

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT OF COLBY
MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010
COLBY DISTRICT/EDUCATION CENTER

The Regular School Board Meeting on April 19, 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, Dennis Engel, William Tesmer and student board member Elise Woik. Also present were Nancy Marcott and Chris Thieme.

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

Several items of correspondence were presented including: WASB “New Laws”; Invitations for Weld, Riley, Prens & Ricci – May 4th Seminar, WASB Spring Academy – May 8th, Davis & Kuelthau Seminar – April 27th; WTA “Focus” 03/16/10 & 3/30/10; The Wisconsin Taxpayer – “Wisconsin’s Public Workforce”; Letter from DPI ARRA Expenditures requiring “Buy American”; Verizon Notice; Worker’s Compensation Experience Rating; City of Colby – Notice of Repaving of Spence Street; Cleaning Study from Mr. Wenzel; CESA 10 Board of Control minutes and next agenda; April 6, 2010 Election Results; Thank you from Arlyn Edblom Family; Invitation to Clark County Economic Development Corporation Annual Meeting.

Lea Fildes, Colby Elementary Principal, reported the third grade students had a wonderful experience touring the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum and working with artist Juan Flores. She distributed the summer school curriculum offerings for summer school beginning June 14, 2010. Mrs. Fildes requested guidance from the board on the number of students registered required to run a class and the staff to student ratio per class. Board members agreed she should use last year’s numbers as a guideline.

Nancy Marcott, Colby Middle/High School Principal, introduced the FFA Ag Issues Team. Students represented Abbotsford community members, DNR personnel and a proposed large cooperative farming operation in a discussion about the water availability in the Abbotsford area. The pros and cons of water availability, cost and usage were stated.

Jim Hagen, Colby Middle/High School Associate Principal, reported on the Cloverbelt Scholar Banquet, end of year upcoming activities including graduation on May 28th and repair of the football 5-man blocking sled by Mr. Wirkus’s welding class.

Elise Woik, Student Board Member, stated the FFA has elected new officers, preparations are in full swing for the upcoming prom, the National Honor Society will be assisting with a blood drive, thirteen students participated in the State Forensics Competition and all thirteen won medals and State Solo and Ensemble music competition will be held in Stevens Point on May 1st.

Motion by Mrs. Krueger, seconded by Mrs. Ploeckelman, to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2010 Regular Board Meeting as corrected and the April 1, 2010 Special Board Meeting. Voice vote - Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mrs. Krueger, to approve the receipts, checks and wires as presented. Voice vote - Motion carried.

March Revenue Receipt #891253-891303	\$2,039,924.86
Mid Wisconsin Bank Wires 1104-1112	125,420.93
Community Bank Regular Checks #27800-27920	54,654.92
Direct Deposit 9036715-9037040	265,232.39
Advantage Community Checks #58186-58378	473,907.95

Motion by Mrs. Krueger, seconded by Mr. Tesmer to approve the CHS Spanish Club travel to the Festival of Nations in Saint Paul, Minnesota on April 30th. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mrs. Krueger, to accept the resignation of Pam Miller as CHS Dance Coach with a Thank You. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Oehmichen, seconded by Mrs. Krueger, to accept the resignation of Jim Sterzinger as Middle School Special Education Teacher in accordance with the Master Agreement. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Mrs. Ploeckelman, Mrs. Krueger and Mr. Haas attended the Legislative Forum in Medford. Pessimistic views were heard on the State of Wisconsin funding for school districts.

Mr. Oehmichen provided an update of the 2009-2010 budget. It is estimated that approximately \$100,000.00 of this budget may not be spent. It is estimated the expenditure budget will exceed the revenue budget by \$625,000.00 to \$650,000.00 for this year. The budget was approved with deficit spending.

In other business Mr. Oehmichen reported that Mike Krohn, Brenizer Realty, says an alarm is going off in the Ganderhouse in Neillsville.

