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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 11th day of April, 2011.

First Session

Those in attendance were as follows:

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

Absent: None

Second Session

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

First Session

Call to Order

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

The first matter of business was consideration of the agenda for the April 11, 2011, meeting of the Board of Education. It was moved by Ms. King that the agenda be approved. The second was by Mr. Sessions. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Consideration of April 5, 2011, Election Results

The next order of business was the consideration of results of the election of members to the Board of Education held April 5, 2011. President Mees presented the following unofficial results of the April 5 election:

Election of Directors

To elect three (3) members of the Board of Education each to serve for a term of three (3) years.

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Helen Wade	8,287
Jonathan Sessions	8,053
Dave Raithel	1,381
Liz Peterson	3,021
Tom Rose	7,133
Sara R. Dickson	3,033

It was then moved by Dr. Segert that the election results be accepted, and that Tom Rose, Jonathan Sessions, and Helen Wade 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 second was by Mr. Whitt. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

President Mees presented a plaque to Dr. Segert in recognition and appreciation of her years of service as a member of the Board of Education.

There was no other business to come before the Board at the first session, and President Mees declared that the session was adjourned *sine die*.

Second Session

The second session of the April 11, 2011, meeting of the Columbia Board of Education was called to order by Board Secretary Dr. Nick Boren.

Oath of Office to Recently Elected Board of Education Members

Presentation of the Certificates of Election

Dr. Boren administered the oath of office to Tom Rose, Jonathan Sessions, and Helen Wade, and presented each of them with a certificate of election.

Organization of the Board of Education

Election of the President

Dr. Boren then requested nominations for the position of President of the Columbia Board of Education for a term of one year. Ms. King moved that Tom Rose be nominated for the position of President for a term of one year. The second was by Ms. Mees. There were no other nominations. Dr. Boren called for the vote to elect Tom Rose as President of the Board of Education. The vote was 7 yes—0 no, and Dr. Rose was declared unanimously elected by acclamation.

Presentation of the Gavel to the President

Dr. Boren then presented the gavel to President Rose, and President Rose began to conduct the meeting.

President Rose presented Ms. Mees with a plaque in honor of her service as Board of Education President for the past two years.

Election of the Vice President

President Rose 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. Sessions that Christine King be nominated for the position of Vice President. The second was by Ms. Mees. There were no other nominations. President Rose called for the vote to elect Christine King as Vice President of the Board of Education. The vote was 7 yes—0 no, and Ms. King 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 regular and special meetings of the Board of Education held on March 14, 2011; approval of the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Education held on March 24, 2011; acceptance of the treasurer's report; approval of bills; approval of personnel recommendations; and approval of business transactions.

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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 March in the amount of \$101.19 million, cash receipts of \$9.65 million, cash disbursements of \$29.78 million, and an ending balance of \$81.07 million. The \$81.07 million was invested in government securities in the amount of \$61.03 million and daily investment accounts in the amount of \$20.04 million. The average interest rate for all investments was 0.28%.

The Board of Education had previously been provided a detailed report of bills and expenditures for the month of March 2011. The report totaled 171 pages. The following is a listing and summary of the bills as provided to the Board of Education:

