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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 13th day of February, 2012. Those in attendance were as follows:

President Dr. Tom Rose
Vice President Christine King
Member Jan Mees
Member Michelle Pruitt
Member Jonathan Sessions
Member Helen Wade
Member James Whitt
Superintendent Dr. Chris Belcher
Deputy Superintendent and Secretary Dr. Nick Boren
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer Linda Quinley

Absent: None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Rose at 6:31 p.m.

The first matter of business was consideration of the agenda for the February 13, 2012, meeting of the Board of Education. It was moved by Ms. Mees that the agenda be approved. The second was by Mr. Sessions. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Consent Agenda

The Board considered approval of the minutes of the regular and special sessions of the Board of Education held on January 9, 2012; the minutes of the special session of the Board of Education held on January 19, 2012; 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 \$54.00 million, cash receipts of \$71.87 million, cash disbursements of \$14.46 million, and an ending balance of \$111.40 million. The \$111.40 million was invested in government securities in the amount of \$98.04 million and daily investment accounts in the amount of \$13.36 million. The average interest rate for all investments was 0.16%.

The Board of Education had previously been provided a detailed report of bills and expenditures for the month of January 2012. The report totaled 246 pages. The following is a listing and summary of the bills as provided to the Board of Education:

General Ledger Accounts	\$3,775,393.52	Middle/Junior High Family and Cons. Sci.	1,849.16
Elementary Instruction	67,932.11	Middle/Junior High Ind. Tech.	1,797.00
Elementary Health	30.00	Middle/Junior High Physical Education	1,989.89
Elementary Music	3,866.77	Middle/Junior High Journalism	134.54
Elementary Art	7,277.57	Senior High Instruction	9,937.89
Elementary Science	3,458.25	Senior High Science	1,084.90
Elementary Math	299.95	Senior High Math	20,356.84
Elementary Social Studies	205.92	Senior High Language Arts	2,008.25
Elementary Physical Education	2,779.88	Senior High Social Studies	1,589.52
Elementary Language Arts	397.38	Senior High Foreign Language	145.82
Middle/Junior High Instruction	17,172.74	Senior High Music	2,860.85
Middle/Junior High Science	1,228.64	Senior High Art	2,675.24
Middle/Junior High Math	597.52	Senior High Business Education	812.32
Middle/Junior High Language Arts	1,024.29	Senior High Family and Cons. Sci.	842.39
Middle/Junior High Social Studies	3,568.89	Senior High Industrial Tech.	321.13
Middle/Junior High Foreign Language	280.00	Senior High Physical Education	507.60
Middle/Junior High Music	5,997.44	Senior High Speech and Drama	1,067.97
Middle/Junior High Art	8,085.68	Senior High Journalism	820.00
Middle/Junior High Business	1,179.99	Senior High Publications	1,312.06

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Senior High Humanities	43.21	Ancillary Services	26,343.73
Secondary Summer School	26,711.25	Staff Coordination	5,153.42
Douglass High School	2,327.93	Curriculum Development	534.71
Suspension Center	900.00	Staff In-service Training	29,332.48
Special Ed.—All Programs	13,274.78	Library	11,293.41
Gifted Program	2,177.57	Instructional and Info. Tech. Svcs.	6,999.50
Title I	690.18	Board of Education	34,016.11
Adjudicated Student	1,285.84	District Administration	11,572.61
English—Second Language	2,805.04	Office of the Principal	9,865.11
Early Childhood Special Ed.	16,677.69	Administration—Special Ed.	3,329.89
Voc.—All Programs	11,764.51	Administration—Vocational	3,935.43
Voc. Agriculture	15,230.13	Business Services	11,276.71
Voc. Welding	214.32	Maintenance Services	214,059.35
Voc. Business Ed.	5,590.63	Security Services	51,254.85
Voc. Occ. Culinary Arts	5,639.54	Transportation—District	901.24
Voc. Trade and Industrial Ed.	2,159.42	Transportation—Contract	540,520.69
Voc. Electronics	301.34	Handicapped Pupil Transportation	160,597.83
Voc. Health Occupations	1,105.39	ECSE Transportation	34,517.35
Voc. Auto Mechanics	703.09	Food Services Program	273,488.62
Voc. Marketing and Coop. Ed.	15.99	Research, Assessment, and Accountability	173.74
Voc. Programming	89.01	Information Services	55,143.18
Voc. Geospatial Information Systems	6.88	Employee Benefits	104,383.40
Voc. Teaching Professions	48.46	Title I Early Childhood	2,428.85
Voc. Photonics	71.64	Preschool	1,137.28
Voc. Safety and Security	49.10	Community Relations/PIE	16,563.66
Extracurricular Activities	148,366.48	Parents As Teachers	20,035.56
Athletics	101,400.84	Offset Printing	10,354.92
Adult Basic Education	3,371.94	Early Childhood	3,687.77
Adult Business Education	5,912.71	Revolving Accounts	2,279.45
Adult Vocational Trades	1,499.07	Parental Involvement ARRA	4,152.50
Health Occupations	16,722.55	2007 Bonds Issued 11/09	182,815.99
Enrichment	11,117.66	2011 Bonds Issued 05/11	2,200,383.79
Financial Aid Office	750.00	2007 Bonds Issued 05/11	13,555.00
Supplemental Education Services	77,683.10	Capital Projects—Tax	1,259,618.85
Counseling and Guidance	7,114.41		
Home School Visitor	3,493.82	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$9,750,729.42
Pupil Health Services	4,817.01		

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
Stage curtains (Rock Bridge High School Performing Arts Center)	Award to low bidder meeting specifications, Associated Theatrical Contractors, Springfield, MO, in the amount of \$27,350.00
Authorization to purchase digital projection system (Rock Bridge High School planetarium)	Purchase from Ash Enterprises, Richmond, VA, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00
Used cabover box truck (Nutrition Services)	Award to low bidder meeting specifications, MHC Kenworth, Columbia, MO, in the amount of \$38,791.00

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Bid	Recommendation
John Deere tractors (Columbia Area Career Center)	Award to low bidder meeting specifications, Farm Power Lawn & Leisure, Columbia, MO, as follows: 3320 compact utility tractor \$24,498.74 Select Series X700 Ultimate tractor 11,397.37
Authorization to renew lawn mowing services from March 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012 (district-wide)	Renew contract with Columbia Turf and Landscape, Columbia, MO, in the amount of \$216,680.08
Authorization to renew annual licenses, upgrade protection for unlimited users, and technical support for portal software (Instructional and Information Technology Services)	Renew contract with Stoneware, Inc., Carmel, IN, in the amount of \$23,250.00 This software was originally purchased in 2003 and renewed for a 3-year period in 2008. This is a 1-year renewal while the move from Novell to Active Directory is evaluated.
HP equipment for wireless project (district-wide)	Purchase from Provision Data, Chesterfield, MO, in the estimated amount of \$400,000.00
Data center relocation services (Instructional and Information Technology Services)	Purchase from IBM, Phoenix, AZ, in the estimated amount of \$187,600.00

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.

It was moved by Ms. King that the consent agenda be approved as presented. The second was by Mr. Sessions. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Special Recognition

Columbia Board of Education

Dr. Belcher 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:

- Chris Temporal, 6160 N. Water Cress Circle
- Julie Shea, 8060 Payette
- Brian Smith, 4700 Winding Wood Court
- Nawassa Logan, 200 Moonglow Lane
- Allison Kellenberger, 260 Broadview Court

Board President's Report

Boys and Girls Club Update

Boys and Girls Club executive director Valorie Livingston provided a report on recent activities of the club.

Report from Columbia Missouri State Teachers Association and Columbia Missouri National Education Association

Susan McClintic, Columbia Missouri National Education Association president, and Kari Schuster, co-president of the Columbia Missouri State Teachers Association, presented reports from their respective organizations on recent and future activities, as well as their organizations' salary and benefits proposals for the 2012-13 school year.

Mr. Sessions announced the "We Always Swing" jazz series' Jazz in the Schools program will present guitarist Russell Malone at two concerts on March 6 and March 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Hickman High School. The concerts are free to Columbia School District students.

