



**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
COLUMBIA, CONNECTICUT

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**April 1, 2013**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**7:30 p.m. – Horace W. Porter School Cafeteria**

**I. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Reports**

- Board of Education Chairperson
  - 2013/2014 Budget Update
  - MBR Discussion
  - Food Service Discussion
  - E.O. Smith High School Discussion
  - Proposed SB#374 – An Act Requiring Behavioral Health Assessment for Children

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

Time allotted for public participation is thirty (30) minutes; time allotted for an individual speaker is three (3) minutes.

**IV. Financial Review**

- 2012-2013 Payment of Bills
- Columbia School Expenditure Report for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 as of 3/26/13
- Columbia School Grant Status Actual & Budgeted Expenses as of 3/26/13

**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 20, 2013 Special Meeting & Public Hearing Minutes
- c) Approval of March 4, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes
- d) Approval of March 11, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes
- e) Approval of Policy 5113.2 Students-Attendance, Excused Absences and Truancy
- f) Approval of Long-Term Music Teacher – Ms. Colleen Thompson
- g) Approval of CT's Educator Evaluation and Support System 2013/14 Submission Form
- h) Approval of 2012/13 Co-Curricular Openings:
  1. Anthony White, Boys Baseball Coach
  2. Matthew Banas – Boys Track Coach
  3. Janna Traber – TEAM Mentor

**VI. Action Item**

- a) Approval of Teacher Non-Renewal Due to Reduction in Force

**VII. Correspondence/Communications**

- Revised 2012/2013 Horace W. Porter School Calendar (Revision # 2)
- First Selectman Carmen Vance to Chief Financial Officer Brian Mahoney – MBR (March 4, 2013)
- First Selectman and FiPAC Chairman to Mrs. Perrotti-Verboven & Columbia Board of Education members – MBR (March 11, 2013)
- Carmen Vance to the Columbia Board of Education – Thank You
- Ashley Lyon to Superintendent Coss – STEM Magnet School (March 6, 2013)

**VII. Correspondence/Communications (continued)**

- Acting Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights to Mrs. Coss (March 7, 2013)
- EASTCONN's "I have a student..." Brochure
- Town of Columbia Annual Report for the Year Ending June 30, 2012

**VIII. Presentation**

- Teacher Evaluation – Mrs. Kathy Tolsdorf, Board of Education Member

**IX. Reports**

- Board of Education Chairperson
  - Fiscal Policy Meeting Update – Mrs. Kerry Hoffman
- Board of Education Subcommittees
  - Future Meeting Dates:
    - April 3, 2013:
      - FiPAC Special Meeting-Budget Workshop, 7:30 p.m., Columbia Town Hall
    - April 10, 2013:
      - FiPAC Special Meeting-Budget Workshop, 7:30 p.m., Columbia Town Hall
    - April 24, 2013:
      - Public Hearing & FiPAC Meeting-Time to be Determined, Horace W. Porter School Cafeteria
    - May 6, 2013:
      - Policy Subcommittee Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Horace W. Porter School Conference Room
      - Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Horace W. Porter School Conference Room
      - Budget Subcommittee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Horace W. Porter School Conference Room
      - Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Horace W. Porter Cafeteria
- Superintendent's Report
  - Revised 2013-2014 Budget Timeline
  - CIRMA Workers Compensation Pool Report
  - Porter Discipline Report: Comparison Report From Alyssa Gwinnell, Porter Principal
  - National Insurance Services 2013 Life Insurance Consortium Participation
  - Administrator Highlights for March 2013
  - Assistant Principal/Data Coordinator Position Status

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

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

**XII. Adjournment**