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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 14th day of November, 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 6:33 p.m.

The first matter of business was consideration of the agenda for the November 14, 2011, meeting of the Board of Education. It was moved by Mr. Whitt that the agenda be approved. The second was by Mr. Sessions. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

It was moved by Ms. King that item 7e, "Consideration of Additional FTE," be added to the agenda. The second was by Ms. Wade. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Consent Agenda

The Board considered approval of the minutes of the regular meeting and executive session of the Board of Education held on October 10, 2011; the special session of the Board of Education held on October 20, 2011; 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 October in the amount of \$75.80 million, cash receipts of \$6.93 million, cash disbursements of \$18.52 million, and an ending balance of \$64.21 million. The \$64.21 million was invested in government securities in the amount of \$42.55 million and daily investment accounts in the amount of \$21.66 million. The average interest rate for all investments was 0.20%.

The Board of Education had previously been provided a detailed report of bills and expenditures for the month of October 2011. The report totaled 279 pages. The following is a listing and summary of the bills as provided to the Board of Education:

General Ledger Accounts	\$5,036,548.58	Middle/Junior High Foreign Language	757.50
Elementary Instruction	61,638.50	Middle/Junior High Music	3,575.71
Elementary Health	381.71	Middle/Junior High Art	4,976.45
Elementary Music	1,883.63	Middle/Junior High Business	780.06
Elementary Art	9,348.03	Middle/Junior High Family and Cons. Sci.	3,138.16
Elementary Science	478.86	Middle/Junior High Ind. Tech.	6,280.67
Elementary Math	1,988.92	Middle/Junior High Physical Education	45.96
Elementary Social Studies	6,317.51	Middle/Junior High Speech	367.30
Elementary Physical Education	987.25	Senior High Instruction	11,869.01
Elementary Language Arts	38,407.20	Senior High Science	2,667.07
Middle/Junior High Instruction	15,406.85	Senior High Math	-649.42
Middle/Junior High Science	5,581.61	Senior High Language Arts	1,553.36
Middle/Junior High Math	1,720.42	Senior High Social Studies	506.57
Middle/Junior High Language Arts	925.43	Senior High Foreign Language	989.15
Middle/Junior High Social Studies	278.03	Senior High Music	11,353.78

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Senior High Art	5,727.47	Payments to Other Districts	54,383.99
Senior High Business Education	4,586.04	Counseling and Guidance	7,518.04
Senior High Family and Cons. Sci.	2,180.62	Assessment Services	5,670.00
Senior High Industrial Tech.	356.10	Home School Visitor	70.94
Senior High Physical Education	43.36	Pupil Health Services	261.89
Senior High Speech and Drama	1,468.63	Ancillary Services	293.06
		Staff Coordination	1,113.08
Senior High Journalism	1,028.00	Staff In-service Training	42,040.01
Senior High Planetarium	5,728.00	Library	12,080.37
Secondary Summer School	55.20	Instructional and Info. Tech. Svcs.	7,187.95
Douglass High School	496.32	Board of Education	24,814.90
Suspension Center	1,047.09	District Administration	8,860.31
Special Ed.—All Programs	13,859.21	Office of the Principal	8,603.66
Gifted Program	5,888.86	Administration—Special Ed.	1,350.70
Title I	1,938.99	Administration—Vocational	1,088.08
Adjudicated Student	243.39	Business Services	9,047.21
English—Second Language	883.48	Maintenance Services	623,052.00
Early Childhood Special Ed.	33,520.41	Security Services	50,496.23
Voc.—All Programs	13,618.57	Transportation—District	1,509.48
Voc. Agriculture	13,347.24	Transportation—Contract	151,674.54
Voc. Welding	1,377.87	Food Services Program	436,431.06
Voc. Business Ed.	2,960.84	Research, Assessment, and Accountability	62.99
Voc. Computer Ed.	5,188.67	Information Services	31,103.97
Voc. Occ. Culinary Arts	11,430.18	Employee Benefits	44,573.10
Voc. Building Trades	18,505.86	Title I Early Childhood	3,761.41
Voc. Electronics	330.79	Community Relations/PIE	2,619.09
Voc. Health Occupations	12,796.89	Parents As Teachers	963.64
Voc. Auto Mechanics	4.90	Offset Printing	8,549.51
Voc. Distributive Ed.	774.49	Early Childhood	14,917.59
Voc. Special Needs	40.97	Revolving Accounts	1,986.30
Voc. Teaching Professions	67.14	Parental Involvement ARRA	2,080.58
Voc. Safety and Security	2,156.81	2007 Bonds Issued 11/09	47,730.74
Extracurricular Activities	182,273.50	2011 Bonds Issued 05/11	3,016,476.00
Athletics	80,947.86	Capital Projects—ARRA	1,746.33
Student Competitions	200.00	Capital Projects—Tax	1,096,392.62
Adult Basic Education	2,761.51	Debt Services	1,000.00
Adult Business Education	2,206.21		
Adult Vocational Trades	3,965.25		
Health Occupations	9,162.62		
Enrichment	9,149.63		
Financial Aid Office	208.67		
		TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$11,404,142.87

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
HP equipment for wireless project to replace Nortel system (district-wide)	Award to low bidder meeting specifications, Provision Data Solutions, Chesterfield, MO, in the amount of \$172,150.00
Acoustical panels (Early Childhood Discovery Center)	Award to Golterman and Sabo, St. Louis, MO, in the amount of \$13,645.00
Partial roof replacement (Rock Bridge High School)	Award to low bidder meeting specifications, Watkins Roofing, Columbia, MO, in the amount of \$403,250.00

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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.

Also presented for consideration were:

- Storm water covenant and storm water easement on the Hickman High School property
- Storm water covenant, storm water easement, and water utility easement on the Rock Bridge High School property

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

Special Recognition

Hickman High School National Merit Scholar Semifinalists

Special recognition was given to National Merit Semifinalists from Rock Bridge High School. The students recognized were Carter Datz, Jeanna Hoffmann, Daniel Hwang, Annemarie Van Doren, and Avery Wagner.

Rock Bridge High School Girls' Tennis Team, State Champions

Special recognition was given to the Rock Bridge High School girls' tennis team for recently winning the Class 2 state championship.

Rock Bridge High School Girls' Golf Team, State Champions

Special recognition was given to the Rock Bridge High School girls' golf team for its Class 2 state championship win.

Public Comment

No public comments were offered.

Board President's Report

Report from Assistance League of Mid-Missouri—Links to Learning

Fran Washington and Phyllis Stoecklein of the Assistance League of Mid-Missouri presented an overview of that organization, particularly its Links to Learning program, which enhances classroom learning opportunities. This year, there were 162 recipients of Links to Learning grants in the total amount of \$77,185.00.

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

Policy Committee Update

Dr. Rose updated the Board on the most recent discussion of collective bargaining policies by the Board of Education Policy Committee. The services of legal counsel are being utilized, and the plan is to present a proposal to the committee on November 28, 2011.

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Superintendent's Report

October World Café Update

Dr. Belcher provided a summary of the World Café discussion held on October 12, 2011. Approximately 80 people attended to discuss the possibility of a bond issue and a tax levy increase. On December 6, 2011, a large portion of the Board of Education's special session will be devoted to this topic, and more details will be presented at that time.

Comprehensive School Improvement Plan Report—Student Performance

Dr. Sally Beth Lyon, Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Peter Stiepleman, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education; and Dr. Wanda Brown, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education, provided a review of student performance data that measure current results for objectives in the district's Comprehensive School Improvement Plan in the area of student performance, as well as information regarding the district's strategies and actions to address opportunities and areas for improvement.

Elementary Enrollment Update

Dr. Stiepleman shared information on the district's current and projected elementary enrollment. He highlighted the enrollment at Alpha Hart Lewis and Mill Creek elementary schools, last year's "hot spot" and this year's, respectively.

