

**Columbia Board of Education**  
**September 18, 2017**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**

Board Members Present: Christopher Lent-Chairman, Linette Dooley, Karin Vertefeuille, Kathy Tolsdorf, Lisa Napolitano, James Chakulski, David Crim

Others Present: Lol Fearon-Superintendent, Beverly Ciurylo-Finance Director, Steve Piro

**I. Call to Order** - Chairman Chris Lent called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**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.

No comments were received.

**IV. Discussion - Impact of State Budgetary Proposals**

Mr. Fearon reported there is no State budget approved at this time. The proposed Republican Budget has not been signed off on by the Governor. If a budget is not in place by October 1<sup>st</sup> the Governor's Executive Order would be put in place.

The impact of the Republican budget and possible Executive Order Budgets were discussed.

Mr. Fearon has put spending freezes in place for non-essential items.

Board members agreed it is difficult to address potential reductions until a budget is approved. The Board agreed to closely review the current school budget to see where non-mandated or non-contracted funding exists.

High school, special education and transportation contracts would not be areas where funding can be reduced. The burden of any reductions would fall on H.W. Porter's Pre-K – 8 budget.

**V. Adjournment**

**VI.**

K. Vertefeuille MOVED, J. Chakulski SECONDED to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Tolsdorf,  
Vice Chair, Secretary