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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 12th day of December, 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 James Whitt  
Superintendent Dr. Chris Belcher  
Deputy Superintendent and Secretary Dr. Nick Boren  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer Linda Quinley

Absent: Member Helen Wade

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Rose at 6:32 p.m.

The first matter of business was consideration of the agenda for the December 12, 2011, meeting of the Board of Education. It was moved by Ms. Pruitt that the agenda be approved. The second was by Mr. Whitt. The vote was 6 yes—0 no—1 absent..

## Consent Agenda

The Board considered approval of the minutes of the special session, executive session, and regular meeting of the Board of Education held on November 14, 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 November in the amount of \$64.21 million, cash receipts of \$8.71 million, cash disbursements of \$19.30 million, and an ending balance of \$53.61 million. The \$53.61 million was invested in government securities in the amount of \$38.54 million and daily investment accounts in the amount of \$15.07 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 November 2011. The report totaled 249 pages. The following is a listing and summary of the bills as provided to the Board of Education:

General Ledger Accounts	\$3,825,537.50	Middle/Junior High Physical Education	2,475.67
Elementary Instruction	85,691.02	Middle/Junior High Speech	870.17
Elementary Health	88.62	Middle/Junior High Journalism	330.37
Elementary Music	3,844.96	Senior High Instruction	24,983.40
Elementary Art	3,817.07	Senior High Science	2,965.87
Elementary Science	910.84	Senior High Math	445.87
Elementary Math	285.34	Senior High Language Arts	1,156.34
Elementary Physical Education	-686.52	Senior High Social Studies	283.84
Elementary Language Arts	75.00	Senior High Foreign Language	624.88
Middle/Junior High Instruction	25,598.68	Senior High Music	5,018.22
Middle/Junior High Science	16,057.47	Senior High Art	2,479.26
Middle/Junior High Math	1,705.54	Senior High Business Education	1,006.89
Middle/Junior High Language Arts	521.94	Senior High Family and Cons. Sci.	1,778.51
Middle/Junior High Social Studies	252.64	Senior High Industrial Tech.	1,356.92
Middle/Junior High Foreign Language	328.87	Senior High Physical Education	1,016.10
Middle/Junior High Music	1,960.16	Senior High Speech and Drama	1,544.63
Middle/Junior High Art	2,972.55	Senior High Journalism	2,539.00
Middle/Junior High Business	581.21	Senior High Publications	287.94
Middle/Junior High Family and Cons. Sci.	3,145.25	Douglass High School	510.41
Middle/Junior High Ind. Tech.	2,690.28	Suspension Center	900.00

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Special Ed.—All Programs	21,337.32	Staff Coordination	1,144.54
Gifted Program	2,810.76	Curriculum Development	6,137.63
Title I	4,032.92	Staff In-service Training	71,464.59
English—Second Language	1,269.83	Library	30,800.08
Early Childhood Special Ed.	13,472.39	Instructional and Info. Tech. Svcs.	28,655.39
Voc.—All Programs	3,083.62	Board of Education	54,242.24
Voc. Agriculture	2,479.01	District Administration	19,456.10
Voc. Welding	232.43	Office of the Principal	9,167.61
Voc. Business Ed.	2,501.46	Administration—Special Ed.	609.48
Voc. Computer Ed.	3,245.22	Administration—Vocational	2,437.52
Voc. Occ. Culinary Arts	13,825.30	Business Services	10,972.64
Voc. Building Trades	1,503.82	Maintenance Services	209,669.46
Voc. Electronics	463.43	Security Services	28,813.94
Voc. Health Occupations	7,468.19	Transportation—District	1,886.52
Voc. Auto Mechanics	1,686.47	Transportation—Contract	712,242.15
Voc. Distributive Ed.	469.03	Handicapped Pupil Transportation	215,645.58
Voc. Draft and Design	69.80	ECSE Transportation	50,171.23
Voc. Broadcast Journalism	8.48	Food Services Program	389,893.17
Voc. Evaluation Lab	5.97	Information Services	35,796.06
Voc. Geospatial Information Systems	185.64	Employee Benefits	82,904.47
Voc. Teaching Professions	75.59	Title I Early Childhood	4,024.23
Voc. Photonics	5.95	Community Relations/PIE	6,202.90
Voc. Safety and Security	63.43	Parents As Teachers	3,117.24
Extracurricular Activities	106,285.34	Offset Printing	12,368.12
Athletics	39,981.34	Early Childhood	11,917.63
Adult Basic Education	9,918.83	Family and Student Services	44.18
Adult Business Education	14,195.82	Revolving Accounts	1,289.94
Adult Vocational Trades	842.89	Parental Involvement ARRA	5,103.99
Health Occupations	2,829.86	2007 Bonds Issued 11/09	176,963.14
Enrichment	9,221.87	2011 Bonds Issued 05/11	4,239,105.39
Financial Aid Office	1,369.07	2007 Bonds Issued 05/11	18,108.00
Supplemental Education Services	44,415.00	Capital Projects—Tax	680,094.60
Counseling and Guidance	4,679.81		
Assessment Services	905.94		
Home School Visitor	373.19		
Pupil Health Services	493.90		
		<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$11,464,211.39</b>

