

# BOARD OF EDUCATION

COLUMBIA, CONNECTICUT



*The Columbia School District is a community of learners providing rigorous programs to ensure that each student can excel as an individual.*

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**November 7, 2016**

**Regular Meeting**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Horace W. Porter School Library Media Center**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Executive Session**

- a) *Motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss Teacher Contract Negotiations*
- b) *Motion to adjourn to the H.W.P. Cafeteria for the open meeting*

**IV. 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.

- *Introduction of National Junior Honor Society*

**V. Guest Presentation - E.O. Smith High School, Mr. Bruce Silva, Superintendent & Mr. Louis DeLoreto, Principal**

*"We are proud of our designated high schools, Bolton, E.O. Smith and Windham Tech for their rigorous and student-centered programs."*

**VI. Action Items (Consent)**

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 October 4, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes*
- b) *Approval of Payment of Bills*  
*Approval of First Quarter Expenditure Report*

**VII. Action Items - Discuss and Act Upon**

- a) *Motion to ratify the Agreement between Columbia Board of Education and Columbia Teachers' Association 2017-2020*
- b) *Action to rescind the motion of October 4, 2016 concerning payment to the non-lapsing account*
- c) *Request to FiPAC to deposit \$100,000. in non-lapsing account*
- d) *Motion to return \$4,120.30 from the 2015-2016 Operating Budget surplus to the Town of Columbia*

**VIII. Presentation - Long-Range Planning Options and Next Steps - Mr. Fearon**

*"We purposefully plan to meet future challenges."*

**IX. Correspondence/Communications**

- a) *Willimantic Chronicle Articles*
- b) *H.W. Porter Celebration/Ceremony for Teacher and Para of the Year*

**X. Board of Education Subcommittees**

- *Future Meeting Dates:*
  - December 5, Budget Committee, 6:30 p.m. LMC Conference Room
  - December 5, Regular Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m. H.W. P. Cafeteria
  - December 9, Special Board of Education Meeting, Goals Setting, 6:30 p.m. LMC Conference Room
  - January 3, 2017, Budget Committee, 6:30 p.m., LMC Conference Room
  - January 3, 2017, Regular Board of Education Meeting 7:30 p.m. H.W. P. Cafeteria

**XI. Superintendent's Report**

- *Breakfast Program Update - Preliminary numbers*

**XI. Superintendent's Report continued**

- *Update on Bus Contract*
- *CAPSS Awards Night*

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

- a) *Board of Education Retreat and Goal Setting*
- b) *Bus Contract Renewal*
- c) *High School Presentation, Bolton High School, January 3, 2017*

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

**XIV. Adjournment**