

# Record of the Board of Education of the Columbia School District

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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 Standard Time, Thursday, the 22nd day of January, 2015. Those in attendance were as follows:

President Christine King  
Vice President James Whitt  
Member Jan Mees  
Member Paul Cushing  
Superintendent Dr. Peter Stiepleman  
Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operations Officer and Board Treasurer Linda Quinley  
Executive Assistant to Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operations Officer and Board Secretary Tracy Davenport

Absent: Member Darin Preis  
Member Jonathan Sessions  
Member Helen Wade

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President King at 7:31 a.m.

## Consideration of Agenda

The first matter of business was consideration of approval of the agenda for the January 22, 2015, meeting of the Board of Education. It was moved by Ms. Mees that the agenda be approved as presented. The vote was 4 yes—0 no—3 absent.

## Consideration of Notice of Election and Sample Ballot for April 7, 2015, School Board Election

Ms. Davenport presented the notice of election and sample ballot for the April 7, 2015, school board election, and requested Board approval. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Cushing that the notice of election and sample ballot be approved. The vote was 4 yes—0 no—3 absent. (A copy of the notice of election and sample ballot is attached and made a part of the minutes.)

## Budget Discussion

Ms. Quinley presented information on budget planning for the 2015-16 school year.

(At 7:33 a.m., Mr. Preis arrived; at 7:36 a.m., Mr. Sessions arrived; and at 7:54 a.m., Ms. Wade arrived.)

Ms. Quinley reviewed revenue projections for 2014-15 and 2015-16, noting that assessed valuation growth and state funding have been stagnant. The Board discussed the potential impact to the 2015-16 budget should the current language remain in the Early Childhood Bill regarding full funding of unaccredited schools. After review of the revenue forecast, the Board discussed options for revenue improvement which included support of an Internet sales tax and consideration of an operating levy increase.

At this point in the meeting, 8:41 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Whitt that the Board go into recess. The vote was 7 yes—0 no. At 9:00 a.m. the Board reconvened and began to consider further agenda items.

## Patron Insight Survey Discussion

Ken DeSieghardt of Patron Insight presented the results of a recent survey of Columbia Public Schools parents, staff, and third-, fifth-, eighth-, and eleventh-grade students. The survey, which received 9,224 responses, covered four general topics:

- ! Key factors judging quality of school district
- ! Elements important to students' success
- ! Quality of life in school buildings
- ! Demographics

The survey results indicated that the community holds the district in high regard overall. The climate statements create a roadmap for improvement.

