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Board of Education announces Treasurer Search Committee Committee includes highly regarded corporate financial leaders and community members

Columbus, OH, June 18, 2014 – The Columbus City Schools Board of Education announced its selection of individuals to lead the District’s Treasurer/CFO Search Committee. The Committee is tasked with interviewing candidates identified by the Board’s executive search firm and narrowing the pool to a list of recommended finalists. From the list of finalists, the Board of Education will select a candidate to succeed the District’s former Treasurer/CFO, Penny Rucker.

The Committee is comprised of Board of Education member, Ramona Reyes (Committee Chair); Pat Allen, President, Local 721, Ohio Association of Public School Employees; Board member, W. Shawna Gibbs; Former Columbus Urban League President, Sam Gresham; Leonard Hubert, President, L. Hubert & Associates, LLC; Board member, Mary Jo Hudson; Tracy Johnson, President-elect, Columbus Education Association; Steve Lyons, Executive Vice President, Columbus Partnership; Tim Robinson, Chief Financial Officer, Nationwide Children’s Hospital; Paul Rakosky, Finance and Management Director, City of Columbus; and Pastor William Whatley, President, African Methodist Episcopalans.

“The selection of a Treasurer/CFO is one of the most critically-important decisions we have to make as a Board,” said Board of Education President, Gary L. Baker, II. “The sheer size of Columbus City Schools, combined with the complexity of state and federal laws governing school finance and numerous financial factors that impact our budget makes the District Treasurer’s position one of the most challenging positions in the city, if not the state,” said Baker.

“I am very pleased with the committee that we have assembled,” said Search Committee Chair, Ramona Reyes. “The committee includes highly regarded community members, financial leaders, and people who will challenge our thinking. I am confident we will be able to complete our work in an expeditious and thorough manner, bringing the best possible candidate to the Board of Education for its final approval.”

The Treasurer/CFO Search Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 18, and Thursday, June 19, at 5:30 P.M. at the Columbus Education Center, 270 E State Street, in the Cabinet Room (2nd Floor).

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