

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT OF COLBY  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2010  
COLBY DISTRICT/EDUCATION CENTER

The Regular School Board Meeting on October 20, 2010, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Colby District Education Center by Board President Dennis Engel. Members present were Ed Haas, Donna Krueger, Cheryl Ploeckelman, Eric Elmhorst, William Tesmer, Rick Weber, Dennis Engel and Student Board of Education Member Emily Peissig. Also present were Superintendent Steven Kolden and Chris Thieme.

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

Several items of correspondence were presented including: WASB Nonrenewal Bulletin available in Superintendent Office, IDEA Foundation Thank You for the district's support at a recent Steak Feed, Notice of Clark County Board Forum II, WTA "Focus" 9/29/10, Wis. School Employment and Labor Law Review – 9/24/10 and 10/8/10, WASB Legal Notes – Fall, 2010.

Emily Peissig, Student Board Member, informed the board that Homecoming activities were a great success with the football team winning the game on Friday night and a fun dance on Saturday night. The Winter Carnival will be the next big event at the high school and planning has begun. Mr. Sauer, High School Principal, met with the National Honor Society and Student Council to ask about student likes and dislikes at the high school. He has initiated additions to the lunch program in the form of a Soup and Salad Bar. He is considering an open campus during lunch time with students having to earn the privilege to participate.

Mr. Kolden informed board members the Colby Middle School has been named an Exemplary Middle School by the Assn. of Wisconsin School Administrators and the Colby Elementary School received an award last Monday as a School of Promise. He directed board members to read the editorial in the Hornet Highlights. It is a well written and insightful editorial written by a student. Administration and staff will be working on gathering Material Safety Data Sheets on all substances brought into the school buildings. The Data Sheets containing safety procedures and information in case of an accident, will be stored in a central location for easy access. The district will need to short term borrow in early December to pay operating expenses. Mr. Kolden informed the board he is studying the need for archival data storage, particularly emails which can become public record. Presently the district servers storage capacity holds emails up to six months. A current budget status as of October 20, 2010 is available at each board members seat. The Swim Team Abby/Colby Cooperative agreement will be presented in November.

Consent Agenda: Approval of the regular Board of Education Meeting minutes was removed from the consent agenda for later deliberation. Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to approve the consent agenda request for out-of-state travel for the eighth graders from Colby M.S. and St. Mary's to travel to Gettysburg and Washington, D.C. along with students from the Loyal School District and for the Dance Team to travel to Minnesota to entertain at a Timberwolves game. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Krueger, seconded by Mrs. Ploeckelman to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2010, regular Board Meeting as corrected. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Mrs. Krueger, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, recommended approval of the Receipts and Invoices for payment as presented. Voice vote - motion carried.

September Revenue Receipt #891527-891575	\$179,532.59
Mid Wisconsin Bank Wires 1167-1174	118,298.83
Community Bank Regular Checks 28221-28285	15,650.34
Direct Deposit 9038780-9039063	258,457.07
Dorchester State Bank Checks #59324-59543	927,940.40

Mrs. Ploeckelman attended the Wisconsin Association of School Boards Region 5 meeting. She reported Rick Eloranta, Owen Withee School Board Member, was elected Director of the Region 5 group. A presentation was held on a School In Need of Improvement under the No Child Left Behind Guidelines. This school used computers for the students to do book reports. Using the computer allowed students to customize their reports inserting pictures, graphics and script. The students were enthused and reading scores rose to proficient and advanced levels. Mrs. Ploeckelman also stated there wasn't any good news regarding the state or local budgeting financial worries.

There were no reports from the Finance or Facilities and Transportation Committees as no meetings were held.

Mr. Tesmer reported on the Policy and Curriculum Committee meeting on October 6, 2010. They reviewed sections 100 and 200 of Board Policies. There are revised policies presented for a first reading later on the agenda.

The Personnel Committee met on October 4, 2010, and will make salary recommendations in closed session.

Mr. Kolden presented the numbers of students enrolled by grade level in each building.

Mr. Kolden reported on the Neillsville Property Riverview School. There is an individual who may be interested in purchasing the property. Inspection of the building late this summer indicated there are issues with mold, asbestos and lead paint. Mr. Kolden informed the board he will work with CESA 10 to obtain information on a source that can do a study of and make recommendations for remediation of the problems that exist at Riverview School. The Facilities and Transportation will receive this information and make recommendation to either deal with the issues or sell the building as is.

A review of the SAGE Program costs for 2010-2011 was presented. This year the program is fully funded including the addition, due to increased enrollment, of a full-time substitute assistant teacher in Grade 3. The amount the district expects to receive in SAGE funding will fund all costs with some monies carried over into next year.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Elmhorst, to approve the 2010-2011 General Fund Budget with anticipated revenues of \$10,449,026.00 and expenditures of \$11,007,864.00. Roll call vote: Yes – Mr. Elmhorst, Mr. Haas, Mr. Engel, Mrs. Ploeckelman, Mr. Tesmer; No – Mr. Weber, Mrs. Krueger. Motion carried 5-2.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Tesmer, to approve a Property Tax Levy in the amount of \$2,455,501.00 with a mill rate of \$8.01 per thousand dollars of valuation. Roll call vote: Yes – Mr. Haas, Mr. Engel, Mrs. Ploeckelman, Mr. Tesmer, Mr. Elmhorst; No – Mrs. Krueger, Mr. Weber. Motion carried 5-2.

No action was taken on a request by CESA #10 to purchase land at 717 West Park Avenue, Chippewa Falls.

Board members reviewed the first reading of Board Policies #170 – School Board Meetings, Rule #170 – Board member notification, Policy #180 – Operating Procedures, Deletion of Rule #180 – Order of Business, Rule #185 – Board Standing Committee Duties and Policy #538 – Evaluation of Professional Staff – Delete exhibits from policy and allow administration to develop evaluation procedures.

Motion by Mr. Haas, seconded by Mrs. Krueger, to award the bid for snow removal for 2010-2011 to Midway Plowing, Spencer. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mrs. Krueger, to convene in closed session per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any

public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; 10.02 Administrative Support Staff Compensation, 10.03 Superintendent Evaluation. Roll call vote – Motion carried 7-0.

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

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Tesmer, to approve an increase in salary and benefits for the Administrative Support Staff as recommended and presented by the Personnel Committee. Roll call vote: Yes – Mrs. Ploeckelman, Mr. Tesmer, Mr. Elmhurst, Mr. Engel, Mr. Haas; No – Mr. Weber, Mrs. Krueger.

Scheduled Meetings: Personnel Committee – November 9, 2010 - CDEC  
Facilities Committee – To Be Determined  
Regular Board of Education – November 15, 2010 – 7:30 p.m. CDEC  
Policy & Curriculum Committee – December 1, 2010 – 7:00 p.m. - CDEC

Motion by Mrs. Krueger, seconded by Mr. Weber to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote – Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Edward Haas, Clerk

Chris Thieme, Reporting Secretary