

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT OF COLBY
MONDAY, MAY 17, 2010
COLBY DISTRICT/EDUCATION CENTER

The Regular School Board Meeting on May 17, 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, Ed Haas, Eric Elmhorst, Rick Weber, Dennis Engel and Elise Woik, student board of education representative. Also present were Acting Superintendent 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: WTA “Focus” dated April 30, 2010, WASB New Laws, Thank you from the family of Philip Knautz, Invite to Little Stars End of Year Celebration, Invitation for Falcon Enterprises Alternative School Graduation Reception.

Lea Fildes, Colby Elementary Principal, Nancy Marcott and Jim Hagen, MS/HS Principals provided the board with written reports on the happenings in their respective schools. Mrs. Marcott introduced Jeanne Untiedt, State FFA Sentinel, who invited board members to the School Officials Luncheon held during the FFA State Convention on July 16, 2010. She also spoke on being a FFA officer and the support given by Mr. Wirkus, FFA Alumni and the Colby School District.

Elise Woik, Student Board of Education Representative, reported on the FFA Award Night and distributed a program, SADD Mock Accident Activities, Band Spring Concert and Choir Concert and the Junior Prom. Graduation Ceremonies will be held May 28, 2010.

Nancy Marcott, Acting Superintendent, reported the Security Health Insurance Premiums will increase by 8.5% beginning next September. Mathew Galinski has agreed to provide lawn care at the Neillsville properties. Shades are needed at the Neillsville Administrative building for light control. The status of the parking lot was questioned. Board members advised it will remain granite and not be paved. The posts holding the overhang at the main entrance to the high school are rusting at the bottom. Several suggestions were made for repairs. Board members are encouraged to support the creation of the Federal Education Jobs Fund which would provide support for the employment of teachers.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Tesmer, to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting dated April 19, 2010. Voice vote – Motion carried. Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman and seconded by Mr. Tesmer to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2010 Reorganization Meeting and the May 4, 2010 Special Board Meeting as presented. Voice vote-Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Krueger, seconded by Mr. Weber, to approve the receipts and the invoices as presented. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Financial Report	
April Receipts #891304-891358	\$ 165,495.00
Mid Wisconsin Bank Wires #1121-1128	121,650.89
Community Bank Regular Checks #27882-27956	108,005.40
Direct Deposit 9037041-9037365	260,430.66
Dorchester State Bank Checks #58379-58548	343,036.28

Motion by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to approve out of state travel for the Middle School Student Council and National Honor Society to travel to Valleyfair in Minnesota. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to approve Carol Park’s request to retire from her position as Physical Therapist. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Mrs. Ploeckelman reported on her attendance at the WASB Spring Academy. Eric Elmhurst also attended the Spring Academy. Mrs. Ploeckelman was impressed with the presentation on collaborating with district stakeholders, community groups and district staff to solve some of the problems faced by district. Mr. Elmhurst received information on how to make an impact on our legislators.

Mr. Weber, Chairman of the Facilities & Transportation Committee, shared the meeting minutes from May 5, 2010, and some transportation cost information with board members.

Motion by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mrs. Krueger, to approve the purchase of a Hobart Dishwasher, Blodgett Convection Oven, Traulsen Refrigerator, Toastmaster Griddle, Edlund Can Openers, Nemco Slicer and a Food Processor as quoted not to exceed \$50,300.00. Voice vote – Motion carried. The Department of Public Instruction has advised the school district they need to spend down the Food Service Fund Balance, which is why this replacement equipment is being purchased.

Mrs. Ploeckelman questioned why the Personnel Committee Meetings need to be posted with language from the attorney and why they had two meetings on consecutive days with the attorney present.

Motion by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mrs. Krueger, to set the date for graduation next year on May 27, 2011. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Mr. Hagen presented options proposed by the WIAA for changing the end of season high school football games schedule. It is felt that 3 games played in 10 days is too many for those schools that advance to the play-offs.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Elmhurst, to short term borrow \$1,000,000.00 to meet operating expenditures until the state equalization aid is received in June. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Elise Woik was honored by Board President Mr. Engel and board members congratulated her for her outstanding service this year and wished her well in the future. Elise was presented a certificate and her name plate.

Motion by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mrs. Ploeckelman, to approve an added Special Education Teacher position in the elementary due to student numbers and types of disabilities. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Haas, seconded by Mrs. Krueger, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Wisconsin for federal Race-to-the-Top funding. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Elmhurst, 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. 9.01-1 Personnel – Hiring; 9.01-2 Personnel – Staff Reduction Request; 9.02 Bus Contract Negotiations; 9.04 Letter from Neillsville Donor. Roll call vote – Motion carried 7-0.

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

Motion by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to approve Bridget Kaiser's request to reduce her contract to 75% FTE for 2010-2011. Roll call vote – Motion carried 6-1, No – Mr. Tesmer.

Motion by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mr. Tesmer to approve a contract for Samantha Penry as Director of Special Education/School psychologist for 2010-2011. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Scheduled Board of Education Meetings:

Focus Groups – Superintendent Search – May 20, 2010 – 4:00p.m., 5:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.

Facilities & Transportation Committee Meetings –May 24th - CDEC
Special Board of Education Meeting – June 3, 2010 – Select Supt. Applicants for Interviews
Personnel Committee – June 7, 2010 – 6:30 p.m. - CDEC – Negotiations with CEA.
Regular Board of Education Meeting – June 21, 2010 – 7:30 p.m. – CDEC

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mrs. Krueger, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote - Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Edward Haas, Clerk

Chris Thieme, Reporting Secretary