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
Dell workstation computers (Columbia Area Career Center)	Award to low bidder meeting specifications, Think CP, Irvine, CA, in the amount of \$49,845.00
Custom computers (Columbia Area Career Center)	Award to low bidder meeting specifications, Grace Global, Salt Lake City, UT, in the amount of \$65,904.00
Notification of expenditure—authorization to purchase APC transfer switch (Administration Building)	Purchased from D&B Power Associates, St. Charles, IL, in the amount of \$13,726.31
Notification of expenditure—authorization to purchase playground equipment (Grant Elementary School)	Purchased through the National Joint Powers Alliance from All Inclusive Rec, Farmington, MO, in the amount of \$25,322.16

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Bid	Recommendation
Medical stop loss policy premium notification (district-wide)	Award to low bidder meeting specifications, Swiss RE, in the amount of \$339,537.00, with one year additional renewal option

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:

- Amendments to the 2011-12 budget
- City of Columbia annexation agreement for Battle High School property
- Human Rights Commission "Celebrate the Dream" grant proposal for Parkade Elementary School
- Teton Science School youth education contract

It was moved by Ms. Mees that the consent agenda be approved as presented. The second was by Mr. Sessions. The vote was 6 yes—0 no—1 absent.

## Special Recognition

### **Columbia FFA Environmental and Natural Resources Team, National Champions**

Special recognition was given to the Columbia FFA Environmental and Natural Resources Team for its first-place win in FFA Nationals.

### **Rock Bridge High School Boys' Cross Country Team, State Champions**

Special recognition was given to the Rock Bridge High School boys' cross country team for Rock Bridge's first-ever state championship in cross country.

### **Rock Bridge High School Cheerleaders, State Champions**

Special recognition was given to the Rock Bridge High School girls' varsity cheerleading squad for the squad's first-place Class 5A Superlarge Division state championship win.

## Public Comment

No public comments were offered.

## Board President's Report

### **Report 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.

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## Report of the Auditor on the Financial Statements of the Columbia School District for 2010-11

Jim McGinnis of Gerding, Korte & Chitwood, accountants for the district, presented information on the status of the audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. He reviewed a draft of the audit communication letter.

(At this point in the meeting, 6:54 p.m., Ms. Wade arrived.)

The final audit communication letter and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Statement for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, will be presented for consideration of approval at a special meeting of the Board of Education at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 21, 2011, at the Administration Building, 1818 West Worley Street.

## Secondary Boundaries

Dr. Wanda Brown, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education, and Don Ludwig, chair of the Secondary Enrollment Planning Committee, reviewed the work of the committee regarding the drawing of secondary school attendance area boundaries. Boundary scenarios will be presented for consideration at the Board's January 9, 2012, regular meeting.

