

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

Regular Session, 13th day of April, 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 Daylight Time, Monday, the 13th day of April, 2015.

## First Session

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

## Second Session

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

## First Session

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President King at 6:32 p.m.

The first matter of business was consideration of the agenda for the April 13, 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.

### Consideration of April 7, 2015, Election Results

The next order of business was the consideration of results of the election of members to the Board of Education held April 7, 2015. President King presented the following unofficial results of the April 7 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.

Christine King . . . . .	8,593
Darin Edward Preis . . . . .	7,707
Derek Martin Wade . . . . .	3,958

It was moved by Mr. Cushing that the election results be accepted, and that Christine King and Darin Preis 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 King declared that the session was adjourned *sine die*.

## Second Session

The second session of the April 13, 2015, meeting of the Columbia Board of Education was called to order by Board Secretary Tracy Davenport.

Dr. Stiepleman thanked Ms. King for her service as Board of Education President for the past two years and presented her a plaque in recognition and appreciation of her years of service as President.

### Oath of Office to Recently Elected Board of Education Members

#### Presentation of the Certificates of Election

Ms. Davenport administered the oath of office to Christine King and Darin Preis 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 year. Mr. Sessions moved that Jim Whitt be nominated for the position of President for a term of one year. There were no other nominations. Ms. Davenport called for the vote to elect Mr. Whitt as President of the Board of Education. 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 Mr. Preis that Jonathan Sessions be nominated for the position of Vice President. There were no other nominations. President Whitt called for the vote to elect Mr. Sessions as Vice President of the Board of Education. 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 special session, executive session, and regular meeting of the Board of Education held on March 9, 2015; approval of the minutes of the special session, executive session, and second special session of the Board of Education held on March 19, 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 March in the amount of \$124.06 million, cash receipts of \$13.47 million, cash disbursements of \$19.28 million, and an ending balance of \$118.25 million. The \$118.25 million was

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invested in government securities in the amount of \$104.70 million and daily investment accounts in the amount of \$13.55 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 March 2015. The report totaled 337 pages. The bills payable totaled \$10,023,155.17.

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:

- Revisions to district policy GCPE, "Termination of Professional Staff Members"
- Revisions to district policy JHCD, "Administration of Medications to Students"
- Revised 2014-15 school year calendar, to reflect that May 27, 2015 be an early release day and the last day of school for students
- Changes to administrative procedure DC-AP, "Tax and Disclosure Requirements for Debt Obligations of Columbia School District"
- Boone County Community Trust grant to provide capital improvements funds for the CPS Creativity Lab
- Communications tower cooperative agreement and construction agreement with Boone County for emergency communications tower providing service to Battle High School, Battle Elementary School, and surrounding areas
- Agreement with Full Stream Wireless for Internet services to students
- Revised University of Missouri agreement for services under Boone County Coalition grant
- Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Adventure Club grant applications for Shepard Boulevard and New Haven elementary schools
- Renewal of lease agreement with Daniel Boone Regional Library for Grant Elementary School teacher parking
- Lease agreement with Columbia Housing Authority and the Columbia Public Schools Adult English Literacy Program for space at Blind Boone Center
- Revision to memorandum of understanding for 2015 Stephens College summer school partnership
- Memorandum of understanding for 2015 Boys and Girls Club summer school partnership
- Memorandum of understanding for 2015-16 School-wide Positive Behavior Supports
- Memorandum of understanding with A.G. Edward Junior Achievement Finance Park
- Renewal of agreement with Visionworks Marketing Group for (u)Matter campaign
- Certificate of acceptance of Fortinet Proof of Concept Statement of Work with JMA Information Technology
- Renewal of memorandum of understanding to continue the HomeWorks! partnership with Benton and Parkade elementary schools and create an initial partnership for Lange and West middle schools
- Project Salsa 2015 memorandum of understanding with University of Missouri Family Impact Center and Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture
- Consulting agreement with Rinaldi Associates for Nutrition Services

