

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT OF COLBY  
MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2010  
COLBY DISTRICT/EDUCATION CENTER

The Regular School Board Meeting on January 18, 2010, 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, Larry Oehmichen, Ed Haas, Rick Weber, William Tesmer and Dennis Engel. Also present were Superintendent Terry Downen and Chris Thieme.

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

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; e) 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; g) conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. 4.01 Attorney Matt Yde Invited by BOE to Confer Regarding Administrative Contracts; 4.02 Personnel – Hiring; 4.03 Administrative Contracts; 4.04 Finance Plan for Sale of Property; 4.05 Restructuring the District Administrator’s Contract. Roll call vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to move from closed session and reconvene in open session at 8:58 p.m. Voice vote – motion carried.

Elise Woik, Student Board Member, arrived at 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to hire Attorney Matt Yde to represent the board. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to extend the contract for Elizabeth Klimpke, Grade 1 Teacher, through the 2009-2010 school year under the SAGE Program. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Haas, seconded by Mr. Weber to hire Tim Rau as Colby H.S. Golf Coach. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Krueger, seconded by Mr. Weber to hire Allen Zettler as Head Girls Softball Coach and Holly Draeger as Assistant Girls Softball Coach. Voice vote – Motion carried.

The board will continue working on the administrative contracts.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mrs. Krueger, to advise Mike Krohn, Realtor for Neillsville properties to proceed as discussed in closed session. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Krueger, seconded by Mr. Weber, that the District Administrator’s contract be restructured as discussed in closed session. Roll call vote: Yes – Mr. Haas, Mrs. Krueger, Mr. Oehmichen, Mr. Weber, Mr. Engel; No – Mr. Tesmer, Mrs. Ploeckelman. Motion carried 5-2.

Persons wishing to speak under Public Participation on the Agenda were told they could not speak on agenda items previously acted on.

Several items of correspondence were presented including: WTA “Focus” 12/15/09, 12/22/09, 12/28/09; The Wisconsin Taxpayer – October & November, 2009; WI State Journal Letter to the Editor – “Tax Obsession Hurts Schools”; Letter from U.S. Senator Feingold; CESA #10 Board of Control Agenda and previous meeting minutes; NTC Pathways and Research on Class Size for Mr. Oehmichen. The Budget & Expenditure Financial Report was distributed at the meeting.

Lea Fildes, Colby Elementary Principal, Jim Hagen, Colby MS/HS Associate Principal, Nancy Marcott, Colby MS/HS Principal and Terry Downen, Superintendent included their written reports with the agenda for board members.

Elise Woik, Student Board Member, reported the Vocational Clubs hosted their winter celebration and dance. The FFA members are looking forward to their rodeo trip to St. Paul and preparing for the district speaking contest. The Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) are working on a health fair for elementary students. The Student Council is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Band and choir members are preparing for Solo and Ensemble Competition which Colby H.S. is hosting this year. There were ten schools competing in the Show Choir Spectacular on January 9<sup>th</sup>. There were excellent entertaining performances by all groups. The junior class is starting to plan and is looking forward to Prom.

Mr. Downen informed the board he has been attending meetings with CESA staff on the Core Early Literacy Project involving Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers and students. The group is looking at ways to ease the transition from Pre-K to Kindergarten. Currently budget development meetings are being held with building staff members to begin zero-based instructional budgeting for 2010-2011.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mrs. Krueger, to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2009 Regular Board Meeting. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to approve the Receipts and Invoices for payment as presented. Voice vote - Motion carried.

December Revenue Receipt #891093-891149	\$ 2,127,714.10
Mid Wisconsin Bank Wires #1085-1095	185,310.63
Community Bank Regular Checks #27564-27673	87,065.20
Direct Deposit #9035587-9036068	407,817.15
Dorchester State Bank Checks #57713-57858	489,574.12

The Colby Education Association did not sign the Memorandum of Understanding for “Race to the Top” funding with the Department of Public Instruction. Members were not comfortable with the future mandates that might become a part of this funding.

Mr. Weber attended the training session for the new theater audio system.

James Weideman, Technical Education Teacher, informed the board the new equipment has been installed for the Colby Education Channel. The channel can now provide broadcasts in real time of board meetings and sporting events and broadcasts are also available on the Colby District Web Page. The new equipment also provides programming 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with U Stream TV.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Tesmer to approve the District Audit Report dated June 30, 2009 prepared by Vig & Associates. Voice vote – Motion carried. The board requested a meeting with Mr. Vig at some future date.

Mr. Hagen discussed with the board the latest WIAA Football realignment proposal. Mr. Rosemeyer and Mr. Hagen could see no disadvantage to Colby High School with the proposal. Transportation mileage to events may even decrease. Other school districts had tremendous increases in miles and time due to the proposed schedule.

Ms. Thieme explained an estimated Revenue Limit for 2010-2011 based on currently available data. The projected increase in the revenue limit is \$47,500.00. This amount will not cover already known increases in expenditures for 2010-2011.

Mr. Oehmichen, Personnel Committee Chair, said there is a tentative agreement between the Colby Support Staff and the Board of Education.

Motion by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to approve the 2010-2011 CESA #10 Services Contract.  
Voice vote – Motion carried.

Scheduled Meetings:

Special Board of Education Meeting – February 2, 2010 – 4:00 p.m. CDEC (Budget Retreat)

Regular Board of Education – February 15, 2010 - 7:30 p.m. CDEC

Motion by Mrs. Krueger, seconded by Mr. Weber, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote - Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

William Tesmer, Clerk

Chris Thieme, Reporting Secretary