



Columbia Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes August 6, 2013

5:30 P.M.

Horace W. Porter School Conference Room

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

Board Members Absent: Sondra Montesi, James Thorn

Administration Present: Mark Winzler-Interim Superintendent

Others Present: Attorney Jessica Ritter, Bev Ciurylo, Earnest Sharpe, Mike Sylvester, Maureen Ryan

I. Call to Order

Lauren Perrotti-Verboven called the August 6, 2013, special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

L. Perrotti-Verboven **Moved** and J. Schroder **Seconded** to move executive session from item VII. to item IV.
MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

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.

Maureen Ryan applied for the grade one position and submitted her resume packet in person to the Porter main office. She was introduced to the new assistant principal who asked her if she had children at Porter. Mrs. Ryan would like to know if all candidates were asked that same question.

IV. Executive Session for Discussion Regarding Attorney Client Privileged Communication Concerning the Former Superintendent's Employment

- Possible Action on Above Item Addressed in Executive Session

L. Perrotti-Verboven **Moved** and J. Schroder **Seconded** to enter into executive session. Interim Superintendent Mark Winzler and Attorney Jessica Ritter were invited to join the Board in executive session.
MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

K. Hoffman **Moved** and K. Tolsdorf **Seconded** to adjourn executive session at 6:12 p.m.
MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

L. Perrotti-Verboven **Moved** and J. Schroder **Seconded** to accept the resignation of Francine Coss as Superintendent of Schools, retroactive to her resignation letter dated June 28, 2013, in light of her action in commencing employment as Superintendent of Schools in another school district, effective July 1, 2013.

It is **FURTHER MOVED** that the Board deny Francine Coss' request for payment of vacation days in connection with her resignation as Superintendent of Schools, on the ground that she is not entitled to such payment.

It is **FURTHER MOVED** that the Board Chairperson be authorized to notify Ms. Coss of the Board's denial of such request.

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

V. Exterior Doors Discussion

Mr. Edward Allen, President of Tull Brothers, reviewed the scope of the door project. His company has been in business since 1922. They sell to general contractors; provide service and installation for schools, hospitals and insurance companies. He toured the facility with Mr. Sylvester and they discussed swipe card access, egression, and basic door, frame and hardware schedules. The next step is to discuss the details. It is important to step back, have a thoughtful approach and consider security as well as energy efficiency. It is important to consider that crisis delivery of products will increase the cost by 30-50%.

Mrs. Perrotti-Verboven would like to be assured that every exterior door is secure while this project is being considered and finalized. Mr. Winzler explained it is also important to teach staff what the proper procedures are for building security. The Board will schedule a workshop to discuss the security audit report.

VI. End of Year Budget Transfers

Mrs. Ciurylo explained that the formal transfers will be ready for the August 19th Board of Education meeting. Payroll items need to be finalized. There will be approximately \$173,000 in surplus non-tuition funds that will be encumbered and used for the door project.

Mrs. Perrotti-Verboven thanked Mrs. Ciurylo for all her help given to Interim Superintendent Winzler.

VII. New Teacher Appointments

- **Patricia Whitman, Grade 7 Mathematics Teacher**
- **Paula Regina Smith, Elementary World Languages Teacher**
- **Lorraine McLeish, Special Education Teacher**

L. Perrotti-Verboven **MOVED** and K. Tolsdorf **SECONDED** to appoint:

- **Patricia Whitman, Grade 7 Mathematics Teacher**
- **Paula Regina Smith, Elementary World Languages Teacher**
- **Lorraine McLeish, Special Education Teacher**

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

Mr. Winzler said Porter is getting tremendous people with loads experience. The new employee reception will take place on September 3rd before the regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

L. Perrotti-Verboven **MOVED** and L. Napolitano **SECONDED** to adjourn the August 6, 2013, special meeting at 7:20 p.m.

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Perrotti-Verboven
Columbia Board of Education Chairman