

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

The Regular School Board Meeting on March 21, 2011, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Colby District Education Center by Board President, Dennis Engel. Members present were Dennis Engel, Eric Elmhorst, Edward Haas, Rick Weber, Cheryl Ploeckelman, Donna Krueger, William Tesmer 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 included with the agenda including: WTA “Focus” – 2/25/11 and 2/28/11; WASB Spring Academy Notice; WASB Effective Bargaining Seminar and a “Thank You” from the Heindl Family.

Ms. Peissig, Student Council President, informed the board of high school activities. For Valentine’s Day “A Crush for my Crush” fund raiser was held selling Crush Soda to be given to your sweetheart. The National Honor Society sold flowers to assist Joel Underwood with medical expenses.

Mr. Kolden informed the board that the Food Service Audit was completed. There were no significant problems and the DPI Consultant praised all the staff working with Food Service. The request for audit bids has been sent to several audit firms in central Wisconsin. Security Health Plan has informed the district that the initial estimate for an increase in health insurance premiums is 18.06%. A new revenue limit worksheet was distributed showing a decrease in revenue of \$513,180.00 for 2011-2012. Mr. Kolden reviewed with board members the proposed Budget Reductions looking at priorities, cost and program/operational impacts. Mr. Kolden met with Kathleen Murphy, Facilities Management Consultant, at CESA #10. She works closely with Dennis Wenzel, Director of Building and Grounds for the school district in complying with and reporting of the many environmental and safety regulations in place to keep our facilities in compliance. The Governor’s proposed budget does not contain any reduction in dollars for the SAGE Program. J.B. Van Hollen, Wisconsin Attorney General, declared March 13-19, 2011, as Sunshine Week. This national initiative commemorates the transparency and citizen oversight essential to our democratic system of government. The Legislative Meeting in Medford will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup>. The Rural Virtual Academy is willing to provide a demonstration to board members on distance learning classes.

Motion by Mr. Elmhorst, seconded by Mrs. Ploeckelman, to move Agenda Item 6.03.2 Additional CEA Retirement Requests to closed session for discussion. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Elmhorst to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item 6.03.2. Voice vote - Motion carried. Consent Agenda Items Approved:

- 6.01 Minutes of the February 21, 2011 Regular Board Meeting and March 10, 2011 Special Board Meeting.
- 6.02 No requests for Out-of-State travel.
- 6.03-1 Resignation of Leatha Hopperdietzel as Middle School Special Education Teacher.
- 6.04 Employ Ashley Thielman as Head Varsity Volleyball Coach.

Mrs. Krueger moved on recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the receipts and expenses as reviewed. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Financial Report

February Revenue Receipt #891761-389416	\$ 1,293,512.134
Mid Wisconsin Bank Wires #1210-1217	120,092.88

Community Bank Regular Checks #28540-28617	60,927.22
Direct Deposit #9040593-9040933	272,160.07
Dorchester State Bank Checks #60265-60390	439,450.11

Mrs. Ploeckelman reported on her attendance at the “Day at the Capital” in Madison. She witnessed the demonstrations and spoke to some participants. There was very little updating on Governor Walker’s Budget from which he removed \$800, 000.00 of taxpayers’ money from education. She stated there were few republicans in attendance and no answers to the many questions.

The Personnel Committee will report on negotiations in closed session.

Motion by Mr. Haas, seconded by Mr. Tesmer to approve the Superintendent to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Indianhead Community Action Agency – Headstart Program for 2011-2012. Voice vote – Motion carried.

There is an update to the calendar due to a snow-day on February 21, 2011. School will be in session on April 26, 2011 as a make-up day.

There is approximately \$130,000.00 left in the Renovation Fund, which needs to be expended by March 1, 2012. The Facilities and Transportation Committee needs to meet to prioritize projects for the April Board Meeting. Any projects approved will need to be completed this summer in order not to interrupt the school year starting September, 2011. There are also monies in the Capital Projects Fund.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Elmhurst to approve 66.0301 shared cost agreements with Abbotsford School District for Falcon Alternative High School and for NTC Marketing Certificate Program and also approve a 66.0301 shared cost agreement with five other school districts for a NTC Manufacturing Certificate class taught at Colby High School. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to approve a resolution authorizing Colby School District to borrow \$350,100.00 from Mid Wisconsin Bank to meet operating expenses. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Tesmer, 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 Additional CEA Retirement Requests; 10.02 Potential Litigation Discussion; 10.03 Review Non-Renewal/Layoffs for potential recall; 10.04 Personnel Committee Report; 10.05 CEA Contract for 2009-2011 and 2011-2013; 10.06 CSSA ( Support Staff) Contract for 2011-2013; 10.07 Executive Session (Board Only). Roll call vote – Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Haas, 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. Elmhurst, to recall three elementary certified staff due to no cuts to SAGE Funding for 2011-2012. Roll call vote: Yes – Mr. Elmhurst, Mr. Haas, Mrs. Ploeckelman, Mr. Tesmer, Mr. Engel; No – Mrs. Krueger, Mr. Weber. Motion carried 5-2.

Meetings Scheduled: Clark County School Boards at Greenwood – March 30, 2011  
 Legislative Meeting at Medford – April 4, 2011  
 Regular Board of Education Meeting – April 18, 2011 – 7:30 p.m. - CDEC  
 Special Board of Education Meeting – April 25, 2011 – 7:30 p.m. -  
 Reorganization  
 Facilities & Transportation Committee –  
 Personnel Committee –  
 Policy & Curriculum Committee –

Motion by Mrs. Krueger, seconded by Mr. Weber, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Edward Haas, Clerk

Chris Thieme, Reporting Secretary