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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.*

**May 4, 2015**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Horace W. Porter School Cafeteria**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. 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.

**IV. Celebration of Excellence!**

- **Porter Invention Convention Top Scorers**
  - **Lauren Weaver, Grade 4 "Umbrel Ease"**
  - **Tobias Keldsen, Grade 4 "The Sensory Seat"**
  - **Vianca Rodriguez-Houle, Grade 6 "BOSS" Boot or Shoe System**

**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 April 6, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes*

**VI. Action Items - Discuss & Act Upon**

- a) *Approval of Payment of Bills*  
b) *Approval of 2014/15 Expenditure Report as of 04/30/2015 & Grant Status Report*  
c) *Second Reading - Policy 4111 - Certified Personnel/Recruitment and Selection - Hiring of Certified Staff*  
d) *Second Reading - Policy 4112.5/4212.5 - Personnel - Certified/Non-Certified - Employment Checks*  
e) *Second Reading - Policy 4211 - Non-Certified Personnel/Recruitment and Selection*  
f) *Educator Evaluation Plan - Updates for the 2015/2016 School Year*

**VII. New Business**

- a) *Discussion - Out-of-Town Tuition*  
b) *First Reading - Policy 5141.7 - Student Sports - Concussions*  
c) *Superintendent Evaluation Form*

**VIII. Presentation**

- a) *Co-Teaching Pilot: Initial Report - Principal Alyssa Gwinnell & Director of Student Services Mary-Kate Farley*

**IX. Correspondence/Communications**

- a) *Birthday Greetings From Around the Globe – Willimantic Chronicle – April 21, 2015*
- b) *Big Ideas – HWP Invention Convention Participants – Chronicle Album – April 25, 2015*
- c) *Courtney aiming to end Obamacare’s “Cadillac tax” – The CT Mirror – April 28, 2015*

**X. Board of Education Subcommittees**

- Future Meeting Dates:
  - May 11, 2015 - Long Range Plan (Program), 6:30 p. m. LMC Back Classroom Area
  - May 12, 2015 - Annual Town Budget Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Yeomans Hall
  - May 18, 2015 - Negotiations, 6:00 p.m. LMC Back Classroom Area
  - June 1, 2015 – Policy Subcommittee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. HWP LMC Conference Room
  - June 1, 2015 - Regular Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m. H.W.P. Cafeteria
  - June 12, 2015 – Windham H.S. Graduation, 6:00 p.m. Outside the School
  - June 17, 2015 – E.O. Smith H.S. Graduation, 6:00 p.m. Jorgenson Auditorium
  - June 19, 2015 – Bolton H.S. Graduation, 6:00 p.m. Outside the School
  - June 19, 2015 – Lyman Memorial H.S. Graduation, 6:00 p.m. in Front of School
  - June 19, 2015 – Windham Tech H.S. Graduation, 6:00 p.m. LOCATION TBD
  - June 22, 2015 – Horace W. Porter School Graduation, 4:00 p.m. E.O. Smith High School Auditorium

**XI. Superintendent’s Report**

- a) *Long-range Plan Update*
- b) *Roof Project Update*
- c) *Security Grant*
- d) *Student News*

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

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

**XIV. Adjournment**