

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT OF COLBY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2010
COLBY DISTRICT/EDUCATION CENTER

The Regular School Board Meeting on December 20, 2010, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Colby District Education Center by Board President Dennis Engel. Members present were Ed Haas, Cheryl Ploeckelman, Eric Elmhorst, Rick Weber, Dennis Engel and Emily Peissig, Student Board Member. William Tesmer and Donna Krueger were absent. 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 presented including: Invoice for renewal of membership in the Wisconsin Assn. for Equity in Funding (Not Renewed); Wisconsin Taxpayer Alliance “Focus” – November 25, 2010; WASB Employment & Labor Law Review; Letter to local Business Owners regarding Colby H.S. Senior Open Campus for lunch; DPI letter to Samantha Penry commending her and special education staff for completing the Procedural Compliance Self-Assessment activities for the school district and Letter of Congratulations from Wisconsin FFA Center, Inc. on the election of Anna Peissig to a Wisconsin State FFA Office.

Emily Peissig, Student Council Board Representative, reported the new salad bar at the high school has become very popular with students. Soup, sandwiches and salads are available. January is the time for the Winter Carnival sponsored by the Vocational Organizations. This year there will be a half day recognizing all student organizations. The Student Council is planning a Blood Drive in the future.

Mr. Kolden, Superintendent, informed the board that Tony Evers, DPI’s, Fair Funding Proposal removes the levy credit from the property tax and adds it into the State Funding Formula. The State Legislature and the new Governor would have to pass a bill to approve this proposal. The Youth Risk Behavior Survey will be available as will the questions. The middle & high schools will be tested, but only two classrooms results will be added to the state results. Grades 6-12 results will be used locally. Association of Wisconsin School Administrators has recognized the Colby Middle School as an exemplary school. Mr. Kolden discussed with board members going with paperless board packets using email and used laptops for board members to carry with them to meetings. Preliminary possible budget reductions in staff, programs and services for 2011-2012 will be on the January Agenda for revision and discussion. The school district needs to reduce its budget for next year by approximately \$585,000.00 or more. Discussion and possible approval of the CESA 10 Services contract will be on the next agenda after the Administrative Team discusses the services we contract. The Department of Public Instruction will be visiting our school district’s Food Service Program to review and assess if we are meeting the state and federal guidelines.

Wayde Pollock, Vig and Associates, LLC, auditors for the school district reported on the financial status of the school district as of June 30, 2010. The scope of the audit included all funds and activities of the district. Year-end audit reports have been submitted to the Department of Public Instruction and the Federal Audit Clearinghouse. He summarized the statement of Revenues, Expenditures, changes in Fund Balance and Long-Term Obligations. The district’s enrollment has leveled off the last three years. We are no longer experiencing declining enrollment nor is the district growing in enrollment. The Property Tax Levy has declined the last three years and the Fund Balance this last year declined by \$431,256.00. Mr. Pollock recommended the Food Service Fund be designated as a business account since its balance is growing. He also recommended the Activity Funds become part of the District WUFER Accounting System and the collection of admission at Athletic Events by the Colby Hornet Athletic Booster Club be returned to the district. It also recommended the board designate the uses of fund balance.

Motion by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mr. Haas to approve the Consent Agenda including minutes of the November 8, 2010 Special Board Meeting and the November 15, 2010 Regular Board Meeting as presented; Out-of-State Travel for Colby H.S. FFA to St. Paul, MN; Resignation of Jeri Ann Cardiff, Little Stars Paraprofessional; contract for Mary Londre, Colby H.S. Cook/Salad Bar. Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Elmhorst, to amend the motion removing the November 15, 2010 minutes

from the consent agenda for a correction. Voice vote – Motion carried. Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Elmhurst to approve the November 15, 2010, Regular Board Meeting minutes as corrected. Voice vote – Motion carried. Voice vote on the approval of the Consent Agenda as amended – Motion carried.

The Finance Committee recommends approval of the Receipts and Invoices as presented and reviewed. Voice vote - Motion carried.

November Receipts #891615-891663	\$ 566,371.29
Mid Wisconsin Bank Wires 1183-1190	137,151.99
Community Bank Regular Checks #28311-29413	72,693.98
Direct Deposit # 9039375-9039766	329,680.82
Advantage Community Bank Checks # 59723-59886	502,368.30

The Finance Committee met on December 15th to discuss budget reductions for 2011-2012. The proposed reductions are divided and prioritized into three impact categories: Priority A – Items that would be reduced in any normal year (regardless of budget); Priority B – Items that can be reduced, yet are only proposed for budget reasons –not ideal - impacts services; Priority C – Items that are NOT recommended, yet must be done to meet budget goals. Each item on the Budget Reductions proposal was discussed as to need and impact. The Budget Reduction Proposals will be considered by the full board in January.

The Personnel Committee met on December 6th with the Colby Education Association and a WERC mediator. No progress was made in reaching a Master Contract/Salary Schedule agreement. The two parties are going to arbitration.

The Policy & Curriculum Committee met on December 1st to discuss and review the Special Education Policies and Procedures; Funding Student Contests & Tournaments; Open Enrollment Policy; Transportation of Open Enrollment Students; Open Campus Procedures, Student Handbooks; Head Lice Policy and Policy Section 300. Policies will be presented for board review and approval at a future meeting.

The Facilities & Transportation Committee met on December 1st to travel to Neillsville to view the Riverview School & Gym as to condition and repair needs.

The WASB Delegate Assembly will convene on January 19, 2011, to vote on the proposed resolutions. Mrs. Ploeckelman is our delegate to the WASB Assembly and Mrs. Krueger is the alternate delegate. Board members were asked to communicate with either delegate if they have concerns on the individual resolutions. It was the consensus of the board that Mrs. Ploeckelman vote her conscience on the proposed resolutions.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Weber, 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; 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; 10.01 No Consent Agenda Items; 10.02 Superintendent Evaluation; 10.03 Administrative Contracts for 2011-2012; 10.04 Donation of Neillsville Administrative Building. Roll call vote – Motion carried 5-0.

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

Scheduled Meetings:

Personnel Committee – January 4, 2011 – 1:00 p.m. – CDEC
Policy Committee – January 5, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. – CDEC
Personnel Committee – January 6, 2011 - Arbitration
Finance Committee – January 12, 2011- CDEC

Regular Board of Education – January 17, 2011 – 7:30 p.m. – CDEC

Motion by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mr. Haas to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote – Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m. .

Respectfully Submitted:

Edward Haas, Clerk

Chris Thieme, Reporting Secretary