Superintendent's Report

Graduation Rate Report

High school principals—Dr. Tracey Conrad of Hickman High School, Mark Maus of Rock Bridge High School, and Dr. Eryca Neville of Douglass High School—presented a report regarding programs to address students who are challenged with on-time graduation from high school. Highlights included Missouri Options (with a presentation by Missouri Options student Samantha Chung), Secondary Diploma Testing, and Douglass High School

Update on Administration Building Renovation

Brad Stegemann and Jennifer Hedrick of the architectural firm Simon Oswald updated the Board on the status of construction at the Administration Building. The project is on schedule and on budget. It is approximately 65 percent complete at this point and is expected to be ready for occupancy by July 1, 2012. Dr. Belcher reiterated that the Administration Building addition is being funded by consolidating the Bernadette Building and Vandiver Building with the Administration Building and using the money that would have been spent on Bernadette and Vandiver rent to make payments on the new addition loan. The consolidation will also generate savings on utilities, insurance, reduction in travel between district buildings by employees, and fewer buildings and grounds to maintain.

Unfinished Business

Consideration of Secondary Boundaries

The Secondary Enrollment Planning Committee has been meeting since June of 2010. The committee was charged by the Board of Education to incorporate Battle High School boundaries into the district and draw boundaries for the new intermediate schools and other district high schools. After eight public forums during the month of November 2011, after extensive discussions of several scenarios, and after extensive opportunities for both online feedback and on-site feedback at all district schools, Dr. Wanda Brown, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education, said it was the unanimous recommendation of the committee that the Board of Education approve Scenario B. It was moved by Ms. Mees that Scenario B be approved. The second was by Mr. Whitt.

Dr. Rose read a personal statement thanking all participants in the process and explaining the importance of including student socioeconomic status in the consideration of the boundaries. He also acknowledged the difficulties with transportation, extracurricular activities, and other issues because of the locations of the six intermediate schools and drawing boundary lines which will not cause overcrowding or an imbalance in student socioeconomic status. He said transfers to other district schools will be considered when a clear educational benefit exists. Dr. Rose said the Board attempts to balance what is best for each student with what is best for the district as a whole.

After discussion and public comments by Donna Kessell, Jim Muench, Alyce Turner, and Daniel Cullimore, the vote on the motion was 6 yes—1 no (Ms. Pruitt voted no).

At this point in the meeting (8:26 p.m.), a recess was declared. At 8:33 p.m., the Board reconvened and began to consider further agenda items.

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New Business

Consideration of Resolution Authorizing the Offering for Sale of Approximately \$59,290,000 of General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds

Jack Dillingham of Piper Jaffray and Toni Stegemann of Gilmore and Bell presented a resolution authorizing the offering for sale of approximately \$59,290,000 of general obligation refunding and improvement bonds. In preparation for a May or June 2012 sale of general obligation bonds from April 2010 voter authorization, the Board of Education was asked in January 2012 to resolve to offer \$33,000,000 in bonds for sale. Net proceeds from this bond sale will be used to continue construction of Battle High School as well as continue and begin other projects, including, but not limited to, HVAC/window projects and architectural services, two additional secondary gymnasiums, and technology. The sale will be brought to the Board for action in the spring. Since that time, the interest rates on general obligation bonds has moved downward significantly, making it recommendable to refund some eligible bonds currently on the books and add that refunding to the proposed spring 2012 sale. It was moved by Ms. Mees that the resolution authorizing the offering for sale of approximately \$59,290,000 of general obligation refunding and improvement bonds to refinance certain outstanding bonds and to pay costs of school construction and improvements be approved as presented. The second was by Ms. King. The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Whitt voted	Yes
Ms. Pruitt voted	Yes
Ms. Wade voted	Yes
Ms. King voted	Yes
Ms. Mees voted	Yes
Mr. Sessions voted	Yes
President Rose voted	Yes

