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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 Standard Time, Monday, the 10th day of February, 2014. Those in attendance were as follows:

President Christine King  
Vice President James Whitt  
Member Darin Preis  
Member Dr. Tom Rose  
Member Jonathan Sessions  
Member Helen Wade  
Superintendent Dr. Chris Belcher  
Executive Director of Human Resources and Employment Law and Secretary Andrea Follett  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer Linda Quinley

Absent: Member Jan Mees

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President King at 6:30 p.m.

The first matter of business was consideration of the agenda for the February 10, 2014, regular meeting of the Board of Education. It was moved by Mr. Whitt that the agenda be approved. The second was by Mr. Sessions. The vote was 6 yes—0 no—1 absent.

## Consent Agenda

The next matter of business was the consideration of the approval of consent agenda items: approval of the minutes of the special, executive, and regular sessions of the Board of Education held on January 13, 2014; approval of the minutes of the special and executive sessions of the Board of Education held on January 21, 2014; approval of the minutes of the special session of the Board held on January 23, 2014; 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 Ms. Quinley. The report showed a beginning balance for the month of January in the amount of \$338.53 million, cash receipts of \$83.26 million, cash disbursements of \$16.82 million, and an ending balance of \$100.28 million. The \$100.28 million was invested in government securities in the amount of \$98.95 million and daily investment accounts in the amount of \$1.33 million. The average interest rate for all investments was 0.13%.

The Board of Education had previously been provided a detailed report of bills and expenditures for the month of January 2014. The report totaled 312 pages. The following is a listing and summary of the bills as provided to the Board of Education:

General Ledger Accounts	\$4,352,441.01	Middle/Junior High Music	4,253.23
Elementary Instruction	82,630.29	Middle/Junior High Art	9,848.50
Elementary Health	272.99	Middle/Junior High Business	523.96
Elementary Music	7,323.09	Middle/Junior High Family and Cons. Sci.	3,065.30
Elementary Art	7,679.54	Middle/Junior High Ind. Tech.	3,876.25
Elementary Science	56,837.54	Middle/Junior High Speech	1,227.55
Elementary Math	3,691.72	Senior High Instruction	46,145.65
Elementary Social Studies	1,100.00	Senior High Science	7,257.34
Elementary Physical Education	619.72	Senior High Math	1,103.12
Elementary Language Arts	4,147.85	Senior High Language Arts	1,143.41
Middle/Junior High Instruction	30,183.64	Senior High Social Studies	1,040.39
Middle/Junior High Science	7,325.76	Senior High Foreign Language	2,474.30
Middle/Junior High Math	5,635.89	Senior High Music	28,159.52
Middle/Junior High Language Arts	1,987.56	Senior High Art	5,816.94
Middle/Junior High Social Studies	375.49	Senior High Business Education	1,676.76
Middle/Junior High Foreign Language	30.00	Senior High Family and Cons. Sci.	1,087.48

