

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT OF COLBY
MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2011
COLBY DISTRICT/EDUCATION CENTER

The Regular School Board Meeting on January 17, 2011, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Colby District Education Center by Board President Dennis Engel. Members present were Donna Krueger, Cheryl Ploeckelman, Edward Haas, Eric Elmhurst, Rick Weber, William Tesmer, Dennis Engel and student board 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: WTA “Focus” 12/6, 12/15, 12/29 Vol. I & II; WASB Employment & Labor Law Review – 1/7/2011; I.D.E.A. Foundation Grants totaling \$1,295.00 for Colby Elementary; The Wisconsin Taxpayer – November & December, 2010.

Emily Peissig, Student Board Member, reported the vocational clubs are organizing a Winter Carnival. There will not be a Sno-Ball Dance this year. Many fun activities are planned for Friday. Students are studying for semester finals on Thursday and Friday. A Blood Drive is scheduled for this week.

Mr. Kolden reported on the Fair Funding Proposal. School Board Election dates were distributed. Mr. Kolden presented a research article “I Want to Believe” on how teachers’ deeply held beliefs and perceptions shape how they do their jobs. A letter and the deed to the administration building in Neillsville were received giving ownership of the property to Colby School District. Board members will receive their next board packet information electronically via email. This is being done to reduce paper use, postage and provide board packets in a timely manner.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Elmhurst, to approve the consent agenda removing item 6.01 Approval of Board Minutes from the consent agenda and vote on it separately. Voice vote – Motion carried. Approved were the resignations of Allen Zettler as Freshman Football Coach and Brenda DuVall as Varsity Volleyball Coach. Also approved were New Hires/Transfers: Theresa Ibarra as Little Stars Paraprofessional (transfer from Food Service), Lori Holtzheimer as Lunchroom Computer Operator, Cody Meyers as .80 FTE as H.S. ELL Paraprofessional, Traci Anderson as MS/HS Business Education Teacher and Clarice Zenner as Lunchroom Computer Operator.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Haas, to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2010, Regular Board Meeting as presented. Roll call vote - Motion carried 5-0-2 abstain: Mrs. Krueger, Mr. Tesmer.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of the Receipts and Invoices for payment as presented. Voice vote - Motion carried.

December Revenue Receipt #891664-891701	\$ 1,922,225.45
Mid Wisconsin Bank Wires 1191-1201	190,816.31
Community Bank Regular Checks #28414-28495	127,050.99
Direct Deposit 9039767-9040259	413,962.02
Dorchester State Bank Checks #59887-60041	447,875.28

Also distributed to board members was a Budget and Expenditure Report as of January 17, 2011.

The Finance Committee met on January 12, 2011, to review the proposed budget reductions for 2011-2012 and will discuss under Agenda Item 8.05.

The Personnel Committee will report on negotiations in closed session.

The Policy and Curriculum Committee met on January 5, 2011, to discuss many policies.

Mr. Kolden walked the board through the items on the proposed budget reduction list and asked board members to take some time to consider the items listed and meet again to review the proposals. There are proposed reductions in teachers, programs, paraprofessional staff, custodial staff, administration, clerical staff, contracted services, supplies and materials and transportation.

The Administrative Procedures (88 Pages) for Special Education will be removed from Board Policy 342.1 and become separate as it is updated continuously according to Federal Special Education Guidelines.

Motion by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to approve the CESA #10 Services contract for 2011-2012 with the exception of items BS3 and IS 7A as they will be reviewed. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to approve CWETN contract for distance education services for 2011-2012 replacing the current services through Rural Tech Network. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to approve contracting with Rural Virtual Academy for online classes for individuals we count as students, yet take all their coursework online. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to approve revised language to the Colby H. S. Handbook providing guidelines to allow noon hour open campus for seniors. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Board members considered the First Reading of Board Policy 342.1 – Programs for Students with Disabilities.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Weber, 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; f) Consider 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 Student Conduct Issue; 10.03 Administrative Contracts – 2011-2012; 10.04 Administrative Reductions – 2011-2012; 10.05 CEA Negotiations 2009-2011; 10.06 CEA Negotiations 2011-2013; CSSA Negotiations 2011-13. Roll call vote – Motion carried 7-0.

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

Motion by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mrs. Krueger, to renew administrative contracts with language adjustments to make them similar including 260 contract days, 20 sick leave days capped at 125 days, retirement benefits after 20 years service in public education with 10 years in the Colby School District and a two year rollover provision. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Scheduled Meetings:

Special Board of Education Budget Review Meeting – February 9, 2011 - 5:30 p.m. CDEC

Regular Board of Education – February 21, 2011 – 7:30 p.m. CDEC

Motion by Mrs. Krueger, seconded by Mr. Haas, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote - Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Edward Haas, Clerk

Chris Thieme, Reporting Secretary

