

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT OF COLBY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2010
COLBY DISTRICT/EDUCATION CENTER

The Regular School Board Meeting on February 15, 2010, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Colby District Education Center by Board President, Dennis Engel. Members present were Donna Krueger, Cheryl Ploeckelman, Bill Tesmer, Rick Weber, Ed Haas, Larry Oehmichen 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.

Several items of correspondence were presented including: Letters from Clark County Health Dept. Acknowledging Assistance from Our School Secretaries; Letter to Legislators Addressing AB 520; The Wisconsin Taxpayer – December, 2009; WTA “Focus” – 1/20/2010; CESA #10 Board of Control Minutes and next Agenda and CHS Hornet Highlights Newspaper.

The principal’s reports and updates were included with the Board Agenda.

Elise Woik, Student Board Representative, informed the board the recent Student Council Blood Drive received blood from 65 donors, which exceeded all expectations. They also sold (Hearts for Haiti) small valentines for \$.50 to all students as fund raiser for the Haitian people. The FFA is holding a “Kiss A Calf” contest. Several teachers have volunteered to kiss the calf. The Students Against Destructive Decisions along with the Casey Blume Foundation hosted the S.O.S. Players, a youth group from the Hudson Area, that does skits and short plays focusing on destructive behaviors such as depression, alcohol and drug use. They presented two shows to grades 8-12 and evening performance for parents and students. National Honor Society members volunteered to assist with Elementary School Knowledgeathon. The FCCLA are completing their projects for competition. The Solo & Ensemble competition will be held this coming weekend at Colby High School. Three Colby students will be competing at WIAA Sectionals along with two students from Abbotsford.

Mr. Downen commented on his written report that was included with the agenda.

Motion by Mr. Oehmichen, seconded by Mr. Weber to table approval of the minutes from the board meeting of January 11, 2010, due to incomplete information not available from board members. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Tesmer to approve the Regular School Board Minutes dated January 18, 2010. Voice vote - Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to approve the receipts and invoices reviewed by the Finance Committee as presented. Voice vote – Motion carried.

6.02 Financial Report

January Receipts #891150-891201	\$ 607,268.51
Mid Wisconsin Bank Wires #1096-1103	122,145.85
Community Bank Regular Checks #27674-27729	27,792.41
Direct Deposit # 9036069-9036387	264,253.31
Dorchester State Bank Checks #57859-58018	438,241.70
Mid Wisconsin Bank Renovation Fd. #1043-1044	10,543.00

6.03 No requests for out-of-state travel.

Motion by Mrs. Krueger, seconded by Mr. Weber to approve an extension from February 1, 2010 to April 15, 2010 for Linda Kalepp and Berna Mellenthin to notify the board of their retirement per the Master Agreement. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Mrs. Ploeckelman reported on her attendance as delegate to the WASB Annual Convention. She attended the delegate meeting, Davis & Kuelthau seminar which introduced some of the new laws and legal mandates coming to school districts and the Response to Intervention (RTI) Workshop where the rubric or markers for student progress were explained to determine when interventions or different teaching strategies are needed to help a student advance in a subject. She also picked up a book entitled "Key Works of School Boards" which would be a good subject for another Board Retreat.

Mr. Weber asked about the deed to the Administration Building Property in Neillsville.

Mr. Downen explained the formation of a group of schools joining together with Northcentral Technical College to offer a class for students in Marketing Fundamentals Certificate Program. There will be a set membership fee with a cost per student based on program expenditures.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mrs. Krueger, to approve a proposal from Complete Control to upgrade the Colby High School kitchen heating controls to new computerized controls to work in concert with the existing system. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Board members discussed the feasibility of the 2010-2011 proposed budget cuts including reductions in instructors, instructional aides, custodial staff, secretarial staff and administrative staff. Also discussed were reductions in transportation costs, copier/printer costs, district legal fees, telephone use, extra-curricular costs, district insurance expenditures, eliminating the SAGE Program, closing the administration building, outsourcing technology coordination/assistance, creating a Charter School and moving grade levels to other buildings. Mr. Oehmichen distributed his financial plan which called for reductions in all of the areas listed above.

Mrs. Ploeckelman questioned the safety of students riding snowmobiles to school in light of an accident on Thursday, when a 7th grade student ran into a moving bus.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mrs. Krueger, 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; 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: 9.01 Personnel – Hiring; 9.02 Preliminary Notice of Layoff to Employees for 2010-11. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mr. Oehmichen, 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 a contract for David Craven as a Special Education Paraprofessional at the Colby M.S./H.S. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to layoff 1.44 FTE instructors at the Colby High School as discussed in closed session. Voice vote – motion carried.

Scheduled Board of Education Meetings:

Regular Board of Education Meeting – March 15, 2010 – 7:30 p.m. – CDEC
Facilities & Transportation Committee Mtg. – March 8th or 22nd

Mr. Haas, Mr. Engel, Mr. Weber and Mr. Oehmichen are attending a WASB Negotiation Seminar on March 5, 2010.

Motion by Mr. Oehmichen, seconded by Mr. Haas, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
William Tesmer, Clerk

Chris Thieme, Reporting Secretary