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Senior High Industrial Technology	3,574.57	Pupil Health Services	2,952.31
Senior High Physical Education	565.93	Ancillary Services	23,114.01
Senior High Speech and Drama	414.52	Staff Coordination	9,046.63
Senior High Planetarium	599.45	Curriculum Development	542.00
Secondary Summer School	32,331.16	Staff In-service Training	22,899.81
Douglass High School	1,336.91	Library	18,499.77
Child and Family Support	301.28	Instructional and Info. Tech. Svcs.	64,406.39
Suspension Center	68.68	Board of Education	6,703.47
Special Ed.—All Programs	25,838.32	District Administration	53,779.10
Gifted Program	3,172.36	Office of the Principal	13,772.67
Title I	13,719.35	Administration—Special Ed.	3,732.74
English—Second Language	510.00	Commencement	324.45
Early Childhood Special Ed.	22,990.56	Administration—Vocational	6,284.16
Voc.—All Programs	10,910.02	Business Services	4,264.26
Voc. Agriculture	1,201.16	Maintenance Services	506,836.81
Voc. Welding	3,859.44	Security Services	34,240.76
Voc. Business Ed.	1,790.47	Transportation—District	76.45
Voc. Family and Cons. Sci.	1,491.80	Transportation—Contract	887,817.47
Voc. Computer Ed.	519.78	Handicapped Pupil Transportation	192,347.19
Voc. Health Sciences	6,358.28	ECSE Transportation	40,400.77
Voc. Occ. Culinary Arts	5,817.05	Food Services Program	383,232.59
Voc. Trade and Industry	4,631.14	Food Services Other	101.69
Voc. Electronics	39.53	Research, Assessment, and Accountability	263.70
Voc. Auto Mechanics	917.89	Information Services	93,403.62
Voc. Marketing and Coop. Ed.	395.00	Employee Benefits	50,259.09
Voc. Engineering	66.08	Title I Early Childhood	8,486.22
Voc. Broadcast Journalism	891.18	Community Relations/PIE	9,779.54
Voc. Geospatial Information Sys.	211.52	Parents As Teachers	17,202.98
Voc. Teaching Professions	25.86	Offset Printing	18,404.23
Voc. Phototonics	208.20	Early Childhood	8,584.14
Project Lead the Way	589.51	Family/Student Services	356.33
Project Lead the Way—Biomedica	59.67	Summer School	1,312.52
Extracurricular Activities	90,454.60	Infant/Toddler Day Care	78.13
Athletics	77,374.05	Revolving Accounts	2,448.26
Adult Basic Education	737.59	Parent Involvement	3,398.04
Adult Business Education	9,214.90	2010 Bonds Issued 05/11	24,007.27
Adult Vocational Trades	2,971.92	2010 Bonds Issued 04/12	77,378.94
Health Occupations	17,930.86	2010 Bonds Issued 05/13	21,079.76
Enrichment	12,525.99	2010 Bonds Issued 01/14	1,839,902.08
Financial Aid Office	1,500.00	Capital Projects—Tax	294,796.93
Payments to Other Districts	5,497.28	Debt Services	371.00
Counseling/Guidance	3,198.23		
Assessment Services	330.75	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$9,798,199.21</b>
Home School Visitor	3,186.30		

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 as follows:

Bid	Recommendation
Authorization to join National School Boards Association BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative	Join National School Boards Association BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative
Copy paper (warehouse)	Award to low bidder meeting specifications, Sam's Club, Columbia, MO, in the estimated annual amount of \$117,079.20

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Bid	Recommendation
Notification of expenditure: Repairs to Jefferson Middle School from electrical fire	The following contractors were authorized to perform repairs in the following estimated amounts  Meyer Electric, Jefferson City, MO . . . . . \$50,000.00 Coastal Electric, Columbia, MO . . . . . 30,000.00 Mid-Continental Restoration, Fort Scott, KS . . 15,000.00 Watkins Roofing, Columbia, MO . . . . . 10,000.00 City of Columbia, Columbia, MO . . . . . 7,500.00 Serv-Pro, Marshall, MO . . . . . 4,000.00 Asbestos Removal Servies, Jefferson City, MO . 2,000.00 Lindsey Rentals, Columbia, MO . . . . . 1,000.00 Central Missouri Glass, Boonville, MO . . . . . 150.00
Soccer practice field construction (Rock Bridge High School)	Award to low bidder meeting specifications, C.L. Richardson Construction Co., Ashland, MO, in the amount of \$91,478.00

It was reported that there are several items of surplus property that are either no longer needed by a particular school or no longer required for use by the district, and it was requested that the Board act to dispose of the property by adoption of the following resolution:

### Resolution

RESOLVED, that there are within the Columbia School District several items of school property that are either no longer needed by a particular school or no longer required for use by the district, such items being contained on the list which is submitted and made a part of this resolution.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the district redistribute or sell all of the aforesaid school property. If sold, the property will go to the highest bidder after proper publication of notice and pursuant to Section 177.091, RSMo.

Also presented for consideration were:

- Fire hydrant easement required by the City of Columbia for a new hydrant at the wrestling addition at Hickman High School
- Missouri Arts Council grant proposal for "Blues in the Schools" at Grant Elementary School
- Revision to district policy JCB, "Intradistrict Transfers"

(Copies of these documents are attached and made a part of the minutes.)

It was moved by Mr. Sessions that the consent agenda be approved as presented. The second was by Ms. Wade. The vote was 6 yes—0 no—1 absent.

(At this point in the meeting, 6:31 p.m., Ms. Mees arrived.)

### Special Recognition

#### Columbia Board of Education

Dr. Belcher noted that School Board Recognition Week was January 26-February 1, 2014. He read a proclamation from Governor Nixon's office and recognized members of the Board of Education for their dedication and service to the Columbia School District.

### Public Comment

Public comments were received from the following individuals:

- Rebecca Schwerdtfeger, 2101 Clemens Drive
- Joelle Quoirin, 309 Russell Boulevard

### Board President's Report

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

Kari Schuster, 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.

