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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 Daylight Time, Monday, the 14th day of November, 2016. Those in attendance were as follows:

President James Whitt
Vice President Jonathan Sessions
Member Paul Cushing
Member Christine King
Member Jan Mees
Member Helen Wade
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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Whitt at 6:30 p.m. Also present at the meeting were Deputy Superintendent Dr. Dana Clippard, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education Ben Tilley, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education Dr. Kevin Brown, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Brian Kurz, and Director of School Improvement Shelli Adams.

The first matter of business was consideration of the agenda for the November 14, 2016, meeting of the Board of Education. It was moved by Ms. Mees that the agenda be approved as presented. The vote was 6 yes—0 no—1 absent.

(At 6:31 p.m., Mr. Preis arrived.)

Consent Agenda

The Board considered approval of the minutes of the special and regular sessions of the Board of Education on October 10, 2016; approval of the minutes of the special sessions of the Board of Education on October 19, October 21, and November 1, 2016; acceptance of the treasurer's report; approval of bills; approval of personnel recommendations; approval of policies; and approval of business transactions.

The monthly treasurer's report had been previously provided to the Board of Education by Jim Cherrington, Director of Business Services. The report showed a beginning balance for the month of October in the amount of \$100.56 million, cash receipts of \$8.96 million, cash disbursements of \$21.36 million, and an ending balance of \$88.16 million. The \$88.16 million was invested in government securities in the amount of \$79.54 million and daily investment accounts in the amount of \$8.62 million. The average interest rate for all investments was 0.75%.

The Board of Education had previously been provided a detailed report of bills and expenditures for the month of October 2016. The report totaled 433 pages. The bills payable totaled \$15,723,452.21.

Personnel recommendations were made to the Board for employment and/or separations regarding professional and support staff positions in the district.

Revisions to the following policies were recommended for approval:

- DC-R1, "Taxing and Borrowing Authority/Limitations"
- GCEA, "Part-Time Professional Staff Employment" (Rescind)
- GDE, "Substitute Support Staff Employment" (Rescind)

Awarding of bids for materials, supplies, and equipment was recommended.

Also presented for consideration were:

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- Construction change orders:
 - Douglass High School renovations, change orders #8 and #9
 - Early Childhood Learning Center, change orders #29, #30, #31, and #32
 - Hickman High School auditorium electrical upgrades, change order #6
 - New east elementary school, change orders #7, #8, and #9
 - Beulah Ralph Elementary School, change orders #56 and #57
 - Rock Bridge High School stadium renovations, change order #3
 - Russell Boulevard Elementary School kitchen renovations, change order #1
 - Smithton Middle School special education classroom renovations, change order #3
 - West Middle School roof replacement, change order #1
- Aeration and overseeding service agreement with TurfMark, LLC, for Battle High School and Battle Elementary School
- Battle High School fundraiser facility rental agreement with Columbia Benevolent Organization
- Battle High School Orlando band trip performance tour group agreement
- Consulting agreement with University of Missouri for Paxton Keeley Elementary School
- Rock Bridge High School girls' basketball charter terms and conditions with White Knight Coaches
- Rock Bridge High School Lifetouch School Portraits agreement
- Rock Bridge High School play license agreements for *Melancholy Play* and *Execution of Justice*
- Rock Bridge High School holiday party facility rental and music services agreements
- Rock Bridge High School show choir charter terms and conditions with Huskey Trailways
- School Datebooks contract for Rock Bridge High School
- Hook Center for Educational Renewal consultant agreement with Russell Boulevard Elementary School
- Group sales agreement for choir classes to perform *Lion King* at the Fabulous Fox St. Louis
- Nature explore letter of engagement with USDA Forest Service Northern Research Station for Center for Early Learning–North
- Head Start partnership agreement with Central Missouri Community Action
- Jumpstart program partner agreement
- Indian Hills Community College National Science Foundation Award agreement
- Missouri Preschool Program Learning Communities Project presenter agreement with Karen Hickman
- Teachers as Therapists memorandum of understanding with University of Missouri
- Building Effective Autism Teams initiative agreement with Project ACCESS
- Tiger Crew memorandum of understanding with University of Missouri College of Education
- University Hospital memorandum of understanding with Hickman High School
- Food service contract with Missouri Department of Health and Boys and Girls Club
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overtime exemption from \$455 per week (\$23,600 per year) to \$913 per week (\$47,476 per year). Since parent educators' current starting rate of pay is \$685 per week, the Board of Education needs to determine whether or not a conflict exists between federal law and the parent educators' collective bargaining exists, and, if so, what needs to be done to resolve such a conflict and comply with the law. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that a conflict does exist between federal law and the parent educators' collective bargaining agreement, and that the district should adopt hourly schedules for parent educators to resolve the conflict. After further discussion and a public comment by Kathy Steinhoff (president of CMNEA) and Kristine Smith (representing parent educators), the vote was 7 yes—0 no. (A copy of the resolution and hourly wage schedule for parent educators is attached and made a part of the minutes.)

Consideration of Calling Certificates of Participation

It was moved by Ms. King that the Board of Education approve a resolution authorizing the Columbia Public School District to use available cash to prepay the remaining rentals for the district's lease purchase agreement and the related series 2009 certificates of participation that financed an energy conservation project. Ms. Quinley explained that in 2009, the district entered into a lease purchase and authorized the issuance of related certificates of participation of payment for ground source heating and cooling systems at Benton, Blue Ridge, Fairview, Parkade, and Russell Boulevard elementary schools. The 2009 issue has interest rates ranging from 3 percent to 4.150 percent, with an annual debt service totaling approximately \$2,148,000 through 2024. The issue can be "called" from investors or prepaid at par (100 percent) on or after March 1, 2017. Ms. Quinley recommended, on behalf of the administration and the Board of Education Finance Committee, that available cash reserves be used for the prepayment. The total amount of cash needed is \$1,820,000 (the remaining principal balance after the scheduled payment that is otherwise due on March 1, 2017). This would free up the annual operating budget obligation for debt service for the 2009 issue of \$264,000 in 2017-18, which would grow annually through 2023-24. After discussion and a public comment by Kathy Steinhoff, the vote was 7 yes—0. (A copy of the resolution is attached and made a part of the minutes.)

Consideration of Construction Contracts and Change Orders

It was moved by Ms. Mees that the construction contracts and change orders be approved as presented. Recent construction contracts and change orders were presented for the Board's consideration. After discussion, the vote was 7 yes—0 no. (A copy of the construction contracts and change orders is attached and made a part of the minutes.)

Announcements

President Whitt announced Ms. King will appear on KFRU on Tuesday, November 15, to review and discuss the November 14 Board of Education meeting.

Information was shared about various activities in which Board members have been involved. The Board also discussed the construction contracts and change orders for the Columbia Public School District.