Consideration of HVAC Bids

Bill Oswald of Simon Oswald Architects and Charles Oestreich, the school district's Director of Facilities and Construction Services, presented heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) bids for consideration. Bids for the installation of HVAC systems at Field, Grant, Lee, Midway Heights, Ridgeway, and Two Mile Prairie elementary schools were opened on Tuesday, January 31, 2012. The following bids for variable refrigerate volume (VRV) at Field, Grant, Lee, and Ridgeway elementary schools were received:

Harold G. Butzer, Jefferson City	\$3,028,600
Environmental Engineering, Jefferson City	\$3,055,000
Brunner Peters, Columbia	\$3,120,564
Officer Mechanical, Columbia	\$3,263,000
Questec, Columbia	\$2,758,000

As a requirement of the bid specifications, all bidders were to include a list of prior successful projects installing a VRV-type system. Questec has no prior experience installing a VRV system. The Questec bid was rejected. The bid from Harold G. Butzer identified a VRV system acceptable by the district's architect and Columbia Public Schools.

The following bids for a geothermal system at Midway Heights Elementary School were received:

Harold G. Butzer, Jefferson City	\$884,600
Balkenbush Mechanical, Jefferson City	\$894,009

The following bids for geothermal well fields at Cedar Ridge, Midway Heights, New Haven, Rock Bridge, and Two Mile Prairie elementary schools were received:

Ground Source Systems, Buffalo	\$1,545,490
Sunbelt, Springfield	\$1,982,000
VHC Van Hoecke, Lenexa, KS	\$1,994,599
Flynn Drilling, Troy	\$2,071,000

It was recommended that all bids be rejected due to funding concerns, with the exception of the bid for Midway Heights Elementary School. The cost for ground source systems for Midway Heights is \$288,990.

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The completion schedule calls for work at the following schools to be completed in the summer of 2012: Grant (\$819,900), Lee (\$851,700), Midway Heights (\$884,600 and \$288,990), and Ridgeway (\$584,300); and for work at Field (\$772,700) to be completed in the summer of 2013.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Sessions that the bid for variable refrigerate volume HVAC installation at Field, Grant, Lee, and Ridgeway be awarded to Harold G. Butzer of Jefferson City, Missouri, in the amount of \$3,028,600. The second was by Ms. Mees. After further discussion and public comments by Scott Boyd of Questec and Susan McClintic, the vote was 6 yes—1 no (Mr. Whitt voted no).

It was moved by Mr. Sessions that the bid for the geothermal system at Midway Heights be awarded to Harold G. Butzer of Jefferson City, Missouri, in the amount of \$884,600. The second was by Ms. Pruitt. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

It was moved by Mr. Sessions that the bid for the geothermal well fields at Midway Heights be awarded to Ground Source Systems of Buffalo, Missouri, in the amount of \$288,990. The second was by Ms. King. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Consideration of Window Bids

Mr. Oestreich presented bids for the installation of windows and storefront for consideration. Bids for the removal and installation of windows and storefront at Field, Grant, Lee, Midway Heights, New Haven, Rock Bridge, and Two Mile Prairie elementary schools and West Junior High School were opened on Tuesday, January 31, 2012. The following bids were received:

Central Missouri Glass, Boonville	\$1,172,766.48
Huebert Builders, Columbia	\$1,209,591.87
Windoor, Swansea, IL	\$1,866,884.00
The Wilson Group, Greenwood, MO	\$1,916,865.00

The completion schedule calls for work at the following schools to be completed in the summer of 2012: Grant (\$73,412.00), Lee (\$27,347.00), Midway Heights (\$46,082.00), and Two Mile Prairie (\$14,669.48); for work at West Junior High School (\$694,046.00) to be completed in the summer of 2013; and for work at the following schools to be completed in the summer of 2014: Field (\$77,239.00), New Haven (\$111,438.00), and Rock Bridge Elementary (\$128,533.00). Depending upon cash flow, the work at West Junior High School may move to the summer of 2014.

