

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT OF COLBY
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009
COLBY DISTRICT/EDUCATION CENTER

The Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, November 16, 2009, 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, Dennis Engel, Ed Haas, Rick Weber, Bill Tesmer, Larry Oehmichen and student board member Elise Woik. Also present were Superintendent Terry Downen and Chris Thieme.

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

Several items of correspondence were presented including: CESA #10 Board of Control Agenda and Meeting Minutes; WTA "Focus" – 10/30/09; Thank you from the Leonard Riese Family. "Hornet Highlights" issues for 10/13/09 and 11/17/09 were distributed. Handed out at the meeting was The Krietlow Report and New Laws effective 11/12/09.

The principal's reports were included with the agenda.

Elise Woik, Student Board Member, reported the first quarter of the school year has ended. The Student Council is running a food drive with home rooms competing for a prize. The National Honor Society initiating a tutoring program for students. The FFA fruit sale has ended. Skills, USA is fund raising by selling guesses as to how long a car engine will run without oil. The FCCLA is planning for their Lunch with Santa event.

Mr. Downen added to his written report to board members. Alice in Dairyland visited the Colby Elementary. He asked board members about a work schedule for the caretaker at Neillsville. Pioneer Plumbing is winterizing the Riverview School and Gym in Neillsville. Mr. Downen and Ms. Seifert met with the CEA negotiator and union representative to discuss the QEO 10% insurance cap calculations. Mediation of the Support Staff Contract is scheduled for December 14, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Tesmer, to approve the minutes for October 26, 2009, Regular Board Meeting. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mrs. Krueger, to approve the Revenues and Expense Vouchers as presented. Voice vote – Motion carried.

October Receipts #891036-891047	\$ 24,989.07
Mid Wisconsin Bank – Wires 1069-1076	122,703.23
Community Bank – Regular Checks 27405-27468	59,044.11
Direct Deposits 9034949-9035265	267,462.58
Advantage Community Bank Checks 55170-55297	441,911.17

Motion by Mr. Tesmer, seconded by Mrs. Krueger, to approve Out-Of-State Travel to Washington, D.C. in June, 2010 and FCCLA /Student Council travel to the Mall of America in Minneapolis, MN on December 13, 2009. Voice vote – Motion Carried.

Mr. Tesmer reported on his attendance at a Crisis Intervention Meeting including representatives from the Fire and Police Departments, Pupil Services staff and a member of the clergy. Discussion centered around crisis situations, responses and solutions.

Motion by Mr. Haas, seconded by Mr. Oehmichen to empower the BOE Facilities Committee to award the bid for the Neillsville Parking Lot renovation at their meeting on November 23, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to approve a two year application for Cooperative Team Sponsorship with School District of Abbotsford for Cross Country. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to approve the 2009-2014 Education for Employment Plan with corrections that were noted. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Board members discussed the SAGE Program which aids in the cost of keeping classroom sizes in Grade K-3 at 16 students for each teacher. Board members are questioning if there would be a savings in district monies by eliminating the program and increasing class sizes or applying for a waiver. At present the SAGE aids received by the district fully fund the additional staff needed to keep class sizes small.

Board members began discussion of the 2010-2011 expenditure budget. Mr. Oehmichen presented ideas for a budget reduction plan including moving several grade levels to other buildings, closing the administration building, comprehensive study of support staff positions, drain the swimming pool, share the superintendent's position with another school district and eliminate one principal position. Other areas mentioned for possible cost savings were middle school sports and transportation.. The Administrative Team started earlier this month brainstorming ideas for budget cuts. All areas of the budget are under consideration as to cost savings and instructional or operational loss of programs or services.

Motion by Mr. Oehmichen, seconded by Mr. Weber to approve a Resolution that the Board of Education for the School District of Colby does hereby call upon Governor Jim Doyle, Assemblyman Scott Suder, State Senator Pat Kreitlow and All Wisconsin State Legislators to support Recommendations of the Next Generation Assessment Task Force in "Crafting a Balanced System of Assessment in Wisconsin" and in adopting all necessary legislation to ensure that Wisconsin's Schools qualify for Federal "Race to the Top" funding, and that the clerk be directed to send copies of this resolution to the Governor and to those State Legislators who represent the School District of Colby. Voice vote – Motion carried. Complete resolution attached to board minutes.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Tesmer, to approve a Special Education Paraprofessional Position for the Colby M.S./H.S. Cognitive Disabilities Program to comply with federal regulations governing the rights of children with disabilities and to post the position. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mrs. Krueger, to approve as First Reading the following Board of Education Policies: #142 School Attorney; #166 Board Member Use of Electronic Mail; #180 Board of Education Operating Procedures; #332 School & Classroom Innovation; #432.1 Special Education Policies & Procedures; #342.34 School Nutrition; Rule #342.34 District Nutrition Standards & Procedures; Policy #342.4 Gifted & Talented Identification; #343.7 Virtual Education; #345.11 Selection of High School State Sponsored (HEAB) Scholarship & Honor Students; #453.3 Communicable Diseases; Rule #453.3 Communicable Diseases – Pandemic Checklist; Policy #453.41 Management of Allergies; Rule #453.441 Guidelines for Management of Allergies, Guidelines for a Peanut/Nut-Free Classroom; Policy #731.2 Electronic Security Systems; #751.5 Use of Personal & District-Owned Vehicles on School Business; #881.4 Relations with Educational Foundations; #896 Charter Schools. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Mr. Oehmichen provided the board with changes he would like to make in board procedures.

Scheduled Meetings: Facilities Committee – November 17, 2009 – Riverview Office Park – 10:00 a.m.
Facilities Committee – November 23, 2009 – CDEC – 6:00 p.m.
Regular Board of Education Meeting – December 21, 2009 – 7:30 p.m. – CDEC

Motion by Mr. Oehmichen, seconded by Mr. Weber, to adjourn the board meeting. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

William Tesmer, Clerk

Chris Thieme, Reporting Secretary

