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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.

March 7, 2016
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. Proclamation**
 - March is Board of Education Appreciation Month – Thank You Columbia Board of Education Members!
- V. Celebration of Excellence**

At Porter School our students are empowered to lead and to demonstrate civic responsibility.

 - *Congratulations to Grace Tuohy – Secretary of State & CT Citizenship Recognition*
- VI. Presentation – Update on Co-Teaching Model and Professional Development**

Presenters: Amy Drowne & Emily Muro-Trexler, Eastconn
- VII. Review of 2016/2017 Columbia Board of Education Budget & Approval**

Presenter: Lol Fearon, Superintendent
- VIII. 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 February 1, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes*
 - b) *Approval of February 22, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes*
 - c) *Approval of Payment of Bills*
 - d) *Approval of 2015/16 Expenditure Report as of 02/29/2016*
- IX. Action Items – Discuss and Act Upon**
 - a) *Non-Lapsing Account Fund Balance – MOA*
- X. Correspondence/Communications**
 - a) *2015-2016 Educator Certification Compliance Report*
 - b) *King, King & Associates – Town of Columbia Audited Financial Statements (June 30, 2015)*
 - c) *E.O. Smith wants UCONN to buy site – 02/05/16 Willimantic Chronicle*
 - d) *SBAC Participation Rate*
 - e) *Reduction in SBAC Testing – Press Release*
 - f) *Early Columbia ed budget 8 percent larger – February 25, 2016 Willimantic Chronicle*

(More on the back)

XI. Board of Education Subcommittees

- Future Meeting Dates:
 - March 16, 2016 (Wednesday) – BOS & BOE present Budgets to FiPAC, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
 - March 23, 2016 (Wednesday) – Special FiPAC Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
 - March 30, 2016 (Wednesday) – Special FiPAC Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
 - April 4, 2016 – Teaching & Learning Subcommittee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. H.W.P. LMC Conference Room
 - April 4, 2016 – Regular Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m. H.W.P. Café
 - April 27, (Wednesday) – Public Budget Hearing 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
 - May 2, 2016 – Policy Subcommittee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. H.W.P. LMC Conference Room
 - May 2, 2016 – Regular Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m. H.W.P. Café
 - May 24, 2016 – Annual Town Budget Meeting, 7:00 p.m. H.W.P. Café

XII. Superintendent's Report

XIII. Future Regular and Subcommittee Agenda Items (Tentative)

- 3516.12 – Asbestos Control – Policy Subcommittee – May 2, 2016
- 3524.1 – Pesticide Application – Policy Subcommittee – May 2, 2016
- 3524.2 – Green Cleaning Program – Policy Subcommittee – May 2, 2016

XIV. Columbia Board of Education Member Remarks

XV. Adjournment