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The Board of Education of the School District of Columbia, Boone County, Missouri, met in regular session at West Junior High School, 401 Clinkscapes Road, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., Central Daylight Time, Monday, the 9th day of April, 2012.

First Session

Those in attendance were as follows:

President Dr. Tom Rose
Vice President Christine King
Member Jan Mees
Member Michelle Pruitt
Member Jonathan Sessions
Member Helen Wade
Member James Whitt
Superintendent Dr. Chris Belcher
Deputy Superintendent and Secretary Dr. Nick Boren
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer Linda Quinley

Absent: None

Second Session

Those in attendance were as follows:

President Dr. Tom Rose
Vice President Christine King
Member Paul Cushing
Member Jan Mees
Member Jonathan Sessions
Member Helen Wade
Member James Whitt
Superintendent Dr. Chris Belcher
Deputy Superintendent and Secretary Dr. Nick Boren
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer Linda Quinley

Absent: None

First Session

Call to Order

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

The first matter of business was consideration of the agenda for the April 9, 2012, meeting of the Board of Education. It was moved by Ms. King that the agenda be approved. The second was by Ms. Mees. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Consideration of April 3, 2012, Election Results

The next order of business was the consideration of results of the election of members to the Board of Education held April 3, 2012. President Rose presented the following unofficial results of the April 3 election:

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Organization of the Board of Education

Election of the President

Dr. Boren then requested nominations for the position of President of the Columbia Board of Education for a term of one year. Ms. King moved that Tom Rose be nominated for the position of President for a term of one year. The second was by Mr. Sessions. There were no other nominations. Dr. Boren called for the vote to elect Tom Rose as President of the Board of Education. The vote was 7 yes—0 no, and Dr. Rose was declared unanimously elected by acclamation.

Presentation of the Gavel to the President

Dr. Boren then presented the gavel to President Rose, and President Rose began to conduct the meeting.

Election of the Vice President

President Rose then called for nominations for the position of Vice President of the Columbia Board of Education for a term of one year. It was moved by Mr. Sessions that Christine King be nominated for the position of Vice President. The second was by Ms. Wade. There were no other nominations. President Rose called for the vote to elect Christine King as Vice President of the Board of Education. The vote was 7 yes—0 no, and Ms. King was declared unanimously elected by acclamation.

Consent Agenda

The next matter of business was the consideration of the approval of consent agenda items: approval of the minutes of the regular and special meetings of the Board of Education held on March 12, 2012; approval of the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Education held on March 22, 2012; 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 March in the amount of \$119.64 million, cash receipts of \$14.36 million, cash disbursements of \$36.57 million, and an ending balance of \$97.43 million. The \$97.43 million was invested in government securities in the amount of \$85.04 million and daily investment accounts in the amount of \$12.39 million. The average interest rate for all investments was 0.18%.

The Board of Education had previously been provided a detailed report of bills and expenditures for the month of March 2012. The report totaled 242 pages. The following is a listing and summary of the bills as provided to the Board of Education:

General Ledger Accounts	\$3,888,578.89
Elementary Instruction	42,771.44
Elementary Health	3,827.73
Elementary Music	2,620.89
Elementary Art	9,173.15
Elementary Science	817.43
Elementary Math	519.51
Elementary Physical Education	558.01
Elementary Language Arts	7,405.39
Middle/Junior High Instruction	10,522.57
Middle/Junior High Science	3,756.84
Middle/Junior High Math	3,068.34
Middle/Junior High Language Arts	1,488.26
Middle/Junior High Social Studies	6,878.28
Middle/Junior High Reading	582.89
Middle/Junior High Foreign Language	347.53
Middle/Junior High Music	655.39
Middle/Junior High Art	6,696.67
Middle/Junior High Business	1,140.24

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English—Second Language	10,980.24
Early Childhood Spec. Educ.	2,057.14
Voc.—All Programs	5,836.54
Voc. Agriculture	32,988.23
Voc. Welding	2,408.50
Voc. Business Education	455.85
Voc. Computer Education	451.63
Voc. Occ. Culinary Arts	3,586.99
Voc. Trade and Industrial Ed.	14,416.44
Voc. Electronics	1,959.66
Voc. Health Occupations	31.74
Voc. Auto Mechanics	1,021.75
Voc. Marketing and Coop. Ed.	853.93
Voc. Drafting and Design	525.93
Voc. Broadcast Journalism	6,980.49
Voc. Eval. Lab	986.50
Voc. Geospatial Information Sys.	547.20
Voc. Teaching Professions	127.96
Voc. Photonics	94.06
Voc. Safety and Security	384.88

