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The Columbia School District is a community of learners providing rigorous programs to ensure that each student can excel as an individual.

March 2, 2015
Regular Meeting
7:30 p.m.
Horace W. Porter School Cafeteria

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Proclamation- March is Board of Education Appreciation Month

Thank You Columbia Board of Education members!

IV. Comments from the Audience (Bylaws of the Board #9300)

Time allotted for public participation is twenty (20) minutes; time allotted for an individual speaker is three (3) minutes.

V. Action Items (Consent)

To be read by Board of Education Chairperson prior to taking action:

A consent agenda is presented by the Chairman at the beginning of a meeting. Items may be removed from the consent agenda on the request of any one member. Items not removed may be adopted by general consent without debate. Removed items may be taken up either immediately after the consent agenda or placed later on the agenda at the discretion of the assembly.

- a) *Approval of February 11, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes*
- b) *Approval of February 23, 2015 Special Meeting and Public Budget Hearing Minutes*
- c) *Approval of Payment of Bills*

VI. Action Items – Discuss & Act Upon

- a) *Acceptance of Retirement of Robin Shainess, Art Teacher*
- b) *Approval of 2015-2016 Horace W. Porter School Draft Calendar*

VII. Discussion and Approval of 2015/2016 Columbia Board of Education Budget

VIII. Correspondence/Communications

- a) *CABE's A Day on the Hill – March 25, 2015, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. @ the Bushnell, Hartford*

IX. Board of Education Subcommittees

- Future Meeting Dates:
 - March 11, 2015 – FiPAC Meeting - BOE Presents Budget, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
 - March 18, 2015 – FiPAC Special Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
 - March 25, 2015 – FiPAC Special Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
 - March 31, 2015 – Negotiations Meeting, 6:00 p.m. H.W.P. LMC Back Classroom Area
 - April 1, 2015 - FiPAC Special Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
 - April 6, 2015 – Regular Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m. H.W.P. Cafetorium

- April 8, 2015 - FiPAC Special Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
- April 22, 2015 – Public Budget Hearing, 7:00 p.m. H.W.P. Cafetorium

X. Superintendent's Report

a) Long-Range Plan

XI. Future Regular and Subcommittee Agenda Items (Tentative)

XII. Columbia Board of Education Member Remarks

- International Center for Leadership Education Update – Linette Dooley

XIII. Adjournment