



## Columbia Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes October 7, 2013

7:00 P.M.

Horace W. Porter School Cafeteria

Board Members Present: Kerry Hoffman, Lisa Napolitano, Lauren Perrotti-Verboven-Chairman, John Schroder, James Thorn, Kathy Tolsdorf

Board Members Absent: Sondra Montesi

Administration Present: Mark Winzler-Interim Superintendent

Others Present: Shipman & Goodwin Attorney Anthony Shannon, Earnest Sharpe, Nancy Hammarstrom, Jeff Viens, Christopher Lent, Mike Sylvester, Ned Allen of Tull Brothers, Inc.

### I. Call to Order

Lauren Perrotti-Verboven called the October 7, 2013, regular meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

### 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. Executive Session for the Purpose of Teacher Negotiations

L. Perrotti-Verboven **MOVED** and J. Thorn **SECONDED** to enter into executive session for the purpose of teacher negotiations discussion. Interim Superintendent Mark Winzler, FiPAC members Earnest Sharpe, Nancy Hammarstrom, Jeff Viens, and Attorney Anthony Shannon were invited to join Board of Education members in executive session.

**MOTION CARRIES: 6-0**

K. Hoffman **MOVED** and J. Schroder **SECONDED** to adjourn executive session at 8:15 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIES: 6-0**

### V. Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action – Security Doors

Ned Allen of Tull Brothers, Inc. reviewed the Tull Brother's proposal and contract for the installation of new doors for the H.W. Porter School. 41 openings will be replaced with new doors and hardware. This will provide a more secure building. Once the bids are reviewed for the door controls and a contractor is selected, both companies will review the project to ensure there is no overlapping of service. Lead time for the project is approximately 6 weeks. Work will be done during the evening and holiday break to ensure the least amount of disruption to students and staff. The main entranceway will be the first set of doors to be replaced.

L. Perrotti-Verboven **MOVED** and J. Thorn **SECONDED** to enter into contract with Tull Brothers, Inc. for complete installation of doors, frames, hardware, glass, glazing and finish painting of new materials; excluding: electrical wiring and hookup at the cost not to exceed \$360,852 at the Horace W. Porter School.

**MOTION CARRIES: 6-0**

## VI. 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 2012/2013 Transfers
- c) Approval of September 3, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes
- d) Acceptance of Resignation:
  - Justin vanGelder, Physical Education/Health Teacher
- e) Appointments:
  - Kristen Bacon, Special Education Paraprofessional
  - Bonniann Quinn, Kindergarten Paraprofessional
  - 2013/14 Co-Curricular Boys Track Coach Position – Matthew Banas
- f) Approval of Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, Inc. Managed Services Proposal
- g) Approval of Updated Roof Project Educational Specifications
- h) Approval of Tuition-Free Student Request

L. Perrotti-Verboven **MOVED** and K Hoffman **SECONDED** to accept and approve consent action items a-h as written and presented.

**MOTION CARRIES: 6-0**

## VII. Correspondence/Communications

- a) Grade 8 Team's Thank You for Wonderful Welcome Back Board of Education Lunch
- b) CAFE's "The Freedom of Information Law: What You Need to Know and School and Social Media: Students, Staff and Safety" October 16, 2013 Workshop
- c) Commissioner of Education to Town Administrator and Interim Superintendent – MRB Waiver Request Approved - 09/11/2013

## VIII. Reports/Discussions

### • Windham High School Contract Discussion and Possible Action

J. Schroder **MOVED** and K Tolsdorf **SECONDED** to allow the Windham High School contract to expire by not taking action to negotiate a successor agreement between the Columbia Board of Education and the Windham Board of Education.

**MOTION FAILS: 2-4**

J. Schroder, K. Tolsdorf **VOTED FOR THE MOTION**

K. Hoffman, L. Napolitano, L. Perrotti-Verboven, J. Thorn **VOTED AGAINST THE MOTION**

Board members discussed:

- Columbia/Windham's contract history
- Windham is a failing school district
- Gathering public input via a survey for parents of grades 7 and 8 students to see if they are interested in sending their children to Windham High School
- Columbia will continue to be a PK-8 school district. The Board of Education is not interested in sending Columbia middle school students out of district.

Mr. Winzler will report back to the BOE with survey information at the November 4<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

- **MBR Subcommittee Formation**  
L. Perrotti-Verboven **MOVED** and K Tolsdorf **SECONDED**, effective immediately, to form an MBR Adhoc Committee with members consisting of 1-2 administrators, 1-2 teachers (1 elementary/1 middle school), 1-2 parents, up to 3 Board of Education members and the HWP Facilities Manager. This group will report their findings to the Board of Education at the November 4, 2013 meeting.  
**MOTION CARRIES: 6-0**
  
- **Board of Education Chairperson**
  
- **Board of Education Subcommittees**
  - Future Meeting Dates:
    - November 4, 2013:
      - 5:30 p.m. Teacher Negotiations
      - Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Horace W. Porter Cafeteria
  
- **Superintendent's Report**

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

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

**XI. Adjournment**

L. Perrotti-Verboven **MOVED** and J. Thorn **SECONDED** to adjourn the October 7, 2013, regular meeting at 10:14 p.m.  
**MOTION CARRIES: 6-0**

Respectfully submitted,

James Thorn  
Columbia Board of Education Vice Chairman