General Ledger Accounts	\$2,809.89	Voc. Business Education	1,883.93
Elementary Instruction	88,616.68	Voc. Computer Education	1,476.20
Elementary Health	219.98	Voc. Occ. Culinary Arts	4,754.27
Elementary Music	3,612.94	Voc. Building Trades	1,139.88
Elementary Art	7,662.87	Voc. Electronics	45.92
Elementary Science	1,830.38	Voc. Health Occupations	40,937.23
Elementary Math	549.31	Voc. Auto Mechanics	314.03
Elementary Physical Education	55.85	Voc. Distributive Ed.	1,190.92
Middle/Junior High Instruction	30,500.80	Voc. Drafting and Design	182.53
Middle/Junior High Science	3,182.63	Voc. Broadcast Journalism	10,437.18
Middle/Junior High Math	3,535.43	Voc. Special Needs	418.59
Middle/Junior High Language Arts	185.27	Voc. Eval. Lab	3,110.97
Middle/Junior High Social Studies	682.74	Extracurricular Activities	154,848.95
Middle/Junior High Reading	295.70	Athletics	13,167.86
Middle/Junior High Foreign Language	703.47	Adult Basic Education	2,214.00
Middle/Junior High Music	3,266.17	Adult Business Education	4,779.29
Middle/Junior High Art	3,751.59	Adult Vocational Trades	1,415.89
Middle/Junior High Business	655.60	Health Occupations	34,128.74
Middle/Junior High Family Cons. Sci.	3,495.94	Enrichment	30,434.05
Middle/Junior High Ind. Tech.	2,247.32	Financial Aid Office	1,060.14
Middle/Junior High Physical Ed.	2,016.99	Payments to Other Districts	79,055.45
Middle/Junior High Speech	48.19	Supplemental Ed. Service	22,387.30
Senior High Instruction	30,232.53	Pupil Accounting	234.87
Senior High Science	4,946.29	Counseling and Guidance	15,288.62
Senior High Math	900.92	Assessment Services	1,333.15
Senior High Language Arts	498.48	Pupil Health Services	1,190.36
Senior High Social Studies	241.43	Staff Coordination	2,469.34
Senior High Reading	55.92	Staff In-service Training	61,429.22
Senior High Foreign Language	225.98	Library	7,770.81
Senior High Music	4,993.84	Instructional and Info. Tech. Svcs.	543.33
Senior High Art	2,927.30	Board of Education	319,169.24
Senior High Business Ed.	1,704.35	District Administration	18,427.40
Senior High Family Cons. Sci.	594.14	Office of the Principal	5,955.41
Senior High Industrial Tech.	1,761.58	Administration—Special Ed.	5,586.78
Senior High Physical Ed.	511.27	Commencement	781.67
Senior High Speech and Drama	3,193.95	Administration—Vocational	375.70
Senior High Journalism	844.00	Business Services	32,898.00
Secondary Summer School	64,539.53	Maintenance Services	388,356.49
Douglass High School	2,340.79	Security Services	55,412.73
Suspension Center	218.73	Transportation—District	757.21
Special Ed.—All Programs	61,039.74	Transportation—Contract	1,583,055.76
Gifted Program	1,235.93	Handicapped Pupil Trans.	435,634.03
Title 1	2,082.86	School Choice Transportation	1,868.52
English—Second Language	10,396.90	ECSE Transportation	140,532.42
Early Childhood Spec. Educ.	12,110.39	Food Services Program	237,074.45
Voc.—All Programs	22,320.67	Research, Assessment, and Accountability	311.44
Voc. Agriculture	4,989.52	Information Services	42,980.92
Voc. Welding	305.69	Employee Benefits	105,961.90

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Title I Early Childhood	1,174.56	2007 Bonds Issued 7/07	31,514.00
Community Relations/PIE	17,820.45	2007 Bonds Issued 11/09	1,445,649.63
Parents As Teachers	974.72	Capital Projects—ARRA	4,875.58
Offset Printing	7,459.50	Capital Projects—Tax	119,601.29
Early Childhood	39,375.38		
Enrichment Program	200.00		
Revolving Accounts	744.69	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,944,565.91
Parental Involvement ARRA	5,255.55		

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
Art supplies (district-wide)	Award to low bidders meeting specifications, as follows: Elgin School Supply Co., Chico, CA \$18,041.19 School Specialty, Mount Joy, PA \$13,178.79 Commercial Art Supply, Syracuse, NY \$1,284.75 S&S Worldwide, Colchester, CT \$106.35
Notification of expenditure—Authorization to award food service equipment (Mill Creek Elementary School)	Awarded to low bidder meeting specifications, Ford Restaurant Supply, Inc., Columbia, MO, in the amount of \$32,490.27
Notification of expenditure—Authorization to award partial roof replacement (Douglass High School and Field building)	Awarded to low bidder meeting specifications, Watkins Roofing, Columbia, MO, in the amount of \$117,450.00

Also presented for consideration were a storm water management/BMP facilities covenant and storm water easement on the Rock Bridge High School property for construction of a storage shed; and a condemnation agreement for .26 acres owned by the Zaki and Mona Ajans Trusts regarding a culvert improvement easement across St. Charles Road.

