

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

The Regular School Board Meeting on December 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 Elmhurst, Todd Schmidt, Lavinia Bonacker, Cheryl Ploeckelman, Seth Pinter, Donna Krueger. Absent was Student Board Representative Makayla Bach. Also present were Superintendent Steven Kolden and Kristen Seifert.

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

There was no public participation.

Makala Bach, Student Board Representative, sent a written report stating the NHS will be selling hot chocolate this week during AST on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday to raise money to donate to the Neillsville Humane Society. FFA hosted a doubles badminton tournament on December 7th. Student Council helped out with the Angel Tree Project this past Saturday. They filled bags of groceries, donated Christmas hams, and helped carry the gifts to each family's car. SADD will be hosting SOS tomorrow for local area schools. SOS is an organization that raises awareness in teens about drugs, alcohol, and bullying. FCCLA sold candy canes as a gift for friends to be delivered this week. Spanish Club held their annual Christmas movie night for members. Refreshments were served while watching Home Alone in Spanish.

Mr. Kolden updated the Board on the teacher evaluation process and overviewed the software being used; Jesse M. and Kristen S. have the website set up to sell district surplus items; the district newsletter was distributed; staff members did a technology site visit at Thorp and Owen-Withee School Districts which included details of classroom level technology – a report will be presented to the technology committee; administrators from Abbotsford and Colby met to discuss a track coop and the next step will be to have a meeting and include coaches to discuss possible advantages/disadvantages; reminder that the Burnett Breakfast is Thursday, December 19; Mr. Kolden suggested an evening get together for the Board while at the WASB Convention.

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

- Minutes from the November 18, 2013 Regular Board Meeting.
- Middle School Choir to Gurnee, IL – May 9-10, 2014.
- High School Show Choir to Springfield, IL – January 31-February 2, 2014.
- High School FFA to St. Paul, MN – February 1, 2014.
- Resignation of Stephanie Szybowicz, Special Olympics Track Coach.

Voice vote - motion carried.

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

Financial Report

TOTAL REVENUE – NOVEMBER		\$ 232,723.21
NICOLET NATIONAL BANK-		
BANK WIRES - FEDERAL w/SS	1620-1634	\$ 191,707.96
FORWARD FINANCIAL BANK-		
MANUAL CHECK	143	\$ 37,204.71
REGULAR CHECKS	30396-30461	\$ 36,813.37
DIRECT DEPOSITS	9051967-9052476	\$ 389,272.77
ADVANTAGE BANK-		
REGULAR CHECKS	65821-65958	\$ 188,025.98
TOTAL CHECKS TO BE APPROVED		\$ 843,024.79

Cheryl updated the Board on her attendance at the Association of Educational Agencies in San Antonio, Texas. She distributed a poster titled “The Ever Increasing Burden on America’s Public Schools”. CESA #10 sent two Board members to the conference.

The Board discussed calls/emails regarding the changes made to Parkside bus routes. Mr. Kolden will talk with Kurt from Parkside regarding these issues.

The Board reviewed the 2013-14 Budget update.

The Board reviewed the 2012-13 auditors report and agreed there was not a need to have a teleconference with auditor.

The Board discussed Policy #830 – Use of School Facilities and referred it to the Policy and Curriculum Committee for further review.

The Board discussed Employee Handbook Part II, Section 5.01. Mrs. Bonacker would like to see the Board have more involvement in the involuntary transfers and the Board to review the top candidates. The Board was in agreement that communication by the Superintendent will solve most issues. The Board referred this to the Personnel Committee for further discussion.

Mr. Kolden informed the Board that the District is under a print management contract with EO Johnson company until 2015. EO Johnson has offered an “early renewal” of the contract. The Board would like Mr. Kolden to seek print monitoring management software costs from EO Johnson but not seek an early renewal.

The Board reviewed the WASB Delegate Assembly Resolutions.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mrs. Krueger, to convene in closed session per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. d) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.

10.02 Potential Staff Discipline;

10.03 Administrative Contracts;

10.04 Special Education Director Contract for 2nd Semester;

10.05 Superintendent Evaluation;

10.06 Allegations of a Violation of Closed Session Confidentiality.

Roll call vote – Motion carried 7-0; Yes – Mr. Elmhurst, Mr. Pinter, Mrs. Krueger, Mrs. Ploeckelman, Mr. Schmidt, Mrs. Bonacker, Mr. Tesmer, No-None, Abstain-None.

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

Scheduled Board of Education Meetings:

Strategic Planning Meeting – January 8, 2014 – 6 PM MS Library

Personnel Committee Meeting – January 9, 2014 – 6 PM CDEC

Financial Affairs Committee Meeting – January 20, 2014 – 7:00 PM CDEC

Regular Board of Education Meeting – January 20, 2014 – 7:30 PM CDEC

Strategic Planning Meeting – February 19, 2014 – 6 PM MS Library

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Todd Schmidt, Clerk

Kristen Seifert, Reporting Secretary