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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 22nd day of September, 2011. 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 7:35 a.m.

Consideration of Agenda

The first matter of business was consideration of approval of the agenda for the September 22, 2011, meeting of the Board of Education. It was moved by Ms. Mees that the agenda be approved as presented. The second was by Mr. Sessions. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Consideration of Consent Agenda

The next matter of business was the consideration of the approval of personnel recommendations. It was recommended the Board approve additional full-time equivalent (FTE) positions, as follows:

Elementary Guidance Counselor (Benton, Mill Creek, and Ridgeway elementary schools)375 FTE
Facility Project Manager	1 FTE
Network Service Specialist II	1 FTE

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.

Consideration of Terms of Financing for Administration Building and Early Childhood Discovery Center Properties

The Board of Education and the Columbia Public Schools Facilities Authority have accepted the financing offer made by UMB Bank and Central Bank. Jack Dillingham of Piper Jaffray and Toni Stegeman of Gilmore and Bell presented a resolution authorizing execution of the final documents relating to lease purchase transactions for the Administration Building project and the Early Childhood Discovery Center (early childhood special education program). The final documents include a preliminary offering statement, lease agreements, and final pricing information. The annual operating budget will fund the annual lease purchase payment by transfer of funds to the capital projects funds. These funds will be reallocated from the operating budget using the current lease payments and projected future payments made for the Bernadette Drive and 555 Vandiver Drive properties. The net operating budget impact will be nominal, if not zero. The payment on the Early Childhood Discovery Center is funded by annual allocations from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education over the same eight-year period as the financing. The closing on the financing will be on October 6, 2011, and the district will then have the ability to reimburse itself for construction expenses. Financing was very good at 4.23 percent. The 8-year financing for the Discovery Center was 2.28 percent. It was moved by Ms. Mees that the following resolution be approved:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, BOONE COUNTY, STATE OF MISSOURI, TO ENTER INTO A LEASE PURCHASE TRANSACTION TO PAY COSTS OF (1) CONSTRUCTING AN ADDITION TO, AND IMPROVING THE DISTRICT'S EXISTING ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, AND (2) ACQUIRING AND IMPROVING A BUILDING TO BE USED FOR THE DISTRICT'S EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM; APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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The second was by Mr. Whitt. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Secondary Reorganization Discussion

Board members then heard several presentations related to the upcoming reorganization of secondary education in the district. Don Ludwig, chair of the Secondary Enrollment Committee, presented information on attendance area boundaries. The committee plans a media announcement on October 27, 2011, to publicize the scenarios being considered by the committee. Eight community forums will then be held. The final recommendation of the committee to the Board of Education is planned for February 2012, with the Board to consider final approval in March 2012. Parents will know 16 to 18 months before new boundaries are implemented.

Dr. Dana Clippard, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, presented information on the personnel aspects of the reorganization, including the Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education (since Dr. Wanda Brown, who currently holds that position, will retire at the end of the 2011-12 school year), and the new principal of Battle High School. In January 2012, all employees will be surveyed again as to where they want to serve in 2013.

David Wilson, Coordinator of Transportation, presented information on a "three-tier" transportation model for the district, in which student transportation to and from the high schools, intermediate schools, and elementary schools would each occur in discrete daily time frames.

Adjournment

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:35 a.m.