

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT OF COLBY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013
COLBY DISTRICT/EDUCATION CENTER

The Regular School Board Meeting on September 16, 2013 was called to order at 7:30 PM at the Colby District Education Center by Board President, William Tesmer. Members present were, William Tesmer, Eric Elmhorst, Todd Schmidt, Lavinia Bonacker, Cheryl Ploeckelman, and Seth Pinter. Absent was Donna Krueger. Also present were Superintendent Steven Kolden and Kristen Seifert.

The meeting notice was posted according to the requirements of the open meeting law.

Public participation: Kennedy Kramas presented information on a proposed cheerleading team. The students are proposing the cheerleading team to increase school spirit and to students/crowd more involved. Cynthia Podolski-Werner presented information to the Board regarding a running board which was possibly stolen from her vehicle while parked in a school parking lot. Bruce Gumz presented information regarding a Parkside bus route in Dorchester and possibly having the route adjusted.

The Board received thank you cards from the Shotliff and Duvall families.

The Board welcomed Makala Bach as the new Student Board Representative. Makayla reported that the Student Council painted and spruced up the cafeteria at the high school. The clubs and organizations are just getting started. Homecoming will be October 4 and there will be lots of fun activities planned.

Mr. Kolden updated the Board on a Colby/Abbotsford Chamber survey and encouraged all to complete; the ACT test results were reviewed; the Educator Effectiveness Grant has been completed and submitted; Ruder Ware Local Government Seminar will be held on September 24, 2013; the WASB Employment and School Law Seminar will be held in Wausau on October 10 and 11, 2013; School Facts 2013 was reviewed and Mr. Kolden will renew this; the District has chosen not to join the WI Rural Schools Alliance; the press release regarding the RTTT Grant was shared; the District is now using Safe Schools for most employee mandated school sign offs; the official pay for employees of the District has been changed to now be paid through payroll with the earnings subject to taxes; the Legislative Advocacy Conference will be held on November 9, 2013.

Motion by Mr. Elmhorst, seconded by Mrs. Ploeckelman to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

Minutes from the August 19, 2013 Regular Board Meeting.

Out-of-state travel request for the FFA to attend the National FFA Convention – Louisville, KY.

Board Member (Bill and Cheryl) attendance and payment of expenses at the Ruder Ware Local Government Seminar in Wausau and the WSAA/WASB Employment & School Law Seminar in Wausau.

Resignation of Jessica Sweda, Water Ballet Coach.

Voice vote - motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Pinter to approve the receipts and invoices as presented. Voice vote – motion carried.

Financial Report

TOTAL REVENUE – AUGUST		\$ 1,164,816.48
NICOLET NATIONAL BANK-		
BANK WIRES - FEDERAL w/SS	1580-1593	\$ 138,302.49
FORWARD FINANCIAL BANK-		
MANUAL CHECK	128-130	\$ 10,093.68
REGULAR CHECKS	30287-30306	\$ 15,384.50
DIRECT DEPOSITS	9050904-9050978	\$ 71,119.47
	9051128-9051170	\$ 33,134.87
	9051171-9051281	\$ 100,594.79
ADVANTAGE BANK-		
REGULAR CHECKS	65188-65378	\$ 429,743.91
TOTAL CHECKS TO BE APPROVED		\$ 798,373.71

Mr. Kolden reviewed the information regarding a transportation concern with Parkside Bus in Dorchester. This will be placed on a Facility and Transportation agenda to be reviewed.

Motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mrs. Bonacker to deny the request for compensation for possible vehicle damage at the high school. Voice vote – motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Elmhurst, seconded by Mr. Schmidt to move the Annual Advisor position classification from co-curricular to extra-curricular and change the point value to 13 points. Voice vote – motion carried.

The Board conducted a teleconference with Paul Hardt, WASB, regarding the Strategic Planning process. Two future dates were set for Strategic Planning Team meetings: November 7 and 21, at 6 PM. The Board members and Mr. Kolden will work together to get volunteers for the committee.

The Board reviewed the 2013-14 Budget update.

Mr. Kolden discussed cost involved in hiring an “outside” evaluator for the evaluations mandated with the Educator Effectiveness. He will pursue the cost of having a contractual agreement with an individual.

Mr. Kolden informed the Board that there is a possibility the District may have two senior students completing the year with a 4.0 GPA. Administration plans to proceed with “co-valedictorians” if this happens.

Mr. Kolden explained the change in Fund 80 tax assessments and the impact it will have on the District for 2014-15.

Motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Elmhurst to approve the cheerleading program for 2013-14 only. Voice vote – motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Elmhurst, seconded by Mrs. Ploeckelman to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Counseling Connection of Medford. Voice vote – motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Elmhurst to set the mileage reimbursement rate per Wisconsin Statute 121.55(3) at .31 cents per mile. Voice vote – motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mrs. Ploeckelman to authorize the bookkeeper to collateralize banking accounts with Nicolet Bank. Voice vote – motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Pinter to recommend an annual meeting Fund 10 Budget of \$10,322,568 in anticipated revenue and \$10,765,236 in anticipated expenses. Roll Call Vote – Motion carried 6-0. Yes – Mr. Pinter, Mrs. Ploeckelman, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Tesmer, Mrs. Bonacker, Mr. Elmhurst; No-None: Abstain-None.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Elmhurst to approve first reading revisions to policies #151 and #185 as presented. Voice vote – motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Elmhurst, seconded by Mr. Schmidt to approve revisions to Employee Handbook Part I as presented. Roll Call Vote – Motion carried 4-0-2. Yes – Mr. Elmhurst, Mr. Pinter, Mr. Schmidt, Mrs. Bonacker; No-None; Abstain-Mrs. Ploeckelman, Mr. Tesmer.

Motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Elmhurst to approve revisions to Employee Handbook Part II as presented. Roll Call Vote – Motion carried 5-0-1. Yes – Mr. Elmhurst, Mr. Pinter, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Tesmer, Mrs. Bonacker; No-None; Abstain-Mrs. Ploeckelman.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Elmhurst to approve revisions to Employee Handbook Part IV as presented. Voice vote – motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Elmhurst to approve revisions to Employee Handbook Appendix as presented. Roll Call Vote – Motion carried 4-0-2. Yes – Mr. Elmhurst, Mr. Pinter, Mr. Schmidt, Mrs. Bonacker; No-None; Abstain-Mrs. Ploeckelman, Mr. Tesmer.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Elmhorst, to convene in closed session per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility: Superintendent Evaluation. Roll call vote – Motion carried 6-0. Yes-Mr. Pinter, Mrs. Ploeckelman, Mr. Schmidt, Mrs. Bonacker, Mr. Elmhorst, Mr. Tesmer; No-None; Abstain-None.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Pinter, to move from closed session and to reconvene in open session as previously announced. Voice vote - motion carried.

Scheduled Board of Education Meetings:

Annual Meeting – September 30, 2013 – 8 PM HS Theater

Financial Affairs Committee Meeting – October 28, 2013 – 7:00 PM CDEC

Regular Board of Education Meeting – October 28, 2013 – 7:30 PM CDEC

Facility and Transportation Committee Meeting – October 7, 2013 – 6 PM CDEC

Policy and Curriculum Committee Meeting – October 16, 2013 – 7:00 PM CDEC

Motion by Mr. Pinter, seconded by Mr. Elmhorst, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote - motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Todd Schmidt, Clerk

Kristen Seifert, Reporting Secretary