Record of the Board of Education of the Columbia School District

Special Session, 24th day of January, 2011

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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 Standard Time, Monday, the 24th day of January, 2011. Those in attendance were as follows:

President Jan Mees
Vice President Dr. Tom Rose
Member Christine King
Member Jonathan Sessions
Member James Whitt
Superintendent Dr. Chris Belcher
Deputy Superintendent and Secreta

Deputy Superintendent and Secretary Dr. Nick Boren Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer Linda Quinley

Absent: Member Michelle Pruitt

Member Dr. Ines Segert

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Mees at 7:34 a.m.

Consideration of Agenda

The first matter of business was consideration of approval of the agenda for the January 24, 2011, meeting of the Board of Education. It was moved by Ms. King that the agenda be approved as presented. The second was by Mr. Sessions. The vote was 5 ves—0 no—2 absent.

Consideration of Notice of Election and Sample Ballot for April 5, 2011, School Board Election

Dr. Boren presented the notice of election and sample ballot for the April 5, 2011, school board election, and asked that the Board approve them. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Sessions that the notice of election and sample ballot be approved. The second was by Ms. King. The vote was 5 yes—0 no—2 absent.

(At this point in the meeting, 7:35 a.m., Ms. Pruitt arrived.)

Community Survey Results

Ken DeSieghardt of Patron Insight presented results of a recent community perception survey. Patron Insight surveyed 400 community members regarding their perceptions of Columbia Public Schools; 972 patrons and 362 staff members responded to an online version of the survey. The Board of Education Communications Committee will meet to determine what steps should be taken next. Results of the survey will be posted to the Columbia Public Schools Web site.

2010-11 Enrollment Information

Dr. Peter Stiepleman, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, discussed concerns regarding overcrowding at Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary School and Lange Middle School. After discussion, and without objection from the Board, for 2011-12, Parkade Elementary School families will be invited to have their children attend Gentry Middle School; Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary School students who originally moved from Shepard Boulevard Elementary School will return to Shepard (a total of 45 students would be affected, and 1 additional FTE at Shepard would be required); and Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary School preschool students will relocate to other schools (for example, Derby Ridge and Parkade elementary schools).

Update on Secondary Enrollment Planning

Don Ludwig, co-chair of the Secondary Enrollment Planning Committee, presented an update on the work of the committee related to enrollment planning for Battle High School and the new intermediate schools. This transition will take place in 2013 when Battle High School is scheduled to open. Plans are for the committee to present two or three attendance area boundary scenarios at public forums to gather feedback on which scenario is most viable. A recommendation for new attendance area boundaries will be made to the Board of Education in December 2011 or January 2012.

(At this point in the meeting, 8:25 a.m., Dr. Segert arrived.)

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Consideration of Math/Science Partnership Grant

Dana Ferguson, the district's mathematics coordinator, and Mike Szydlowski, the district's science coordinator, presented information on a Science Teachers Learning Content federal (Title IIA) grant proposal administered through the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The primary purpose of the grant would be to develop a science-math academy for teachers. After discussion, it was moved by Ms. King that the grant proposal be approved. The second was by Mr. Sessions. The vote was 5 yes—1 no (Dr. Segert voted no)—1 abstention (Ms. Pruitt abstained).

Adjournment

It was moved by Dr. Rose that the Board of Education adjourn to meet in executive session at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 14, 2011, at the Administration Building, 1818 West Worley Street, for the purpose of considering personnel issues as authorized by the provisions of Section 610.021(3)(13) of the Missouri statutes. The second was by Ms. King. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:23 a.m.