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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 13th day of January, 2014. Those in attendance were as follows:

President Christine King
Vice President James Whitt
Member Jan Mees
Member Darin Preis
Member Dr. Tom Rose
Member Jonathan Sessions
Member Helen Wade
Superintendent Dr. Chris Belcher
Executive Director of Human Resources and Employment Law and Secretary Andrea Follett
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer Linda Quinley

Absent: None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President King at 6:30 p.m.

The first matter of business was consideration of the agenda for the January 13, 2014, regular meeting of the Board of Education. It was moved by Ms. Wade that the agenda be approved. The second was by Mr. Whitt. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Consent Agenda

The next matter of business was the consideration of the approval of consent agenda items: approval of the minutes of the special, executive, and regular sessions of the Board of Education held on December 9, 2013; 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 December in the amount of \$33.03 million, cash receipts of \$20.40 million, cash disbursements of \$19.59 million, and an ending balance of \$33.85 million. The \$33.85 million was invested in government securities in the amount of \$27.95 million and daily investment accounts in the amount of \$5.90 million. The average interest rate for all investments was 0.26%.

The Board of Education had previously been provided a detailed report of bills and expenditures for the month of December 2013. The report totaled 287 pages. The following is a listing and summary of the bills as provided to the Board of Education:

General Ledger Accounts	\$4,298,337.18
Elementary Instruction	133,739.45
Elementary Health	259.92
Elementary Music	1,633.08
Elementary Art	767.05
Elementary Science	1,150.68
Elementary Math	2,666.84
Elementary Language Arts	383.40
Middle/Junior High Instruction	78,113.78
Middle/Junior High Science	1,802.69
Middle/Junior High Math	264.25

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Bid	Recommendation
Chiller maintenance and repair (Hickman and Rock Bridge high schools; Gentry, Lange, Oakland, Smithton, and West middle schools; and Derby Ridge, Mill Creek, and Paxton Keeley elementary schools)	

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Board President's Report

Reports from Columbia Missouri National Education Association and Columbia Missouri State Teachers Association Susan McClintic, Columbia Missouri National Education Association president, and Kari Schuster, president of the Columbia Missouri State Teachers Association, presented reports from their respective organizations on recent and future activities.

Report on MSBA John Belcher Scholarship Nominee

President King will convey this information to Board of Education members at a later time.

Strategic Planning and Continuous Improvement

Dr. Sally Beth Lyon, Chief Academic Officer, shared information on a conference on continuous improvement sponsored by the University of Missouri's Hook Center on and attended by several Board of Education members and district administrators in December, as well as next steps regarding strategic planning and continuous improvement in the district. A discussion on continuous improvement will be held at the Board's work session on January 23, 2014.

Superintendent's Contract

President King announced Dr. Belcher will retire effective June 30, 2014, and the Board of Education has accepted his resignation. President King thanked Dr. Belcher for his service. The Board will work with the Missouri School Boards Association to conduct a superintendent search, to include internal and external candidates, and the tentative goal is to have a new superintendent selected by April 1, 2014. More information will be shared at the Board's work session on January 23, 2014.

Appointments to Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Commission

President King announced she has appointed Ms. Mees and herself (President King) as members of the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Commission. Dr. Belcher said City of Columbia representatives will be present at the Board of Education's work session on January 23, 2014, to share information and answer questions.

Superintendent's Report

Budget Planning Parameters

Dr. Belcher presented the following proposed budget parameters for the 2014-15 budget process:

Preface

The Board of Education has used a multi-year budget planning process in recent years which, collectively with a successful levy election in April 2013, has resulted in increased operating fund balances. These balances and conservative future revenue improvements allow sustained operations without continued reductions. The state foundation formula has not been fully funded since 2008-09 and is projected to remain underfunded for 2014-15. This has increased the reliance on local revenues to support growth and increased needs of the district. The local economy remains strong in Columbia; however, the assessed valuation growth over the most recent five years, which includes two reassessment years, has averaged 1.35%. The five preceding years averaged 6.85%, creating fewer local revenue dollars to support growth.

The district acknowledges deficit spending is not a long-term sustainable model; however, the district strategically uses it for the 2013-14 budget and future budgets for a few years to continue improved operations and maintain class size at a reasonable level as the economy recovers.

With this long-term vision, the 2014-15 budget will be developed in a collaborative process and consider priorities and the district's mission, vision and values using the following parameters.

1. The Board of Education will consider salary improvements for all employee groups through the budget and negotiation processes.
2. The Board of Education will consider program and departmental budget adjustments as necessary to promote student achievement.

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year 2013 in order to protect the three-year price for the district and the partnership discount for the preschool implementation project. Accordingly, after consultation with the district's auditor and attorney, the Dr. Lyon presented an Order Acceptance Form which was signed with language included to indicate acceptance contingent upon Board of Education approval at the Board's regular meeting on January 13, 2014. It was moved by Mr. Preis that the contract be approved as presented. The second was by Mr. Sessions. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Consideration of Board of Education Member Nomination to Missouri School Boards Association Board of Directors
Ms. Wade moved that the Board support the nomination of Jan Mees as a member of the Missouri School Boards Association Board of Directors. The second was by Mr. Whitt. After discussion, the vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Announcements

President King announced there will be an executive session of the Board of Education at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2014, at the Administration Building, 1818 West Worley Street.

President King announced there will be a Board work session at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 23, 2014, at the Administration Building, 1818 West Worley Street.

Information was shared about various activities in which Board members have recently taken part or in which they will soon take part.

Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Whitt that the Board of Education adjourn to meet in executive session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2014, at the Administration Building, 1818 West Worley Street, for the purpose of considering issues related to negotiations with employee groups as authorized by Section 610.021(9) of the Missouri statutes. The second was by Ms. Mees. The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Preis voted	Yes
Dr. Rose voted	Yes
Ms. Wade voted	Yes
Ms. Whitt voted	Yes
Ms. Mees voted	Yes
Mr. Sessions voted	Yes
President King voted	Yes

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:49 p.m.