

The President called the January 7, 2015 Organizational Meeting and Budget Hearing to order at 6:30 P.M. in the Administration Center. The following Board Members were in Attendance: Mr. Brassell, Ms. Buchanan, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Moore and Mrs. Nemeth. The Treasurer and Local Superintendent were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

No. 1-2015 ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Nominations for President. Votes were tallied. Roll was taken.

Mr. Steven Moore was elected as the Columbia Board of Education President.

The New President takes the chair.

No. 2-2015 ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT

Nominations for Vice-President. Votes were tallied. Roll was taken.

Mr. Stephen Coleman was elected as the Columbia Board Vice-President.

Oaths of office are administered by the Treasurer.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

No. 3-2015 ESTABLISH DATES AND TIME OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Unless otherwise noted, the meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. The recommended meeting dates for 2015 are:

January 22	May 20	September 16
February 12	June 17	October 21
March 18	August 5 (1 st Wednesday)	November 18
April 15	August 19	December 16

No. 4-2015 APPROVE BUSINESS AFFAIRS – CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Brassell to approve the following items: (Items A through I may be acted upon one motion) The authorizations provided by these resolutions shall commence on January 7, 2015 and remain in effect through the Board's Organizational Meeting held in January, 2016.

- A. Employment Resolution: It is recommended that the Columbia Board of Education continue to employ, on an as-needed basis, the legal firm of Squire, Patton and Boggs for normal legal matters as per standard employment resolutions. EXHIBIT 1
- B. Employment Resolution: It is recommended that the Columbia Board of Education continue to employ, on an as-needed basis, the legal firm of Pepple & Waggoner, Ltd. for normal legal matters as per standard employment resolutions. EXHIBIT 2
- C. The Board will choose its Vice President as Treasurer pro tempore in case of the Treasurer's absence from a Board meeting.
- D. Investment of Inactive Funds: The Board authorizes the Treasurer to invest inactive funds in accordance with the guidelines of the Auditor of the State of Ohio.
- E. Tax Advances: The Board authorizes the Treasurer to request tax advances from the Lorain County Auditor.

- F. Purchasing Agent: The Board appoints the Local Superintendent as the purchasing agent for the Columbia Local Schools.
- G. Substitutes. Authorize the Local Superintendent to allow a substitute, certificated or classified, who meets all Local, State and ESC requirements to begin work pending approval at the next regular Board meeting.
- H. Employment. Authorize the Local Superintendent, during periods when this Board is not in session, to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or non-teaching positions on behalf of this Board, provided the candidate meets all Local, State and ESC requirements for employment, and acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of this Board, subject to a subsequent vote of ratification by this Board; provided however that upon ratification by this Board, the employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employee's acceptance of the Superintendent's offer.
- I. Resignations. Authorize the Local Superintendent to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this Board is not in session, subject to ratification by this Board; provided however that upon ratification by this Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance.

Roll Call: Buchanan, Brassell, Coleman, Moore and Nemeth voted "Aye."

Motion Carried.

- J. Legislative Liaison Board Member: President appoints Mrs. Nemeth to act as the Liaison to the Ohio School Boards Association.
- K. Endowment Trustee: President appoints Mr. Brassell to act as Endowment Trustee.
- L. Appointment of Standing Committees for 2015 (*Chairperson listed first*), President appoints:
 - 1. Buildings and Grounds Brassell, Moore
 - 2. Finance and Audit Moore, Brassell
 - 3. Transportation Buchanan, Coleman
 - 4. Personnel Buchanan, Nemeth
 - 5. Extracurricular Coleman, Buchanan
 - 6. Policy Brassell, Nemeth
 - 7. Communications Nemeth, Coleman
 - 8. Representative(s) to serve with Historical Society on a School History Committee (need not be Board Members) Mrs. Nemeth

No. 5-2015 APPROVE 2016 TAX BUDGET

Motion was made by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Brassell to approve the FY 2016 Tax Budget.

Roll Call: Buchanan, Brassell, Coleman, Moore and Nemeth voted "Aye."

Motion Carried.

No. 6-2015 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Coleman to enter into Executive Session at 7:52 P.M. and discuss the following:

- *to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employees or regulated individuals, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee or regulated individual unless such person requests a public hearing. The Board will not hold an executive session for the discipline or one of its members for conduct related to the performance of his/her official duties or for his/her removal from office;*
- *to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive bargaining advantage to a person whose private interest is adverse to the general public interest;*
- *specialized details of security arrangements where disclosure of the matters discussed might reveal information that could be used for the purpose of committing, or avoiding prosecution for, a violation of the law;*
- *matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes;*
- *preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees;*
- *in-person conferences with an attorney for the Board concerning disputes involving the Board that are the subject of pending or imminent court action; and*
- *consideration of confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance provided that:*
 - *the information is directly related to a request for economic development assistance that is to be provided or administered under provisions of State law authorized in Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(8)(1), or involves public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services that are directly related to an economic development project and*
 - *a unanimous quorum of the Board has determined by a roll call vote the executive session is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project.*

Roll Call: Buchanan, Coleman, Brassell, Moore and Nemeth voted "Aye."

Motion Carried.

No. 7-2015 RECONVENE

Motion was made by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Mrs. Nemeth to reconvene the meeting at 8:48 P.M. with the President stating that the following had been discussed:

- *to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employees or regulated individuals, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee or regulated individual unless such person requests a public hearing. The Board will not hold an executive session for the discipline or one of its*

members for conduct related to the performance of his/her official duties or for his/her removal from office;

- to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive bargaining advantage to a person whose private interest is adverse to the general public interest;
- specialized details of security arrangements where disclosure of the matters discussed might reveal information that could be used for the purpose of committing, or avoiding prosecution for, a violation of the law;
- matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes;
- preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees;
- in-person conferences with an attorney for the Board concerning disputes involving the Board that are the subject of pending or imminent court action; and
- consideration of confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance provided that:
 - the information is directly related to a request for economic development assistance that is to be provided or administered under provisions of State law authorized in Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(8)(1), or involves public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services that are directly related to an economic development project and
 - a unanimous quorum of the Board has determined by a roll call vote the executive session is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project.

Roll Call: Buchanan, Nemeth, Brassell, Coleman and Moore voted "Aye."

Motion Carried.

No. 8-2015 ADJOURN

Motion was made by Mrs. Nemeth, seconded by Ms. Buchanan to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 P.M.

Roll Call: Nemeth, Buchanan, Brassell, Coleman and Moore voted "Aye."

Motion Carried.

ALL EXHIBITS ARE MAINTAINED IN THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

APPROVE _____ ATTEST _____
President Treasurer