



Board Highlights

Columbia Board of Education Meeting ♦ January 14, 2008

- ♦ The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.
- ♦ The board adopted the agenda and approved minutes. The board approved appointment of personnel, approved payment of bills, accepted the treasurer's report, approved bids and business transactions, and approved the sale of surplus property.

Special Recognition

- ♦ Russell Boulevard Elementary School principal Dr. Edward Schumacher was recognized for being named National Resilience Builder of 2008 by the National Association of School Psychologists.
- ♦ District psychological examiner Steve Wallace was recognized for his selection as the 2007 Missouri School Psychological Examiner of the Year by the Missouri Association of School Psychologists.
- ♦ Six student athletes were recognized for their achievement of the title of state champion in state swimming and diving championships.
- ♦ Recognition was given to 19 students at Hickman and Rock Bridge high schools for their selection as National Merit semifinalists.
- ♦ Teachers Karina Galve-Peritore, Karen Krueger, and Cynthia Waltman were recognized for their recent achievement of National Board Teacher Certification.
- ♦ Special recognition was given to Columbia School District schools and buildings that increased their giving or employee participation in the 2007 United Way Campaign.
- ♦ Recognition was given to Salton and Hy-Vee for exceptional service to students of Midway Heights and Paxton Keeley elementary schools, respectively, as Partners In Education.

Public Comment

- ♦ Public comments were received from Butch Whittler, Mary Whitener, and Susan Robinson.

Superintendent's Report

- ♦ Dr. Nick Boren presented an update on financial projections as of December 31, 2007.
- ♦ Dr. Phyllis Chase reviewed the 2008-09 budget development process.
- ♦ Dr. Mary Laffey presented an update on the recently-conducted compensation study.
- ♦ Drs. Wanda Brown and Jack Jensen presented an update on the activities of the elementary and high school construction steering committees.
- ♦ Don Ludwig reported on the activities of the elementary and secondary enrollment planning committees.
- ♦ Leslie Trogdon and a number of district principals presented a report on the cohort process and shared a synopsis of their work.

Unfinished Business

- ♦ The board approved several new policies originally presented at the board's December 10 meeting.

New Business

- ♦ The board approved a resolution to submit a 54-cent tax levy increase proposal to voters on the April 8, 2008, ballot.

Adjournment

- ♦ The meeting adjourned at 11:33 p.m.

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Karla DeSpain	President
Darin Preis	Vice President
David Ballenger	Member
Steve Calloway	Member
Michelle Gadbois	Member
Jan Mees	Member
Dr. Tom Rose	Member