



Columbia Board of Education
July 13, 2015
Regular Meeting Motions
7:30 p.m.
Horace W. Porter School Cafeteria

Board Members Present: Linette Dooley, Kerry Hoffman-Chairperson, Christopher Lent, Lisa Napolitano, Kathy Tolsdorf, Karin Vertefeuille-Vice Chairperson

Others Present: Lol Fearon-Superintendent, Alyssa Gwinnell-Principal, Fayne Sears-Nurse, Nicholas Caruso, James Thorn, Jeffrey Viens, Earnest Sharpe, Carmen Vanse, Judy Ortiz, Ellen Bessette, Kelley Peck.

I. Call to Order

Kerry Hoffman called the July 13, 2015 regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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 June 1, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes*
- b) *Approval of June 17, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes*
- c) *Approval of Payment of Bills*
- d) *Approval of 2014/15 Expenditure Report as of 06/30/2015 & Grant Status Report*

K. Vertefeuille **MOVED**, L. Napolitano **SECONDED** to approve the consent action items a, b, c, & d as presented.

MOTION CARRIES 6:0.

VI. Action Items – Discuss & Act Upon

- a) *Appointment of Ms. Jennifer Hallquist, Special Education Teacher*

L. Napolitano **MOVED**, K. Tolsdorf **SECONDED** to approve action item a as presented.

MOTION CARRIES 6:0

- b) *Appointment of Ms. Brigid Keenan, .5 Technology Teacher*

C. Lent **MOVED**, L. Napolitano **SECONDED** to approve action item b as presented.

K. Vertefeuille questioned Brigid's technology experience. Both Mrs. Gwinnell and Mr. Fearon stated the interview team was very impressed and that she came with lesson plans to the interview and that she has a strong technology skill set.

MOTION CARRIES 6:0

- c) *Appointment of Ms. Michelle Shive, Art Teacher*

K. Tolsdorf **MOVED**, L. Napolitano **SECONDED** to approve action item c as presented.

Mrs. Hoffman stated she is very excited about the new art teacher as is Mr. Fearon. She will be a resource for other teachers.

MOTION CARRIES 6:0

d) *Appointment of Meredith Eberhard, .6 Speech Pathologist*

K. Tolsdorf **MOVED**, K. Vertefeuille **SECONDED** to approve action item d as presented.

Mr. Lent asked that the motion be amended to .6 as it is not a full time position. Mr. Fearon stated that Ms. Eberhard cannot start until October and that we will use a substitute teacher until then.

MOTION CARRIES 6:0

e) *Appointment of Ms. Julie Freer, Special Education Paraprofessional*

K. Vertefeuille **MOVED**, L. Napolitano **SECONDED** to approve action item e as presented.

MOTION CARRIES 6:0

f) *Appointment of 2015/2016 Co-Curricular Positions*

C. Lent **MOVED**, L. Napolitano **SECONDED** to approve action item f as presented.

Mrs. Vertefeuille asked if we are filling the webmaster position and we are not at this time. Noted that National Jr. Honor Society position has not yet been filled. Asked that Mr. Fearon confirm that the position has to be a faculty member. Question on Drama Stage Director on whether it was offered out and if it was posted externally. Mr. Fearon stated it is just like a coach position where previous position holder received first option on following year.

MOTION CARRIES 5:0:1

C.Lent, L. Napolitano, K. Tolsdorf, L. Dooley, K. Hoffman **VOTED FOR THE MOTION**

K. Vertefeuille **ABSTAINED**

g) *Acceptance of Resignation – Mrs. Karen Johnson, Board of Education Clerk*

C. Lent **MOVED**, L. Napolitano **SECONDED** to approved action item g as presented.

The Board is sad that she is leaving and gives thanks to Mrs. Johnson for all her years as BOE Clerk.

MOTION CARRIES 6:0

h) *Appointment of Mrs. Brenda Desmarais, Board of Education Clerk*

K. Tolsdorf **MOVED**, C. Lent **SECONDED** to approve action item h as presented.

Mrs. Hoffman welcomes Mrs. Desmarais.

MOTION CARRIES 6:0

i) *Approval of Snow Plowing Contract 2015/2016*

C. Lent **MOVED**, L. Napolitano **SECONDED** to approve snow plowing contract 2015/16 as presented.

Mr. Fearon stated that we received two bids and that Wrana Excavation does a good job. Page two of Estimate received from Wrana Excavation needs to change “2014-2015 snow year” to 2015-2016.

MOTION CARRIES 6:0

j) *Approval of 2015/2016 ED099-Healthy Food Certification*

K. Vertefeuille **MOVED**, L. Napolitano **SECONDED** to approve Healthy Food Certification for the 2015/16 school year.

The Board would like updates on Healthy Food Certification and alternatives.

MOTION CARRIES 5:1

C.Lent, K. Tolsdorf, K. Vertefeuille, K. Hoffman, Linette Dooley **VOTED FOR MOTION**

L. Napolitano **OPPOSED MOTION**

k) Approval of Records Disposal Authorization

K. Vertefeuille **MOVED**, C. Lent **SECONDED** to approve Records Disposal Authorization
MOTION CARRIES 6:0

l) Approval of Toshiba Copier 3-Year Contract

L. Napolitano **MOVED**, C. Lent **SECONDED** to approve Toshiba Copier 3-Year Contract
MOTION CARRIES 6:0

XIII. Adjournment

K. Tolsdorf **MOVED**, and C. Lent **SECONDED** to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 p.m.
MOTION CARRIES 6:0