

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT OF COLBY  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2014  
COLBY DISTRICT/EDUCATION CENTER

The Regular School Board Meeting on October 27, 2014 was called to order at 7:30 PM at the Colby District Education Center by Board President, William Tesmer. Members present were, William Tesmer, Deb Koncel, Lavinia Bonacker, Seth Pinter, Eric Elmhorst, Donna Krueger. Absent were Cheryl Ploeckelman and Student Board Representative, Kennedy Kramas. Also present were Superintendent Steven Kolden and Kristen Seifert.

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

Mrs. Brenda Medenwalt and Ms. Carrie Fuchs were present to represent the Colby Elementary and receive a Board Commendation for being recognized as a Title 1 School of Recognition.

Mr. Kolden reported: the Third Friday Enrollment Count; estimated state aide; 2015 WASB State Board Convention; the high school technology education department received another donation which the department used to purchase additional dies for the new machine; the Cross Country team qualified for the state tournament.

Mr. Kolden and Mr. Meddaugh updated the Board on the Strategic Planning Progress Monitoring and the status of the technology stakeholder group. A smart goal worksheet containing four goals was distributed and reviewed.

Motion by Mrs. Krueger, seconded by Mrs. Koncel to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

Minutes from the September 22, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.

FFA to National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY on Oct. 28-Nov. 2, 2014.

FFA to World's Toughest Rodeo in St. Paul, MN on January 31, 2015.

Board members, Cheryl Ploeckelman and Deb Koncel, attendance and expenses at the WASB Legislative Advocacy Conference on November 8, 2014 in Stevens Point.

Board member, Cheryl Ploeckelman, attendance and expenses at the Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance Conference on November 12-13, 2014 in Stevens Point.

Resignation of Craig Cahoon, Colby Middle School Track Coach.

Resignation of Craig Cahoon, Colby Middle School Assistant Football Coach.

Hire of Hugh Feirer, Colby Elementary Custodian.

Voice vote – motion carried.

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

Mrs. Bonacker updated the Board on her attendance at the Economics Wisconsin conference and stated it was a very informative conference.

Mr. Kolden reviewed the 2014-15 preliminary budget.

Mr. Kolden reviewed the Neillsville property. After this year the District should start to show a positive dollar impact from the property.

Motion by Mr. Elmhorst, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to accept the bid from SJS for snow removal for the 2014-15 school year. Voice vote – motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Krueger, seconded by Mr. Elmhorst be it resolved that the School District of Colby is exercising its taxing authority under s. 121.91 (4) (o), Wis. Stats., to exceed the revenue limit on a non-recurring basis by an amount the district will spend on new energy efficiency measures and renewable energy products for the 2014-15 school year. The amount to be levied and expended is \$150,000.00 for either a project or a debt payment. The board has identified the following required performance indicators that will measure the energy savings and/or energy cost avoidance in an amount equal to the exemption request and will include a timeline. Reduce the energy and operational expenses (attributable to

improvements) from 2014-15 and beyond. Reduced amount of energy required and/or utilized on an ongoing basis. An evaluation of the energy performance indicators will be included as an addendum in the required 2014-2015 school year published budget summary document per s. 65.90 Wis/ Stats., and in the school district's newsletter or in the published minutes of the school board meeting. Voice vote – motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Krueger, seconded by Mrs. Bonacker to establish a district all property tax levy for 2014-15 at \$2,919,409.00 with a mill rate of 9.27. Roll call vote – Motion carried 6-0; Yes- Mr. Elmhorst, Mrs. Krueger, Mr. Pinter, Mrs. Koncel, Mr. Tesmer, Mrs. Bonacker; No-None; Abstain-None.

Motion by Mrs. Krueger, seconded by Mrs. Bonacker to approve a Fund 10 tax levy of \$2,435,598.00 and a Fund 80 Tax levy of \$10,000 and a referendum approved tax levy of \$473,650.00. Roll call vote – Motion carried 6-0; Yes- Mr. Elmhorst, Mrs. Krueger, Mr. Pinter, Mrs. Koncel, Mr. Tesmer, Mrs. Bonacker; No-None; Abstain-None.

Motion by Mrs. Krueger, seconded by Mrs. Bonacker to impose a 1.0% total pool increase for the CEA to be divided equally based on FTE (\$149 per FTE). In addition to this amount, each teacher earning less than \$35,000 would receive an additional \$351 (to bring their increase to \$500), and each teacher earning less than \$42,500 would receive an additional \$151 (to bring their increase to \$300). This total calculates to a percentage pool increase of 1.23%. Roll call vote – Motion failed 3-3; Yes-Mrs. Krueger, Mrs. Koncel, Mrs. Bonacker; No-Mr. Elmhorst, Mr. Tesmer, Mr. Pinter; Abstain-None.

Motion by Mr. Elmhorst, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to approve up to \$22,000 for the purchase of a new vehicle and allow the Superintendent and Director of Buildings and Grounds to select the vehicle with the best value for the District. Voice vote – motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Krueger, seconded by Mr. Elmhorst, to convene in closed session per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 c) Considering 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.

11.01 Agenda Items Moved From Consent Agenda

11.02 Agenda Items Moved from Action Information

11.03 Superintendent Evaluation

Roll call vote – Motion carried 6-0; Yes – Mr. Pinter, Mrs. Koncel, Mrs. Bonacker, Mr. Tesmer, Mr. Elmhorst, Mrs. Krueger; No- None; Abstain-None.

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

Scheduled Board of Education Meetings:

Policy and Curriculum Committee Meeting – October 29, 2014 @ 7:30 PM

Financial Affairs Committee Meeting – November 17, 2014 @ 7:00 PM

Regular Board of Education Meeting – November 17, 2014 @ 7:30 PM

Personnel Committee Meeting – November 10, 2014 @ 10:30 AM

Facilities and Transportation Committee Meeting – November 14, 2014 @ 7:30 PM

Motion by Mrs. Krueger, seconded by Mr. Elmhorst, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote - motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Eric Elmhorst, Clerk

Kristen Seifert, Reporting Secretary