It was moved by Ms. Mees 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

### Council for Exceptional Children Award Recipients

The following were recognized as recipients of awards from the Council for Exceptional Children:

- Lou Ann Tanner-Jones, Director of Special Services: 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Joan Davis Award
- Kim Ginther, Paxton Keeley Elementary School: 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Para-Educator Award
- Meghan Canlas, Mill Creek Elementary School, and Brenda Granneman, Hickman High School: 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Partner in Education Award
- Carissa Bowers, Derby Ridge Elementary School, 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Teacher of the Year Award
- Columbia Schnucks #714, 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Award

## 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 Susan McClintic, Columbia Missouri National Education Association president, presented reports from their respective organizations on recent and future activities.

### Superintendent's Report

#### Financial Update

Ms. Quinley presented information on additions and changes to the 2015-16 budget. These have been prioritized in three groups:

- Tier I: Priority for 2015-16—Net changes: \$(4,188)
- Tier II: Priority for 2015-16 should additional funding become available—Total requests: \$385,445
- Tier III: Delayed to 2016-17 or longer—Total requests: \$3,039,229

Ms. Quinley discussed each tier's impact on the five-year model and fund balances. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the administration proceed to develop the 2015-16 budget including Tier I items only.

At this point in the meeting, 7:51 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Sessions that a recess be declared. The vote was 7 yes—0 no. At 7:57 p.m., the Board reconvened and began to consider further agenda items.

### New Business

#### Consideration of Attendance Area Boundary for Beulah Ralph Elementary School

It was moved by Ms. King that the Board of Education adopt the boundary recommendation provided and titled, "Board of Education Modification, Elementary Attendance Areas, 3/30/2015." Dr. Stiepleman presented this recommendation for revised elementary attendance area boundaries which will include the new Beulah Ralph Elementary School (opening in August 2015) and also adjust the existing attendance area boundaries for Fairview, Grant, Mill Creek, Mill Creek, Paxton Keeley, and Rock Bridge and elementary schools. After discussion, public comments were received from the following individuals:

- Julie Wesley, 2000 Chapel Ridge Road
- Melissa Holyoak, 2709 Chapel Wood View

Dr. Stiepleman said that both he and Ben Tilley, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, would be comfortable including Chapel Hollow Court in the Fairview attendance area. After further discussion, it was moved by Mr. Preis that the original motion be amended to add Chapel Hollow Court to the Fairview attendance area. After additional discussion and another public comment by Julie Wesley, the vote on the amended motion was 1 yes—6 no (Ms. King, Ms. Mees, Mr. Sessions, Ms. Wade, Mr. Cushing, and President Whitt voted no). The vote on the original motion was 7 yes—0 no. (A copy of the map showing the revised attendance area boundaries is attached and made a part of the minutes.)

#### Consideration of Issuance of 2015-16 Teacher Contracts

It was moved by Ms. King that teacher contracts be issued for the 2015-16 school year. Melinda Adams, Chief Human Resources Officer, requested approval to issue teacher contracts for 2015-16 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. She also requested movement on salary schedules for all other employees for 2015-16. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

#### Consideration of Policy GBCBC, "Staff Absences and Tardiness"

It was moved by Mr. Sessions that policy GBCBC, "Staff Absences and Tardiness," be approved as presented for a first reading. After discussion, the consensus of the Board was that this policy be returned to the Board of Education Policy Committee to clarify the language of the policy before returning it to the Board of Education for a second reading. The vote on

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the motion to approve the policy for a first reading was 7 yes—0 no.

## Consideration of 2014-15 Budget Amendments

It was moved by Ms. King that the 2014-15 budget amendments be approved as presented. Ms. Quinley presented several proposed amendments to the 2014-15 budget. After discussion and a public comment by Susan McClintic, the vote was 7 yes—0 no. (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. 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 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 Mr. Sessions will appear on KFRU on Tuesday, April 14, to review and discuss the April 13 Board of Education meeting.

## Adjournment

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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President

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