May 19 work session, with the final budget being presented for consideration of approval at the regular Board of Education meeting on June 13. It was the consensus of the Board that an informational public budget meeting be held between the Board's work session on May 19 and regular meeting on June 13.

Student Special Permission Report

Dr. Stiepleman presented information on student transfers by special permission. The district's current practice is to allow fifth graders to remain at their current school in cases when their residence changes to a different attendance area, as long as that school's enrollment is not negatively impacted. The administration will be expanding that practice to include eighth and twelfth graders as well. He also said the administration is reviewing existing enrollments in order to make a decision about whether transfers by children of employees to certain schools can be allowed; for example, Gentry, which is currently overcrowded, had 65 transfers of employees' children this school year. The sixth grade option is being reviewed for next year.

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Professional Development Report

Mr. Tilley presented a report on professional development in the district and new ways of thinking about it. He reviewed models of professional development from the past, present, and future. He shared information about a new math professional development classroom that will be housed at Beulah Ralph Elementary School, but will be available to all schools in the district as well as to district partners (the University of Missouri, Columbia College, and Westminster College). The primary focus of this classroom will be mathematics, but it can also be used for other lessons. The room has a window with two-way glass, so that observers can view what is going on in the classroom, but those in the classroom cannot see the observers. Lessons can also be recorded and streamed.

New Business

Consideration of Revised 2015-16 School Year Calendar

Dr. Stiepleman presented a revised 2015-16 school year calendar, which reflects that May 26, 2016 be an early release day and the last day of school for students. The district used just one snow day of the 2015-16 calendar due to inclement weather. It was moved by Ms. Mees that the 2015-16 revised calendar be approved as presented. The vote was 7 yes—0 no. (A copy of the revised calendar is attached and made a part of the minutes.)

Consideration of Issuance of 2016-17 Teacher Contracts

Dr. Stiepleman requested approval to issue teacher contracts for 2016-17 showing movement on the existing salary schedules, since the contracts must be issued by May 15 and time for preparation of the contracts is needed; if other options become available, the contracts will be reissued. He also requested movement on salary schedules for all other employees for 2016-17. It was moved by Ms. Mees that teacher contracts be issued for the 2016-17 school year. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Consideration of a Resolution and Exhibit Documents Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds

It was moved by Ms. Wade that the following resolution be approved:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING AND IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2016, OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, BOONE COUNTY, STATE OF MISSOURI; PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AN ANNUAL TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AS THEY BECOME DUE; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Jack Dillingham of Piper Jaffray and Toni Stegemann of Gilmore & Bell and Ms. Quinley presented a resolution and supporting documents for issuance of \$36,575,000 in general obligation refunding and improvement bonds—\$1,575,000 for the purpose of refunding current bonds from the 2009 issue which are callable as issued, and \$35,000,000 in general obligation bonds authorized by voters in the April 2014 election. In accordance with the notice of bond sale, negotiated bids were recommended from various banks and investment firms. Moody's has issued the Columbia School District's Series 2016 bonds a rating of Aa1. The true interest cost of the refunding and improvement bonds is 2.99 percent. The total savings of \$203,570.33 includes net present value savings of \$174,298.47 and a 10.25 percent savings of refunded bonds. The all-in cost of capital for the portion refunding the Series 2009 bonds is 1.99 percent; the all-in cost of capital for the Aa1-rated general obligation bonds is 3.04 percent. The refunding portion did not require the use of any voted bond authority. No funds were used for capitalizing interest costs. Closing is anticipated for April 28, 2016. The Board of Education considered the resolution and determined the recommended negotiated sale be awarded. The vote was 7 yes—0 no. (A copy of the resolution is attached and made a part of the minutes. All other documents related to the bond issuance are available at the Aslin Administration Building, 1818 West Worley Street.)

Consideration of 2015-16 Budget Amendments

It was moved by Mr. Sessions that the 2015-16 budget amendments be approved as presented. Ms. Quinley presented several proposed amendments to the 2015-16 budget. After discussion, Kathy Steinhoff asked the Board to add an amendment tonight to add a one-time stipend for restoration of the frozen salary schedule step from 2008 and 2009. After additional discussion, Ms. Quinley offered to investigate options to offer a stipend. The vote on the motion to approve the budget amendments was 7 yes—0 no. (A copy of the budget amendments is attached and made a part of the minutes.)

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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. 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

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

President Whitt announced Ms. King will appear on KFRU on Tuesday, April 12, to review and discuss the April 11 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)

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 9:02 p.m.

President

Attest: _____
Secretary