

The Board of Education of the School District of Columbia, Boone County, Missouri, met in special session at the Holiday Inn Executive Center, 2200 I-70 Drive NW, at the hour of 6:00 p.m., Central Daylight Time, Thursday, the 22nd day of October, 2015. The meeting was a World Café community gathering on the future of Columbia Public Schools. Those in attendance were as follows:

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

The meeting began at 6:09 p.m. Also present were Deputy Superintendent Dr. Dana Clippard, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education Ben Tilley, and Director of School Improvement Shelli Adams.

Dr. Stiepleman presented an overview of successes and challenges for Columbia Public Schools. Buzz Thomas, president of Great Schools Partnership, spoke about what it takes to provide an excellent education for students.

Topics discussed at the World Café tables were:

- ! How should our community support high quality employees and students?