#### Report on Business Loop 70 Community Improvement District (CID)

President King led a discussion regarding the Business Loop 70 Community Improvement District (CID) being proposed by a group of Columbia business owners. Mr. Sessions introduced Tom May of MFA Oil, who explained the CID is being formed to make improvements to Business Loop 70, including beautifying the area, working with business owners regarding regulations and restrictions, and improving safety and security. The CID board would oversee revenues from its 8.475 percent sales tax, as well as expenses. The CID is not related to the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Commission and would not affect tax revenue to Columbia Public Schools. The Board of Education will consider approval of the CID at its work session on February 20, 2014.

### Superintendent's Report

#### Report on College and Career Readiness

Rock Bridge High School principal Dr. Jen Mast and Columbia Area Career Center director Linda Rawlings presented information on college and career readiness in the district. Highlights included Advanced Placement (AP), dual enrollment, dual credit, industry recognized credentials, Project Lead the Way, and the A+ scholarship program.

#### Cradle to Career Update

Phil Peters, project director of a community initiative called Cradle to Career Columbia, described how the project will foster further collaboration between the school district and community agencies and emphasized data-based decision making.

#### Financial Update

Ms. Quinley presented information on projected revenues for this year, including the impact of proposed increases in state funding. She also discussed the following expenditure assumptions being used in the five-year model:

- Operate all current salary schedules
- Allow educational advancement
- Continue full benefits with 10% cost increase in 2014-15
- Open and operate nature school, northeast elementary school, southwest elementary school, early childhood center, and community school
- Fixed cost increases at 3% per year

### New Business

#### Consideration of Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Improvement Bonds

Jack Dillingham of Piper Jaffray and Toni Stegemann of Gilmore & Bell presented information on an issuance of bonds which is scheduled to close on March 5, 2014. A resolution was presented which would authorize the issuance of general obligation improvement bonds, Series 2014, 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. The bond issue utilizes the remaining authorization from the 2010 election in the amount of \$41,348,000, plus \$8,652,000 of \$50,000,000 of bonds approved in 2012. The bond pricing structure generated a net premium of \$3,996,828.85, providing \$53,760,000 for projects. Total costs of issuance and underwriting expenses totaled \$236,828.85; no funds were used for capitalizing interest costs. A true interest cost of 3.94 percent was realized. It was moved by Mr. Sessions that the

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resolution authorizing the offering for sale of general obligation refunding and improvement bonds be approved as presented, and that the accompanying documents (Exhibit A, Form of Bond; Exhibit B, Escrow Trust Agreement; Exhibit D, Bond Purchase Agreement; Exhibit E, Continuing Disclosure Undertaking; and Exhibit F, Federal Tax Certificate) be approved as presented. The second was by Mr. Whitt. After further discussion, the vote was 7 yes—0 no.

## **Consideration of 2015-16 School Year Calendar**

Prior to the adoption of the school calendar each year, the school district convenes a committee to recommend a calendar for consideration by the Superintendent and Board of Education, per district policy IC, "Academic Calendar/Year/Day." A committee comprised of representatives of students, parents, teachers, the Board of Education, and the administration convened to consider a school year calendar for the 2015-16 academic year. On behalf of the committee, Dr. Leslie Trogdon, Director of School Improvement, presented the 2015-16 calendar for consideration. After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Mees that the 2015-16 school year calendar be approved as presented. The second was by Mr. Sessions. After discussion, the vote was 6 yes—1 no (Dr. Rose voted no).

## **Consideration of 2013-14 Budget Amendments**

Ms. Quinley presented several proposed amendments to the 2013-14 budget. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Whitt that the amendments be approved as presented. The second was by Ms. Mees. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

## **Consideration of Name of Northeast Elementary School**

Dr. Peter Stiepleman, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, presented two possible names for the new elementary school currently under construction in northeast Columbia, north of Battle High School. A naming committee was tasked with submitting two names for the Board's consideration. The names submitted by the committee were:

Luella St. Clair Elementary School  
Eliot Battle Elementary School

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Whitt that the school be named after Beulah Ralph. The motion failed for lack of a second. It was then moved by Ms. Mees that the new school be named Eliot Battle Elementary School. The second was by Mr. Preis. After further discussion, the vote was 7 yes—0 no.

## **Announcements**

President King announced Ms. Mees will appear on KFRU on Tuesday, February 11, to review and discuss the February 10 Board of Education meeting.

## **Adjournment**

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:12 p.m.