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**March 3, 2014**  
**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 Payment of Bills
  - b) Approval of February 10, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes
  - c) Approval of February 24, 2014 Special Meeting & Budget Hearing Minutes
  - d) Appointment of Girls Track coach – Cory Tobler
  - e) Appointment of Parent Volunteer Assistant Boys Baseball Coach – Brian Pedersen
- VI. Discussion & Approval of Revisions to Teacher Evaluation Plan**
- VII. Discussion & Approval of Columbia Teacher Association Memorandum of Agreement (3/31)**
- VIII. Discussion & Approval of 2014/2015 Columbia Board of Education Budget**
- IX. Correspondence/Communications**
  - Superintendent Fearon To Principal Gwinnell – Letter of Tenure
  - A Day on the Hill – March 5, 2014, 8:30 a.m., The Bushnell – Autorino Great Hall
- X. Presentation – Long Range Planning**
  - *Board of Education Role in Improving Student Achievement*
- XI. Reports/Discussions**
  - a) Columbia District Tenure Report
  - b) MBR Allocation
  - c) Magnet School Position Statement

**XII. Possible Action on Magnet School Position Statement**

**XIII. Board of Education Subcommittees**

- Future Meeting Dates:
  - March 05, 2014 – A Day on the Hill, 8:30 a.m., The Bushnell – Autorino Great Hall
  - March 12, 2014 – FiPAC Special Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Horace W. Porter Cafeteria
  - March 19, 2014 – FiPAC Special Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
  - March 26, 2014 – FiPAC Special Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
  - April 07, 2014 – Regular Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Horace W. Porter Cafeteria

**XIV. Superintendent's Report**

- a) Update on Eastconn Proposal

**XV. Future Regular and Subcommittee Agenda Items (Tentative)**

**XVI. Columbia Board of Education Member Remarks**

**XVII. Adjournment**