

# 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 9th day of March, 2015. 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

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President King at 6:34 p.m.

The first matter of business was consideration of the agenda for the March 9, 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.

## Consent Agenda

The Board considered approval of the minutes of the executive and regular sessions of the Board of Education on February 9, 2015; approval of the minutes of the special session of the Board of Education on February 19, 2015; approval of the minutes of the special and executive sessions of the Board of Education on February 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 February in the amount of \$134.37 million, cash receipts of \$26.33 million, cash disbursements of \$36.63 million, and an ending balance of \$124.06 million. The \$124.06 million was invested in government securities in the amount of \$103.20 million and daily investment accounts in the amount of \$20.86 million. The average interest rate for all investments was 0.26%.

The Board of Education had previously been provided a detailed report of bills and expenditures for the month of February 2015. The report totaled 348 pages. The bills payable totaled \$10,450,159.65.

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:

- Easements for the City of Columbia for construction of the roundabout and school entrance at Beulah Ralph Elementary School
- Renewal of lease for early childhood special education center at 4001 Waco Road
- One-year renewal agreement with University of Missouri for co-location for the Adult English Language Learners program
- Missouri Arts Council grant application for "Blues In the Schools" week-long residency at Grant Elementary School
- 2015 Fun City summer school partnership memorandum of understanding
- 2015 Stephens College summer school partnership memorandum of understanding
- 2015 Columbia College summer school partnership memorandum of understanding
- Douglass High School prom facilities use agreement with Stephens College

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- Douglass High School graduation ceremony facilities and services agreement with University of Missouri
- Renewal of contract with AVID for 2015-16
- 2014-15 Schoolwide Positive Behavior Supports (SW-PBS) memorandum of understanding for Lange and West middle schools
- Rock Bridge and Battle high schools concert bands performance and travel agreements
- Renewal of agreement with Adventure Club for 2014-15 school year
- Adventure Club summer 2015 agreement
- Missouri PreSchool Program consulting agreement with Mast Productions
- Agreement with University of Missouri for professional services relating to the Farm to School grant
- Request to accept a donation from Student Transportation of America
- Missouri School Boards Association policy services agreement

It was moved by Mr. Whitt 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.)

## Public Comment

Public comments were received from the following individuals:

- Melissa Holyoak, 2709 Chapel Wood View
- Myia McKanna Custer, 2008 Chapel Wood Road
- Erica Fudel, 1909 Chapel Wood Road

## Board President's Report

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

Susan McClintic, 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.

### City of Columbia Water and Electricity Ballot Proposal

City Manager Mike Matthes and Erin Keys, a civil engineer for the City of Columbia, presented information on proposed increases in electricity rates and stormwater rates which will appear on the April 7, 2015, ballot as Proposition 1 and Proposition 2, respectively. The Columbia School District will receive a discount if the district incorporates stormwater education into its science curriculum. The discount would mean that the district's stormwater rate would remain approximately the same if Proposition 2 passes; district administrators estimate an approximate \$6,000 increase after five years. If Proposition 1 passes, electric rates would increase by six percent over the next five years, adding approximately \$200,000 to the school district's annual cost. Former state representative Chris Kelly, who is leading Foundation for Columbia's Future, said both propositions are needed.

## Superintendent's Report

### MAC Scholars Report

MAC Scholars coordinator Annelle Whitt and assistant coordinator Arnulfo Peat updated the Board on the MAC program and the transition it has made from a club-like activity-based extracurricular program to a program tasked with addressing academic achievement. Assisting with the presentation were Lauren Croll, MAC program youth development consultant; and Stacey Smith, Linda Winn, and Teresa Flippin of Shelter Insurance Companies. The MAC program, which changed its name from Minority Achievement Committee to Multicultural Achievement Committee, is aligned with MSIP 5 and Columbia Public Schools' organizational goals. Highlights included the purpose and scope of the program, the program's partnership with Shelter Insurance, and MAC student performance results. Since its inception in 2002, the MAC program has served 8,951 students. Ms. Whitt said she plans to extend the MAC program to elementary students.

At this point in the meeting, 8:15 p.m., a recess was declared. At 8:20 p.m., the Board reconvened and began to consider further agenda items.

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## Finance Update on Budget

Ms. Quinley presented an update on current year projections for salaries and benefits as well as fixed costs of the district as the beginning base for the 2015-16 budget. Information relating to expense projections was provided, and an update of the five-year financial model was shared. Increases to operating expenditures for 2015-16 were recommended to be \$5,557,526. It was the consensus of the Board that the administration proceed with developing the 2015-16 budget based on the financial information presented this month and last month.

## New Business

### Consideration of Amended 2015-16 School Calendar

It was moved by Mr. Sessions that the amended 2015-16 school year calendar be approved as presented. Dr. Dana Clippard, Deputy Superintendent, presented an amended 2015-16 school year calendar for consideration. The calendar needed to be adjusted in several areas. On Thursday, November 5, 2015, there will be an ESPN-broadcast football game held at the University of Missouri; for reasons of safety and traffic flow, Columbia Public Schools will dismiss early that day. The amended calendar also calls for school to not be in session on Election Day, and for a paid holiday not to be considered as an inclement weather day. After discussion, the vote to approve the amended calendar was 7 yes—0 no. (A copy of the amended calendar is attached and made a part of the minutes.)

### Consideration of Construction Contracts and Change Orders

It was moved by Mr. Whitt 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

President King announced Mr. Cushing will appear on KFRU on Tuesday, March 10, to review and discuss the March 9 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.

### Adjournment

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:28p.m.

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President

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