

Record of the Board of Education of the Columbia School District

Special Session, 20th day of February, 2014

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The Board of Education of the School District of Columbia, Boone County, Missouri, met in special session at the Administration Building, 1818 West Worley Street, at the hour of 7:30 a.m., Central Standard Time, Thursday, the 20th day of February, 2014. Those in attendance were as follows:

President Christine King
Vice President James Whitt
Member Jan Mees
Member Dr. Tom Rose
Member Jonathan Sessions
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 Darin Preis
Member Helen Wade

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President King at 7:30 a.m.

Consideration of Agenda

The first matter of business was consideration of approval of the agenda for the February 20, 2014, meeting of the Board of Education. It was moved by Mr. Sessions that the agenda be approved as presented. The second was by Ms. Mees. The vote was 5 yes—0 no—2 absent.

Consideration of Community Improvement District

Dr. Belcher presented information on the Community Improvement District currently under consideration by the City of Columbia. Jack Miller of Tribune Media responded to questions from Board members. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Sessions that President King be authorized to vote “yes” on behalf of the Columbia Board of Education. The second was by Ms. Mees. The vote was 5 yes—0 no—2 absent.

Consideration of 3M Science Grant

Mike Szydlowski, Science Coordinator, presented an application for a 3M Ingenuity Grant that would benefit the Rock Bridge High School science department. It was moved by Ms. Mees that the grant application be approved. The second was by Mr. Sessions. The vote was 5 yes—0 no—2 absent.

Discussion of Missouri School Boards Association Legislative Issues for 2014 Session

Dr. Belcher presented information on Missouri School Boards Association (MSBA) priorities for the 2014 legislative session.

(At this point in the meeting, 7:37 a.m., Mr. Preis arrived.)

Dr. Belcher discussed highlights of the MSBA Legislative Forum held in Jefferson City on February 18, 2014, including budget issues, statewide school transfer law, initiative petitions, and Common Core.

Superintendent Search Update

President King presented an update on the search for a new superintendent to replace Dr. Chris Belcher, who will retire effective June 30, 2014.

(At this point in the meeting, 7:40 a.m., Ms. Wade joined the meeting via telephone.)

President King said the nation-wide posting closed on February 1, 2014, and yielded 18 interested candidates. The search consultant from the Missouri School Boards Association, Bob Watkins, is now in the process of reviewing references and will provide the Board of Education with the list of candidates and reference results in the next 10 days. The Board will subsequently meet with the consultant to determine which candidates will be offered interviews. Once initial interviews take place, the Board will decide on a finalist or finalists to present to the public. The times to meet and interact with the finalist(s) will be scheduled in the near future.

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(At this point in the meeting, the telephone connection to Ms. Wade was lost.)

Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Whitt that the Board of Education immediately adjourn to meet in executive session at the Administration Building, 1818 West Worley Street, for the purpose of considering personnel issues as authorized by Section 610.021(1)(10)(13) of the Missouri statutes. The second was by Mr. Sessions. The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Preis voted	Yes
Dr. Rose voted	Yes
Ms. Wade was	Absent
Ms. Whitt voted	Yes
Ms. Mees voted	Yes
Mr. Sessions voted	Yes
President King voted	Yes

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:40 a.m.