

The Board of Education of the School District of Columbia, Boone County, Missouri, met in special session at the Administration Building, 1818 West Worley Street, at the hour of 7:30 a.m., Central Daylight Time, Thursday, the 19th day of September, 2013. Those in attendance were as follows:

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

Absent: Member Darin Preis (participated via telephone)
Member Helen Wade

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President King at 7:30 a.m.

Consideration of Agenda

The first matter of business was consideration of approval of the agenda for the September 19, 2013, meeting of the Board of Education. It was moved by Ms. Mees that the agenda be approved as presented. The second was by Mr. Sessions. The vote was 5 yes—0 no—2 absent.

Consideration of Construction-related Contracts

Ms. Quinley presented for consideration a change to a contract for roof repairs. In June 2013, authorization was given by the Board of Education at its regular meeting to extend contracts to two roofing contractors for repair work at multiple locations due to hail damage. Those contracts were recommended using the current roofing contractor of record for warranty work and the estimates of cost as provided by our insurance carrier. This adjusted recommendation allows work to begin on a certain number of those roofs while district administrators continue negotiations with the insurance carrier based on contractor input. Additionally, there were some corrections to the warranty holder of record for contractor recommendations which are reflected in this recommendation.

Ms. Quinley also presented for consideration two amended contracts for engineering services. The first was an amended contract for the ongoing services originally awarded in June 2012, and the second was for additional services to be provided for the bus barn site improvement project that is beyond the scope of the Short Form Agreement. The Short Form Master Agreement had been reviewed and modified by counsel with recommendations which best meet Missouri statutes in relation to these services and the intended agreement with Engineering Surveys and Services. The Agreement for Engineering Services Contract allows additional professional civil engineering services support specifically for the bus barn site improvement project.

It was moved by Mr. Sessions that all three contracts be approved as presented. The second was by Mr. Whitt. The vote was 5 yes—0 no—2 absent.

(At this point in the meeting, 7:49 a.m., Ms. Wade arrived.)

Strategic Planning and Career/College Readiness World Café on October 2

Dr. Belcher provided an overview of the World Café event scheduled for October 2 at Stoney Creek Inn at 6:30 p.m. The theme of the event is workforce readiness. Dr. Belcher encouraged Board members to share their ideas on career preparation with him in advance of the event.

School Enrollment Update/Projections

Dr. Jolene Yoakum, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education, and Dr. Peter Stiepleman, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, presented information on enrollment and enrollment projections by school. They reported that the recent reorganization resulted in shifting student enrollment and FTE across secondary schools, and guidelines for allocating

FTE were implementing; class sizes are generally fitting within guidelines. A class-size audit is currently being conducted to plan FTE for 2014-15.

Program Innovation Concepts Discussion

Dr. Stiepleman, district science coordinator Mike Szydlowski, and Bill Bryan, Director of State Parks for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, presented information on the possible creation of a nature school for Columbia Public Schools fifth graders, to be located in Rock Bridge State Park.

Adjournment

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:05 a.m.