

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT OF COLBY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2011
COLBY DISTRICT/EDUCATION CENTER

The Regular School Board Meeting on February 21, 2011, 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, Eric Elmhurst, Ed Haas and Dennis Engel. 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: Thank you cards from Candy Huebner & Jeff Rosemeyer; Enrolled Students by Building as of the January count; Warranty Deed for Neillsville Administration Property; Colby Elementary School's application for Schools of Recognition Grant was denied; Notification of Standing Up for Rural Schools, Libraries & Communities Award; Colby Support Staff Layoff Procedures. Colby H.S. Course Description Booklet and Budget & Expenditure Report as of 2/21/11 were distributed at the meeting.

The Student Board Representative was absent.

Mr. Kolden updated the board members on the Budget Repair Bill passed by the State Assembly but not the Senate. The 2011-2013 State Biennial Budget is currently delayed for a week or more. There was good attendance at the Community Listening Session held at the Lions Shelter on February 16th. Mr. Kolden reviewed the current status of budget reductions for 2011-12. The district has contracted with a qualified nurse to certify employees as trained in dispensing of medications. This is a new requirement of the Department of Public Instruction. The district will be investigating using a credit card for most of the accounts payable purchases. Mr. Kolden met with the City of Colby regarding the Highway 13 project which includes the adding of a median from Colby to the Highway 29 interchange. Discussion centered around the possibility of an alternate exit from the Colby M.S./H.S. parking lot to Highway 13.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to approve the following Consent Agenda Items moving Item 6.03 Retirement Requests to Closed Session:

- 6.01 Minutes of the January 17, 2011 Regular Board Meeting and the February 9, 2011 Special Board Meeting.
- 6.02 Out of State Travel for the Middle School Choir Trip to Illinois and the Fourth Grade Trip to the Minnesota Zoo.
- 6.03 Staff Retirements moved to closed session.
- 6.04 No transfers or new hires.

Voice vote – Motion carried.

Mrs. Krueger on behalf of the Finance Committee recommended approval of the receipts and checks as presented. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Financial Report

January Receipts #891704-891759	\$ 735,411.24
Mid Wisconsin Bank Wires #1202-1209	119,751.70
Community Bank Regular Checks #28496-28539	60,986.84
Direct Deposit 9040260-9040592	270,024.30
Dorchester State Bank Checks #60042-60241	626,447.98

Mr. Elmhurst reported on attending the meeting of Clark County School Boards. John Ashley, WASB, spoke on the Governor's budget proposal and the possibility of a reduction of \$500.00 per student in revenue from the State. There was also discussion of the atmosphere in schools in light of the budget cuts and reductions. Board members discussed the possibility of a common school calendar among local school districts that would allow the sharing of classes.

Mrs. Krueger attended the WASB Annual Convention in Milwaukee. She received information on the school district going paperless and also spoke with a representative from Complete Control on an evaluation of our current HVAC for possible energy saving solutions.

Mrs. Ploeckelman reported on her attendance as delegate to the WASB Annual Convention. She attended a session with a speaker from China who had moved to the United State for the educational opportunities for his family. He mentioned the ingenuity of teachers and the teaching of thinking skills with there being more to education than continually testing. Mrs. Ploeckelman also attended a session on passing a referendum. Community, parents and staff need to support the need for a referendum.

Mr. Kolden asked for recommendations from board members on the disposal of district equipment, particularly computers. Board members agreed to authorize Mr. Kolden to dispose of surplus materials and maximize the potential sale price as best possible.

The board reviewed the proposed budget reduction lists for perhaps the fourth time. The budget reductions will require the district to layoff many employees, cut transportation and reduce district provided supply budgets. The list is prioritized and continually changing.

Mr. Kolden has the renewals of two lease agreements for Neillsville and a new rental of one of the rooms. Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Tesmer to have Mr. Kolden negotiate and sign the leases as needed. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Krueger, seconded by Mr. Weber to bid the audit contract for 2010-11. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to approve the CESA 10 Services Contract as presented with the exception of item IS 7a – Instructional Media Center. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to approve as second reading of Board Policy #342.1 – Programs for Students with Disabilities. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Elmhorst, 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: 10.01 Retirement requests from Consent Agenda; 10.02 Complaint regarding Separation Agreement Resolution; 10.03 Administrative Retirement Request; 10.04 Administrative Restructuring/Contract; 10.05 Preliminary Notice of Non-Renewal; 10.06 CEA Retirement Requests; 10.07 – Layoff Recommendation of Administrative Team for CEA, CSSA and Non-Represented employees. Roll call vote – motion carried 7-0.

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

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to approve the retirement request from Lea Fildes, Colby Elementary Principal, as written in her letter. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mr. Tesmer, to issue contract non-renewal notices to two employees as discussed in closed session. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Haas, to accept the retirement requests of Linda Kalepp, Elementary Physical Education; Paul Knautz, Elementary Special Education; Steve Linzmeier, High School History and Berna Mellenthin, Elementary Music. Roll call vote – Motion carried 5-2; No – Mr. Weber, Mrs. Krueger.

Motion by Mr. Weber failed for lack of a second to the motion. Motion by Mrs. Krueger, seconded by Mr. Elmhorst to issue preliminary layoff notices to individuals as recommended by the administrative team and to reduce the budget for 2011-12 deleting from the recommendations MS/HS Art. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Scheduled Board of Education Meetings:

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

Motion by Mrs. Krueger, seconded by Mr. Elmhorst, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Edward Haas, Clerk

Chris Thieme, Reporting Secretary