It was moved by Ms. Mees that the consent agenda be approved as presented. The second was by Mr. Sessions. Ms. Quinley noted a correction in the list of the March bills payable, and Dr. Boren noted a correction to the March 14, 2011, Board of Education meeting minutes. After discussion, the vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Special Recognition

President Rose announced the following individuals recently received Columbia Fund for Academic Excellence Awards and will be honored at the annual Columbia Fund for Academic Excellence banquet on April 14:

- Brian Rehg, Parkade Elementary School, Outstanding Elementary Educator, Grades Pre-K-2
- Jill Walters, Derby Ridge Elementary School, Outstanding Elementary Educator, Grades 3-5
- Anna Osborn, Jefferson Junior High School, Outstanding Middle/Junior High Educator
- Robin Stover, Rock Bridge High School, Outstanding Senior High Educator
- Debbie Flores, Special Education (district-wide), Outstanding Educator in a Specialized Area
- Chelsea Foster, Oakland Junior High School, Outstanding Beginning Teacher
- Beverly Borduin, Grant Elementary School, Outstanding Administrator

Public Comment

Comments were received from the following individuals:

- Shelia Chapman, 3708 Watts Drive
- Chris Teddy, 919 Hulen Drive
- Amy Pescaglia, 3207 Appalachian Drive
- Jill Orr, 2808 Overhill Road
- Cory Prasch, 1404 Truman Drive
- Robin Hubbard, 1311 Fox Run Drive

Board President's Report

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

Kari Schuster, co-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.

Federal Jobs Bill

Dr. Belcher discussed the pending federal jobs bill and the approximately \$3 million in funding Columbia Public Schools stands to lose if it does not pass. He submitted a sample resolution in support of the bill. Mr. Sessions read the resolution aloud, and it was the consensus of the Board members that they support the bill and will consider approval of such a resolution at the Board's April 21, 2011, work session.

Unfinished Business

Consideration of Policies

Dr. Belcher presented several policies for second reading and consideration of approval. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that policies GCBDA, "Professional Staff Short-term Leaves and Absences," and GDBDA, "Support Staff Leaves and Absences," be revised to change the heading "Payment Upon Retirement or Death—Employees of Record January 1, 2011" to "Payment Upon Retirement or Death—Employee of Record June 30, 2011." Also, the heading "Payment upon Retirement or Death—Employees Hired after January 1, 2011" should be changed to "Payment upon Retirement or Death—Employees Hired on or after July 1, 2011." It was moved by Ms. Mees that the policies be approved, including the aforementioned changes to GCBDA and GDBDA. The second was by Mr. Sessions. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that policy BCE, "Board Committees/Advisory Committees to the Board," be revised to list the names of the standing committees in alphabetical order. After further discussion, the vote was 7 yes—0 no.

New Business

Consideration of 2010-11 Budget Amendments

Ms. Quinley presented several proposed amendments to the 2010-11 budget. It was moved by Ms. Mees that the amendments be approved as presented. The second was by Mr. Whitt. After discussion, the vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Consideration of Superintendent's Contract

President Rose provided an overview of Dr. Belcher's contract and recommended a one-year extension, which would allow the current contract to be valid through the 2013-14 school year. It was also recommended the salary be increased for the 2011-12 contract from \$185,232 to \$188,492 (1.76 percent), the mileage reimbursement be increased from \$7,200 to \$7,500, and a \$400 reimbursement for local civic dues be added. It was moved by Ms. King that the contract be extended and adjusted as recommended. The second was by Mr. Sessions. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the contract language be changed regarding the superintendent's medical exam; instead of saying "the district" will receive the medical report, it should say "the district (Board president)" will receive it. After further discussion, the vote was 7 yes—0 no.

