

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 regular session at the Administration Building, 1818 West Worley Street, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., Central Daylight Time, Monday, the 12th day of October, 2015. Those in attendance were as follows:

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

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 and Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education Ben Tilley.

The first matter of business was consideration of the agenda for the October 12, 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.

Consent Agenda

The Board considered approval of the minutes of the regular session of the Board of Education on September 14, 2015; approval of the minutes of the special session of the Board of Education on September 24, 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 September in the amount of \$103.69 million, cash receipts of \$7.75 million, cash disbursements of \$21.31 million, and an ending balance of \$90.13 million. The \$90.13 million was invested in government securities in the amount of \$82.70 million and daily investment accounts in the amount of \$7.43 million. The average interest rate for all investments was 0.31%.

The Board of Education had previously been provided a detailed report of bills and expenditures for the month of September 2015. The report totaled 313 pages. The bills payable totaled \$10,637,569.84.

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:

- BBB, "School Board Elections"
- BBBA, "Board Member Qualifications"
- BBC, "Board Member Resignation"
- BCE, "Board Committees/Advisory Committees to the Board"
- BHA, "Board Training and Development"
- BHB, "Board Member Development Opportunities" (Rescinding)
- BHD, "Board Member Compensation and Expenses" (Rescinding)
- CBG, "Evaluation of the Superintendent"
- DGA, "Authorized Signatures"
- DLC, "Expense Reimbursements"
- DLCA, "Travel Expenses"
- GCBDA, "Professional Staff Short-Term Leaves"
- GDBDA, "Support Staff Leaves"
- IGBA, "Programs for Students with Disabilities"

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- JEDA, "Truancy"

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

Also presented for consideration were:

- Pouring rights contract extension with Coca-Cola
- Preliminary 2015-16 bus route approvals
- Memorandum of understanding with the University of Missouri College of Education MU Partnership for Educational Renewal
- Teton Science Schools agreements
- Rock Bridge High School cross country charter terms and conditions with White Knight Coaches
- Rock Bridge High School show choir performance and educational tour agreement
- Rock Bridge High School show choir royalty and rental agreement
- Summer school contract with RnB Learning
- Missouri Preschool Program Learning Communities Project presenter agreements
- Legal services agreements for special education, self-insured funds, bond/special tax counsel, and general education services
- Hawthorn Recovery Services, Inc., collection agency agreement
- The Upside Down Organization consultant agreement
- Jumpstart Program partner agreement
- Hickman High School choral department design rental agreement for "Crazy for You" performance
- Employee wellness memorandum of understanding with City of Columbia

It was moved by Ms. King 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

Dr. Stiepleman reported the Columbia Public School District has been recognized by the Confucius Institute for its work in bringing Mandarin Chinese to district students, and presented President Whitt with the Confucius Institute's Star award. Also, all eight Columbia Public Schools students who participated in the Chinese program and also attended classes for two weeks in Shanghai, China, in the summer of 2015 passed the Youth Chinese Test (YCT) and are now eligible for college scholarships.

Public Comment

No public comments were offered.

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.

Summer Authority Discussion

Dr. Stiepleman explained that the Board of Education has traditionally authorized the administration to conduct business over the summer months, between the time of the last Board meeting in June and the first meeting of the Board in September. The administration keeps Board members apprised of major transactions as they happen, and in September the Board is presented with a comprehensive list of all actions taken over the summer and asked to approve them. Some Board members have suggested the Board should meet every month year-round. Dr. Stiepleman suggested that if the Board chooses to begin meeting in the summer, that the July meeting be strictly a business meeting—no public comment, no reports from the superintendent or Board president—to approve contracts, budget amendments, the hiring of employees, and other business items. After discussion, the consensus of the Board was that a July Board meeting be added for business purposes only, and that it be held as a morning meeting; and that business items be added to the Board meeting held in August for the annual tax

rate hearing. Board members requested that Ms. Quinley seek legal and auditor advice.

Superintendent's Report

Attendance Area Update

Dr. Stiepleman presented his annual report on boundaries of school attendance areas. He reviewed the opening of Battle Elementary School and plans for opening Ralph Elementary School and the east Columbia elementary school in 2018; enrollment numbers and capacities at middle schools and high schools. There were no changes in attendance areas recommended for 2016-17.

Financial Update

Ms. Quinley presented information on planning and maintaining operating fund balances. She noted that the Finance Subcommittee guidelines indicate that adequate balances be preserved to assure no need to borrow funds to meet payroll; that adequate balances be preserved to cover the cost of one major wind and hail claim; and that during a new building construction year, adequate balances be preserved to provide opening consumables for a new building. She shared information on Department of Elementary and Secondary Education fund balance analysis to determine needed beginning balances, and discussed fund balance target planning.

Sports Marketing Program Discussion

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. She asked for the Board's guidance on how to proceed with planning for a sports marketing program for 2016-17. After discussion, Dr. Stiepleman stated the administration will evaluate to see whether the district can do this internally, and if not, will work on a request for proposals.

Early Childhood Learning Center Naming Process

Ben Tilley, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, presented an update on the process for naming the early childhood learning center near Lange Middle School. He said a list of recommended names will be presented at the November 9 regular meeting of the Board of Education.

(At this point in the meeting, 8:15 p.m., a recess was declared. At 8:22 p.m., the Board reconvened and began to consider further agenda items.)

New Business

Consideration of Policy BF, "School Board Policy Process," and Policy JCB-R1, "Intradistrict Transfers"

It was moved by Ms. King that policy BF, "School Board Policy Process," and policy JCB-R1, "Intradistrict Transfers," be approved as presented. After discussion, the vote was 6 yes—0 no—1 absent.

Consideration of 2015-16 Budget Amendments

It was moved by Mr. Preis that the 2015-16 budget amendments be approved as presented. Ms. Quinley presented several proposed amendments to the 2015-16 budget. After discussion, the vote was 6 yes—0 no—1 absent. (A copy of the budget amendments is attached and made a part of the minutes.)

Consideration of Construction Contracts and Change Orders

It was moved by Ms. Wade 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 he will appear on KFRU on Tuesday, October 13, to review and discuss the October 12 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.

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Adjournment

There was no further business to come before the Board. Ms. King moved adjournment. The vote was 6 yes—0 no—1 absent. The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

President

Attest: _____
Secretary