Dennis Richards and Louis Birchbauer, WASB Search Services Consultants, appeared before the board to explain their Superintendent Search Services. They will announce the vacancy, assist in setting up focus groups, review applications, do background/reference checks, assist with interview questions and provide salary and benefit comparables. The board will decide at a future meeting about using WASB services.

Approval of the final class offerings for summer school will be on next month's agenda.

Julie Spaulding from Stevens Point Area School District, presented information on the establishment of a Charter School. She explained a Charter School is a great thing to move a district forward. Basically the school is set up on a five year contract, with a separate governing board. The school targets a specialized curriculum such as math/science, at risk programs or technology. Goals, objectives and a budget are determined. In the beginning the school district would support the school, but later grants can be applied for.

The board received a listing of the open enrollment applications for students attending school in another district and for those from another district coming to Colby School. The additional applications for 2010-2011 were 15 studentS open enrolling in and 45 Colby students open enrolling out of the district.

Motion by Mr. Oehmichen, seconded by Mr. Weber, to approve the upgrade to STI (Student Accounting System) including the attendance, grading, scheduling, discipline, transcripts, fees, immunizations, teacher portal, parent portal and state reporting for \$16,300.00. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Board members discussed the question of "Is the Varsity Coach Empowered to Select His/Her Own Coaches to Support the Feeder Levels of the Program?" Board members agreed that Head Coaches/Advisors be consulted and recommend persons applying for assistant positions in any activities. Final recommendation to the board is made by the Activities Director after consulting with the high school principal. The same order for removal from an assisting position should be followed with the head coach/advisor recommending to the Activities Director, who then would submit the recommendation/request to the board for approval.

Motion by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mr. Oehmichen, maintain Grade 4 at the Colby Elementary School and not relocate any grade levels for this next year. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mrs. Krueger, to appoint Dennis Schultz as a member of the Rural Virtual Academy Board. Voice vote – Motion carried.

The Department of Public Instruction has notified the school district of an excess balance in the Food Service Fund of \$132,877.48. Mrs. Hesgard, Food Service Director, has a list of equipment that needs replacement in the food service. Also the HVAC in the area is almost non-existent. There is very little air

circulation and it is very warm in the cooking area. The board referred this matter to the Facilities & Transportation Committee to review and recommend.

The Department of Public Instruction has informed the district that a part of the equalization aid will come from the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) federal stimulus monies. In order to receive the federal monies as a part of the equalization aid, the district must apply for, budget, account for, verify and process a claim for the monies. Mrs. Thieme explained that in the past equalization aids were distributed based on the budget submitted in October.

Motion by Mr. Oehmichen, seconded by Mr. Weber, to approve the 2009-2011 Colby Support Staff Association Labor Agreement. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-1 – Mr. Tesmer abstained.

Motion by Mr. Oehmichen, seconded by Mr. Weber, to approve the Part-time Support Staff Proposal for three staff. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-1 – Mr. Tesmer Abstained.

Mr. Weber will report on Bus Contract Negotiations at the next meeting.

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: 9.01 Personnel – Leave of Absence; 9.02 Personnel – Temporary Administrator Salary; 9.03 Consider Interim Superintendent. Roll call vote – Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mr. Oehmichen, seconded by Mr. Weber to approve payment of an additional \$50.00 per day to Nancy Marcott as temporary administrator. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Haas, to grant a leave of absence for one year to Leatha Hopperdietzel as requested with her notification of return to be received by March 10, 2011. Roll call vote – Motion carried 6-1, Mr. Weber voted No.

Scheduled Meetings: Special Board Meeting – Reorganization – April 26, 2011 - 8:00 p.m. – CDEC
Facilities & Transportation Committee – April 22, 2010 – 4:30 p.m. – CDEC
Regular Board of Education Meeting – May 17, 2010 – 7:30 p.m. – CDEC
Personnel Committee Meeting – April 28, 2010 – 7:00 p.m. - CDEC

Motion by Mr. Oehmichen, seconded by Mr. Weber to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

William Tesmer, Clerk

Chris Thieme, Reporting Secretary