

Record of the Board of Education of the Columbia School District

Special Session, 18th day of April, 2013

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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 Daylight Time, Thursday, the 18th day of April, 2013. Those in attendance were as follows:

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

Absent: Member Jan Mees
Member Darin Preis
Member Helen Wade

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President King at 7:36 a.m.

Consideration of Agenda

The first matter of business was consideration of approval of the agenda for the April 18, 2013, meeting of the Board of Education. It was moved by Dr. Rose that the agenda be approved as presented. The second was by Mr. Sessions. The vote was 4 yes—0 no—3 absent.

Project Lead the Way Report

Craig Adams, practical arts coordinator, and Linda Rawlings, Columbia Area Career Center director, presented an update on Project Lead the Way. This organization provides curriculum for the district's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) program.

(At this point in the meeting, 7:39 a.m., Ms. Wade arrived.)

ShowMe Nature Partnership Report

Dr. Candace Galen, University of Missouri professor and program director of the ShowMe Nature Partnership, presented a report on this partnership between the University of Missouri and Columbia Public Schools, funded by the National Science Foundation, which began in August 2011 and will continue until June 2014. The goal of the partnership is to enhance STEM graduate student communication skills and science literacy of K-12 teachers via co-mentoring.

Update on Instructional Monitoring (Walkthroughs)

Dr. Belcher presented a brief summary on instructional monitoring. A more complete update will be presented at the Board's regular meeting on May 13, 2013.

Consideration of Resolution Authorizing the Offering for Sale of General Obligation Refunding and 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 May 1, 2013. A resolution was presented which would authorize the issuance of general obligation refunding and improvement bonds, Series 2013, provide 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 authorize certain other documents and actions in connection therewith. Bonds in the amount of \$9,290,000 will be issued at a combined net interest cost of 2.16 percent. Net funds of \$5.151 million will be realized from issuing \$5 million authorized at the municipal election of April 6, 2010. The balance of the \$9,290,000 will be used for refunding bonds, which will provide a savings of \$538,118, or 11.84 percent. No funds were used for capitalizing interest costs. It was moved by Mr. Sessions that the 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 Dr. Rose. The vote was 5 yes—0 no—2 absent.

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Missouri School Boards Association Strategic Planning Model

Dr. Carter Ward, Missouri School Boards Association executive director, and Blake Naughton, executive director of The Hook Center for Educational Leadership and District Renewal College of Education, presented information on the Baldrige model of strategic management. The Baldrige model is a series of questions designed to improve the operation of schools.

(At this point in the meeting, 9:14 a.m., it was necessary for Ms. Wade to leave the meeting. At 9:25 a.m., it was necessary for Dr. Rose to leave the meeting.)

President King appointed Board members to Board of Education committees, other district-wide committees, and organizations. Board members will serve as follows:

Communications Committee	Darin Preis (chair), Tom Rose, Helen Wade
Finance Committee	Jonathan Sessions (chair), Darin Preis, Helen Wade
Long-range Facilities Planning Committee	Jan Mees (chair), Tom Rose, Jim Whitt
Policy Committee	Helen Wade (chair), Christine King, Jonathan Sessions
Student Performance Committee	Tom Rose (chair), Jan Mees, Darin Preis
Columbia Public Schools Foundation	Jim Whitt
Calendar Committee	Jan Mees, Jim Whitt
Wellness Committee	Jonathan Sessions
Missouri School Boards Association	Christine King and Jonathan Sessions (delegates), Darin Preis (alternate)

Adjournment

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:31 a.m.