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Consideration of Resolution Authorizing the Offering for Sale of Approximately \$43,000,000 in General Obligation Bonds and Refunding of Bonds

Ms. Quinley presented a resolution for issuance of approximately \$43,000,000 in general obligation bonds for the purpose of construction and renovations as described in the April 2007 and April 2010 bond ballot language, and for refunding of bonds. Jack Dillingham of Piper Jaffray and Toni Stegemann of Gilmore and Bell reviewed the details of the resolution, which authorizes preparation of the documentation for the offering and authorizes Piper Jaffray to act as financial advisor and Gilmore and Bell to serve as bond counsel for this transaction. Piper Jaffray has also reviewed the district's bonds issued, which are subject to redemption prior to the stated maturities, to determine the potential savings by refinancing as well as extension opportunities that allow for the reduction of the capitalized interest in the long-range bond plan. This review has identified the 2003B issue for refinancing, totaling \$5,405,000. The savings potential of this refunding is approximately \$187,000. An issuance resolution is planned for presentation to the Board at its May 9, 2011, regular meeting. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Sessions that the resolution authorizing the offering for sale of approximately \$43,000,000 in general obligation bonds and refunding of bonds be adopted. The second was by Ms. Mees. 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

Superintendent's Report

Financial Update

Dr. Belcher updated the Board regarding the following:

- He noted there is a new sign in the Board of Education meeting room reflecting the district's vision, mission, and values. These signs, paid for by Larry Potterfield, will be soon placed in each building and in each classroom.
- He discussed the importance and relevance of class size to district finances, as the cost of personnel is approximately 80 percent of the budget.
- He reported he had attended a Senate hearing today regarding a bill for a \$20 million statewide increase in school transportation funding, which appears poised to pass. This would equate to approximately \$340,000 in funding for the Columbia School District.
- He said it appears district administrators' projections for revenues and expenditures are on target, and the district will begin deficit spending \$4 million to \$5 million over the next two years.

Student Support Review

Betsy Jones, the district's Director of Secondary Guidance, presented information on the system the district has in place to support the social, emotional, behavioral, and mental health needs of students so they can succeed and prosper academically. The purpose of the student support team is to provide a cohesive, collaborative approach to student support that eliminates duplication and provides excellent support to district buildings. The support system is based on three tiers: Tier 1 (services provided to all students), Tier 2 (responsive services), and Tier 3 (alternative programs). The goal is to provide interventions in Tiers 2 and 3 that will enable a student to return to Tier 1 so they can learn and achieve. Dr. Belcher reviewed each of the student support services and noted the district currently spends at least \$34 million per year on the support system, which is approximately 22 percent of the operating budget.

District Organizational Chart

Dr. Belcher presented an overview of several changes being made to the district organizational chart to better reflect current practices and increase organization efficiency. The chart more accurately reflects the direct supervision responsibility of the Superintendent and the Deputy Superintendent to the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Superintendents, and realigns the Chief Academic Officer position to reporting to the Assistant Superintendents for Elementary and Secondary Education.

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Announcements

President Rose said he will announce Board committee assignments at the Board's April 21, 2011, work session.

President Rose announced there may be a special evening meeting of the Board on either July 21 or July 28 to discuss the ten-year financial plan.

President Rose announced he will appear on KFRU on Tuesday, April 12, to review and discuss the April 11 Board of Education meeting.

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

Adjournment

It was moved by Ms. King 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 pupil personnel issues as authorized by the provisions of Section 610.021(6)(14) of the Missouri statutes. The second was by Mr. Sessions. 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

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:15 p.m.