New Business

Consideration of Bids for Gymnasiums/Classrooms/Stadium Project at Hickman and Rock Bridge High Schools

Bids for the gymnasiums/classrooms/stadium project at Hickman and Rock Bridge high schools were opened on Thursday, November 3, 2011. The following bids were submitted:

Contractor	Total Cost
Sircal Contracting, Jefferson City	\$11,821,430
United HRB General Contractors, Inc., Jefferson City	\$12,326,000
River City Construction, Ashland	\$12,527,000
Professional Contractors and Engineers, Inc., Columbia	\$12,923,650
Little Dixie Construction, Columbia	\$13,111,648
Reinhardt/SM Wilson, St. Louis	\$15,272,750

Charles Oestreich, Director of Facilities and Construction Services, and Chris Davis of Peckham and Wright Architects, Inc, recommended that the project be awarded to the low bidder meeting specifications, Sircal Contracting of Jefferson City, in the amount of \$11,821,430. Sircal's bid was 7.5 percent lower than the average of the bids received, excluding the high bid. It was moved by Ms. Mees that the project be awarded to Sircal Contracting of Jefferson City, as recommended. The second was by Mr. Sessions. After discussion, the vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Consideration of Architect Recommendation

A Long-range Facilities Planning Committee subcommittee interview team, consisting of Dr. Nick Boren, Dr. Peter Stiepleman, Greg Cooper, Charles Oestreich, Michelle Pruitt, and Jonathan Sessions, reviewed proposals from 12 different firms for architectural services. This was a mandated qualifications-based selection process, and the criteria for selection were outlined in the request for proposals. The second distinct part of the process was negotiation of the fee schedule. The architect fees vary dependent on project value. The term of this contract will run through November 30, 2014, with two consecutive one-year periods after the initial contract for consideration of renewal. The committee selected three firms to interview:

- Simon Oswald Associates/DLR Group
- Peckham and Weight/ACI Frangkiser Hutchens
- Hollis and Miller Architects

Mr. Sessions recommended, on behalf of the Long-range Facilities Planning Committee, that Peckham and Wright/ACI Frangkiser Hutchens be the architect of record for this contract period. Upon Board of Education approval, designing of the district's next elementary school (budgeted at \$15 million from 2010 bond approval), with an expected completion date of June 2015, will begin. The estimated construction budget for this project is \$10.7 million. It was moved by Ms. Pruitt that Peckham and Wright/ACI Frangkiser Hutchens be approved as the Columbia School District's architect of record through November 30,

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2014. The second was by Mr. Sessions. After discussion, the vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Consideration of 2011-12 Budget Amendments

Ms. Quinley presented several proposed amendments to the 2011-12 budget. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Sessions that the amendments be approved as presented. The second was by Mr. Whitt. After discussion, the vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Discussion of Board of Education Executive Session Date

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that an executive session be held at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2011, prior to the regular December meeting at 6:30 p.m. that day. The meeting will be held at the Administration Building, 1818 West Worley Street, for the purpose of considering personnel issues in accordance with Section 610.021(3)(13) RSMo.

Consideration of Additional FTE

Dr. Dana Clippard, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, presented a request for an additional position, Supervisor for Title I Finance and Compliance. This position is necessary because two recent audits (by the district's audit firm of Gerding, Korte and Chitwood, and by a team from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) advised the district to separate the special education finance process from the Title I process. This position had been combined for the first time this year after the position of Director of Title Programs was eliminated as a 2011-12 budget reduction. The position of Supervisor for Title I Finance and Compliance would be effective as early as December 1, 2011. It was moved by Ms. Mees that the new position (1 full-time equivalent, or FTE, position) be approved as requested. The second was by Ms. King. 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 there will not be a work session of the Board of Education in November. He announced there will be a work session at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2011, at the Administration Building, 1818 West Worley Street. This meeting will be immediately followed by an executive session for the purpose of considering personnel issues in accordance with section 610.021(3)(13) RSMo.

Adjournment

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:32 p.m.