## Naming of Administration Building

Board members discussed renaming the Administration Building. Dr. Brown indicated that there had been a great deal of support for the name of former superintendent Neil C. Aslin as a name for the new high school. Since the new high school eventually was named for former associate superintendent Muriel Battle, the naming committee suggested naming the renovated Administration Building for Dr. Aslin. The Board will take action on the naming of the building within the next several months.

## Superintendent's Report

### April 2012 Bond Issue/Operating Levy Discussion

Dr. Belcher led a discussion regarding a possible bond issue/operating levy ballot issue for voters to consider at the April 2012 election. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that a \$50 million bond issue (which would involve a 12-cent tax increase) as well as a 40-cent operating tax levy increase—for a total tax increase of 52 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation—be placed before the voters on the April 2012 ballot. The Board will consider ballot language for approval at its regular meeting on January 9, 2012.

## New Business

### Consideration of World Languages Curriculum

Columbia Public Schools operates a systematic process for periodic study, review, and revision of curriculum standards and objectives. Program evaluation for World Languages was completed in 2009-10 and was updated through the process of secondary reorganization and intermediate school design during 2010-11. The program evaluation report is posted on the Columbia Public Schools public Web site, [www.columbia.k12.mo.us](http://www.columbia.k12.mo.us). Suzanne Yonke, coordinator of the district's World Languages program, presented the revised curriculum objectives for the Board of Education's consideration. It was moved by Ms. Mees that the curriculum objectives be approved as presented. The second was by Mr. Sessions. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

### Consideration of Policies

The Board of Education Policy Committee has met and reviewed several policy updates and recommendations from the Policy Services division of the Missouri School Boards Association. These are current district policies being changed or recommended to be rescinded due to revision in state or federal law, state or federal regulations, state or federal court decisions, or changes due to current legal interpretations, clarity, and/or general revisions. Also presented for first reading were two new policies, HA, "Negotiations with Employee Representatives," and HH, "Teacher Negotiating Representatives (Exclusive Representative)." These two policies will be presented for consideration of approval at the Board's regular meeting on January 9, 2012. On behalf of the administration and the Board of Education Policy Committee, Dr. Belcher recommended that the Board approve the recommendations for revisions to existing policies and the rescinding of one existing policy. It was moved by Mr. Whitt that the policy changes be approved as presented. The second was by Ms. Mees. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Board members then discussed the two new policies being presented for first reading, HA, "Negotiations with Employee Representatives," and HH, "Teacher Negotiating Representatives (Exclusive Representative)." After Board discussion and

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public comments by Bill Moyes, Marilyn Andre, Karen Smith, and Joan Beard, it was moved by Mr. Sessions that policies HA and HH be accepted as having had a first read. The second was by Ms. King. After additional discussion, the vote was 6 yes—1 no (Ms. Pruitt voted no). Dr. Belcher encouraged Board members to provide him with any suggestions for changes. The policies will be presented for second reading at the Board's regular meeting on January 9, 2012.

## **Consideration of Board of Education Candidate Filing Procedures**

Dr. Boren reported that advertisements describing Board of Education candidate filing procedures were placed in local newspapers on November 27 and November 30. Filing will open at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, and close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2012. Interested persons must file in person at the office of the Board of Education Secretary, 1818 West Worley Street, Columbia, Missouri. Two persons will be elected for three-year terms as members of the Board of Education. The election will be held April 3, 2012. It was moved by Mr. Whitt that the procedures be approved. The second was by Ms. Pruitt. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

## **Announcements**

President Rose announced Ms. King will appear on KFRU on Tuesday, December 13, to review and discuss the December 12 Board of Education meeting.

President Rose announced there will be a special session at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 21, 2011, at the Administration Building, 1818 West Worley Street.

Dr. Boren announced that the regular Board of Education meeting on January 9, 2012, will be held at the Administration Building, 1818 West Worley Street. After that, Board of Education meetings will be held at West Junior High School in the cafeteria until Administration Building renovations are completed in the late spring of 2012.

## **Adjournment**

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:12 p.m.