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Bid	Recommendation

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Description	FTE	Costs
Fixed costs (including transportation, utilities, insurance)		\$394,500
Salaries and benefits	32.55	\$2,987,003
Contingency	7.00	\$430,500
Services and supplies		\$2,781,725
Battle High School operating budget	18.00	\$984,619
Secondary reorganization		\$407,450
Total	57.55	\$7,985,797

Dr. Belcher noted the five-year budget projections indicate the district will have a surplus balance in 2012-13 of approximately \$250,000. Ms. Quinley reviewed the projections, indicating that the district will begin deficit spending when Battle High School opens in 2013, but that this can comfortably be done for at least the next two years. Board members then discussed the budget. Ms. Quinley said a draft of the 2012-13 budget will be presented at the Board's regular meeting on May 14, 2012.

Montessori Preschool at Grant Elementary School

Dr. Peter Stiepleman, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, presented a report regarding a partnership between Columbia Public Schools, Rollins Reading, the Columbia Housing Authority, First Chance for Children, and Columbia Community Montessori, which have come together to create a public/private preschool partnership that will be housed at Grant Elementary School. The 20 students selected to participate in the program will be made up of tuition-paying students and scholarship students from the Housing Authority. All of these students must reside in the Grant neighborhood, because the goal is to create a seamless transition to kindergarten for all children who will eventually attend Grant.

Fun City Summer School Update

Dr. Sally Beth Lyon, Chief Academic Officer, presented an update about the district's partnership to support Fun City summer programs this summer. The district will partner with the Fun City Youth Academy for this program, housed at Douglass High School, in a way that will allow the integration of the district's summer curriculum for math, science, social studies, and reading.

New Business

Consideration of Designation of Ridgeway Elementary School as a Small Autonomous School

Dr. Stiepleman requested, on behalf of the Ridgeway community (parents, teachers, and community members), that the Board authorize a five-year grant for Ridgeway Elementary School to begin operating as a small autonomous school. The school would adhere to all Board policies and would be required to make an annual presentation to the Board. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Sessions that the grant be authorized as requested, including the requirement that the Board of Education receive an annual update. The second was by Ms. King. After additional discussion, the vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Consideration of 2012-13 Salary Schedules

Dr. Dana Clippard, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, presented recommendations for new salary schedules and appropriate work calendars per assignment, on behalf of the Board of Education Finance Committee. The committee's recommendations for 2012-13 were:

- Adopt salary schedules for the following hourly personnel: Custodial Services, Paraprofessionals, and Nutrition Services
- Adopt a salary schedule for curriculum coordinators
- Operate all salary schedules for 2012-13, and for employees not on a salary schedule, provide an increase equivalent to the average teacher salary increase of 1.81%
- Change placement of media clerks on the Hourly Support Staff Schedule
- Adjust professional, exempt salaries for local market
- Allow advancement for educational credit and change submission deadline to October 15
- Authorize work calendars (no changes)

The approximate cost to the Operating Fund for these recommendations is \$3,268,815.

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It was moved by Ms. King that the salary schedules and work calendars for 2012-13 be approved as presented. The second was by Mr. Whitt. After discussion and a public comment from Jeff Hempstead, 211 Orleans Street, 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 (MSBA). Dr. Belcher presented these revised policies:

- AC, "Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation"
- GBEC, "Criminal Background Checks"
- GCPD, "Suspension of Professional Staff Members"

It was moved by Ms. Mees that the revised policies be approved as presented. The second was by Mr. Whitt. After discussion, the vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Consideration of 2011-12 Budget Amendments

Ms. Quinley presented several proposed amendments to the 2011-12 budget. It was moved by Ms. King that the amendments be approved as presented. The second was by Mr. Sessions. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

Announcements

President Rose announced Ms. Wade will appear on KFRU on Tuesday, April 10, to review and discuss the April 9 Board of Education meeting.

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

Adjournment

It was moved by Ms. King that the Board of Education immediately adjourn to meet in executive session at West Junior High