



Columbia Board of Education
Special Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2014

6:00 P.M.
Horace W. Porter Conference Room

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

Board Members Absent: Lauren Perrotti-Verboven

Others Present: Lol Fearon-Superintendent, Alyssa Gwinnell-Principal, Jackie Middleton-Director of Student Services, Bev Ciurylo-Finance Director

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Kerry Hoffman called the March 24, 2014 special meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. 2014/2015 Budget Discussion and Possible Action

The Board discussed budget impacts to Porter's non-mandated and high school programs. To lower the MBR amount, it was suggested the Town consider moving utilities and services to the town side of the budget. The repayment of the Town bond debt was discussed.

It was the consensus of the Board of Education to keep the approved budget increase at 5.25%, or an increase of \$601,870 over the current year spending. The Board will meet with FiPAC on Wednesday, March 26th at 7:00 p.m.

IV. Feedback on Long-Range Planning

The long-range plan will look at where the district was three years ago, where it will be in five years from now and what it will cost to run the district in the future. The data will look at what we can do differently. Mrs. Hoffman said it is important to have a plan in place that fits in with district budget priorities for future planning.

V. Adjournment

L. Napolitano **MOVED** and K. Vertefeuille **SECONDED** to adjourn the March 24, 2014 special meeting at 7:24 p.m.

MOTION CARRIES: 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Vertefeuille
Columbia Board of Education Vice Chairperson