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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 13th day of June, 2011. 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

## 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 June 13, 2011, meeting of the Board of Education. It was moved by Mr. Sessions that the agenda be approved. The second was by Mr. Whitt. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

## Consent Agenda

The Board considered approval of the minutes of the regular meeting and executive session of the Board of Education held on May 9, 2011; the special session of the Board of Education held on May 19, 2011; 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 May in the amount of \$81.55 million, cash receipts of \$8.94 million, cash disbursements of \$18.05 million, and an ending balance of \$72.44 million. The \$72.44 million was invested in government securities in the

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## Public Comment

Public comments were received from the following individuals:

- Sam Robinson, 5009 S. Providence Road
- Justin Crane, 704 Quicksand Circle

## Board President's Report

**Report from Columbia Missouri State Teachers Association and Columbia Missouri National Education Association**  
Kari Schuster, co-president of the Columbia Missouri State

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served to paid students as they are for students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches. The act directs LEAs to compare the average price charged to paid students to the difference between free reimbursement and paid reimbursement. If the average paid lunch price is less than the free reimbursement minus the paid reimbursement, LEAs are required to gradually adjust the average cost to cover the difference. National research by USDA has indicated that average prices charged are frequently less than the cost of producing a meal. This provision will help ensure that schools have funding available to support serving nutritious meals. Current free reimbursement rates are \$2.72 per meal and paid reimbursement is \$.26, giving a difference of \$2.46. Current charge for paid meals is \$2.10 for an elementary student and \$2.35 for a secondary student, making the average charge \$2.23 per meal. For school year 2011-12, the adjusted average price is the average price charged in school year 2010-11 increased by a factor equal to two percentage points above the inflation rate and may be rounded down to the nearest 5 cents. For school year 2011-12, the inflation factor is 1.14 percent. Combined with the required annual 2-percentage-point increase, the total adjustment required is 3.14 percent. For Columbia Public Schools this translates in a .0697 cents, or \$.05, increase when rounded down. Maximum increase required annually is 10 cents. It was moved by Mr. Sessions that the 5-cent increase in school meal prices for 2011-12 be approved. The second was by Ms. Wade. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

## Consideration of Policies

Dr. Belcher presented revisions to policies GCBDA, "Professional Staff Short-Term Leaves and Absences," and GDBDA, "Support Staff Leaves and Absences." With the integration of data systems via BusinessPlus for Business Services and Human Resources offices, one issue requires an operational change by the district in order for the system to go live July 1, 2011. The BusinessPlus software cannot recognize or accurately account for the unpaid personal day, which docks an employee \$70 or \$80 when used. In 2011-12, the district will allow the deduction of one day of sick leave to support this unpaid personal day versus a payroll deduction of \$70 or \$80. Use of this leave requires prior approval and will only be able to be used after the employee's two paid personal days have been taken. The suggested changes have been reviewed by the Policy Services division of the Missouri School Boards Association. It was moved by Ms. Mees that the policies be revised as presented. The second was by Mr. Whitt. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

## Consideration of Election of Board of Education Secretary and Treasurer

Ms. King nominated Dr. Nick Boren to serve as Board of Education Secretary and Linda Quinley to serve as Board of Education Treasurer for the 2011-12 school year, by acclamation. The second was by Ms. Pruitt. The vote was 7 yes—0 no.

## Announcements

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

President Rose announced Ms. Mees will appear on KFRU on Tuesday, June 14, to review and discuss the June 13 Board of Education meeting.

## Adjournment

It was moved by Ms. King that the Board of Education immediately adjourn to meet in executive session at the Administration Building, 1818 West Worley Street, for the purpose of considering issues related to the leasing, purchase, or sale of real estate as authorized by the provisions of Section 610.021(2) of the Missouri statutes. The second was by Mr. Sessions. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:40 p.m.