It was moved by Ms. Mees that the bid for window and storefront replacement be awarded to Central Missouri Glass of Boonville, Missouri, in the amount of \$1,172,766.48. The second was by Mr. Whitt. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Consideration of 2012-13 Budget Parameters

Dr. Belcher presented recommendations for parameters for the 2012-13 school year budget, as follows:

1. A fiscally responsible budget will be achieved by exploration of options for increased revenues and operating efficiencies. The Board of Education will ask the taxpayers to approve a forty-cent operating levy increase in April 2012.
2. Should additional revenues not be secured by April 15, 2012, the Board of Education will not change budget planning for 2012-13 and will project to deficit spend by approximately \$2 million; however, will begin appropriate planning for fiscal year 2013-14 and beyond.
3. Operating efficiencies will be made by review and determination of comfortable adjustments to operating budgets and not be derived from budget and staffing reductions as in the 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-12 budget years.
4. The Board of Education will operate all salary schedules and continue recognizing and funding salary improvements due to educational credit advancement.
5. The Board of Education will continue funding Supplemental Pay (formerly Career Ladder) for those employees currently participating. New participants will not be allowed to enroll in the program.
6. The Board of Education will fully fund current employee benefit programs for eligible employees even though benefit costs continue to increase. These increasing costs may be offset as feasible with adjustments to the programs.
7. During the budget process, the Board of Education will consider increases to strained program and departmental budgets where appropriate.

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8. The 2012-13 budget will include an estimated \$1.4 million in costs related to the planning and opening of Battle High School (August 2013) and secondary reorganization, including staffing required for startup and professional development for teachers.
9. The Columbia School District will continue to provide transportation exceeding state requirements.

It was moved by Ms. Mees that the 2012-13 budget parameters be approved as presented. The second was by Mr. Sessions. After discussion, the vote was 6 yes—1 no (Ms. Pruitt voted no).

Consideration of 2012-13 and 2013-14 School Year Calendars

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 school year calendars for the next two academic years. On behalf of the committee, Dr. Sally Beth Lyon, Chief Academic Officer, presented the 2012-13 and 2013-14 calendars for consideration.

The 2012-13 calendar features pre-school workshop and planning days on August 13, 14, and 15, with the first day of school scheduled for Thursday, August 16. Winter break would begin on Monday, December 24, and end Tuesday, January 1. Spring break would be March 25-29, and the final day of school would be May 29. The proposed calendar contains six days which may be used to dismiss classes in the event of inclement weather.

The 2013-14 calendar features pre-school workshop and planning days on August 14, 15, and 16, with the first day of school scheduled for Tuesday, August 20. Winter break would begin on Monday, December 23, and end Thursday, January 2. Spring break would be March 24-28, and the final day of school would be May 27. The proposed calendar contains six days which may be used to dismiss classes in the event of inclement weather.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Sessions that the 2012-13 and 2013-14 calendars be approved as presented. The second was by Ms. King. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Consideration of Policies

Dr. Belcher presented revisions to several policies for the Board's consideration. He recommended that revisions to policies JGF, "Discipline Reporting and Records," and JHG, "Reporting and Investigating Child Abuse/Neglect," be approved. Revisions to policies GBH, "Staff/Student Relations," JCB, "Intradistrict Transfers," and JCB-R, "Intradistrict High School Transfers," were presented for first reading and will be presented for consideration of approval at the Board's work session on February 23, 2012.

It was moved by Ms. Pruitt that the revisions to policies JGF and JHG be approved. The second was by Mr. Whitt. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

It was moved by Mr. Sessions that the revisions to policies GBH, JCB, and JCB-R be approved for first reading. The second was by Mr. Whitt. After discussion and public comments by Donna Kessell, David Buster, and Richard Hawkins, the vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Announcements

Board members shared information about various activities in which they have recently taken part or in which they will soon take part.

President Rose announced Mr. Sessions will appear on KFRU on Tuesday, February 14, to review and discuss the February 13 Board of Education meeting.

President Rose announced there will be an executive session at 5:30 p.m. on March 12, 2012, to discuss the superintendent's evaluation. The meeting will be held at West Junior High School.

President Rose announced there will be a work session at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2012, at the Administration Building, 1818 West Worley Street. All Board of Education meetings after that date will be held at West Junior High School until further notice.

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Adjournment

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was declared adjourned at 10:13 p.m.