

# Record of the Board of Education of the Columbia School District

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The Board of Education of the School District of Columbia, Boone County, Missouri, met in special session at the Administration Building, 1818 West Worley Street, at the hour of 7:30 a.m., Central Standard Time, Thursday, the 19th 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 (participating electronically)  
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: Member Helen Wade

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Whitt at 7:31 a.m. Also present were Deputy Superintendent Dr. Dana Clippard, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education Ben Tilley, and Director of School Improvement Shelli Adams.

## Consideration of Agenda

The first matter of business was consideration of approval of the agenda for the November 19, 2015, meeting of the Board of Education. It was moved by Ms. King that the agenda be approved as presented. The vote was 6 yes—0 no—1 absent.

## Consideration of Consent Agenda

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- Real estate contract amendment with Vineyards Columbia, LLC, for new elementary school
- Agricultural lease agreement for Vemer property on Rangeline Road
- Student travel agreements for Battle High School choir
- Electrical service agreement with Coastal Electric
- Professional services work order with SunGard

It was moved by Ms. Mees that the consent 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.)

## Consideration of Development Agreement for New Elementary School

It was moved by Ms. King that the development agreement with the Vineyards LLC for 29.12 acres for a new elementary school be approved. Ms. Quinley presented the agreement, and explained that the agreement requires the school district to design and construct a second access road, including storm draining and lighting, connecting Howell Mountain Drive and Rolling Hills Road south of Columbia Gorge Parkway; additionally, the school district will be responsible for certain sidewalk improvements and road extensions to and near the school property, as well as the design and construction of intersection improvements at Columbia Gorge Parkway and Rolling Hills Road. Civil engineer Tom Trabue (of, THH, Inc., engaged through Peckham & Wright Architects) presented information on roads and the traffic study.

(At this point in the meeting, 7:38 a.m., Ms. Wade arrived.)

After discussion and a public comment by Jessica Kempf, 2003 Bates Creek Drive, the vote was 7 yes—0 no. (A copy of the agreement is attached and made a part of the minutes.)

## Consideration of Construction Contracts and Change Orders

It was moved by Ms. King 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.)

## Bond Issue/Tax Levy Discussion

Dr. Stiepleman and Ms. Quinley led a discussion of a proposed bond issue and tax levy increase for consideration by voters on the April 5, 2016, ballot. The \$30,000,000 bond issue, which would not require a tax increase, would allow for the purchase

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of land for a new middle school, design of a new middle school, expansion of elementary schools, expansion of kitchens, facility needs, roofs, equity for athletic facilities at middle schools, and technology infrastructure. An increase of either 55 cents or 65 cents in the tax levy would allow for continued current operations, elimination of planned deficit spending, the operation of new facilities, compliance with unfunded state and federal mandates, and recruitment and retention of high quality employees. A proposal for the bond issue and tax levy increase will be presented to the Board of Education for consideration at its December 14, 2015, regular meeting.

## Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Sessions that the Board of Education adjourn to meet in executive session at the Administration Building, 1818 West Worley Street, at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2015, 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 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 9:30 a.m.

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President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary