



**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
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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.*

**November 2, 2015**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Horace W. Porter School Cafeteria**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Recognition and Thanks to Board of Education Chairperson Mrs. Kerry Hoffman**

**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.

**V. Presentation**

- a) *Technology Update – Mr. Fearon & Mrs. Gwinnell*

**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 October 5, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes*  
b) *Approval of October 26, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes*  
c) *Approval of Payment of Bills*  
d) *Approval of 2014/15 Expenditure Report as of 10/30/2015 Including Line Item #3 Transfers*

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

- a) *Second Reading - Policy 1300.1 – Community Relations/Community Engagement*  
b) *Approval of Columbia Board of Education 2016 Regular Meeting Dates*  
c) *Approval of 2016-2017 Budget Approval Timeline*  
d) *Appointment of 2015/16 Co-Curricular Appointments*  
e) *First Reading of Policy 3171.1 – Non-Lapsing Education Fund*  
f) *First Reading Policy 3240 – Tuition Fees*  
g) *First Reading Policy 5118.211 – Tuition for Children of Faculty and Staff*

**VIII. Correspondence/Communications**

- a) *Legislators Honor Columbia Teachers – October 22, 2015 Courant Community Reminder News*  
b) *Famous Scarecrows – October 22, 2015 Willimantic Chronicle*

*(More on the back)*

**IX. Board of Education Subcommittees**

• Future Meeting Dates:

- December 7, 2015 – Budget Subcommittee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. H.W.P. LMC Conference Room
- December 7, 2015 – Regular Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m. H.W.P. Cafeteria
- December 16, 2015 – Tri-Board Meeting with BOS, BOE & FIPAC, 7:30 p.m. Town Hall
- January 4, 2016 – Budget Subcommittee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. H.W.P. LMC Conference Room
- January 4, 2016 – Regular Board of Education Meeting with Public Budget Input, 7:30 p.m. H.W.P. Café
- January 11, 2016 – Budget Subcommittee Meeting, 6:00 p.m. H.W.P. LMC Conference Room
- January 19, 2016 – Budget Subcommittee Meeting, 6:00 p.m. H.W.P. LMC Conference Room

**X. Superintendent's Report**

- a) Board of Education Retreat Proposed Dates and Agenda*
- b) Long-Range Plan – Update*
- c) VERIP Update*

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

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

**XIII. Adjournment**