

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT OF COLBY
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014
COLBY DISTRICT/EDUCATION CENTER

The Regular School Board Meeting on March 17, 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, Todd Schmidt, Lavinia Bonacker, Cheryl Ploeckelman, Seth Pinter, Donna Krueger, Eric Elmhorst and Student Board Representative Makayla Bach. Also present were Superintendent Steven Kolden and Kristen Seifert.

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

Ms. Jane Fricke-Thieme spoke regarding agenda number 10.04 Approve 2014-15 Staffing Plan for Little Stars & 10.05 Approve 2014-15 Position Reductions. Ms. Fricke-Thieme distributed handouts to the Board of Education. Mr. Dennis Seidl spoke regarding 10.04 Approve 2014-15 Staffing Plan for Little Stars & 10.05 Approve 2014-15 Position Reductions. Mr. Rick Weber requested to speak regarding agenda item 10.16 but told the Board he would wait until the agenda item to speak.

Board President, Mr. Tesmer, presented Ross Rannow from the Colby Fire Department with a Board Commendation for their service to the student athletes of the District. Mr. Tesmer also presented Board Commendations to Dave Ruesch for Cody Meyer and Sage Soppa for their participation at WIAA State Wrestling.

Makala Bach, Student Board Representative, reported that Spanish Club went on a field trip to Madison to see a Latin dance group; Student Council will be operating concessions at baseball games; the high school will be holding a theatrical performance of “Hallelujah Girls” on April 5, 6, and 7; FFA just concluded a bowling fundraiser; NHS is organizing the “Spread the Word to End the Word” day on Wednesday; Track and Field has started; Softball starts today.

Mr. Kolden updated the Board that Board reimbursement forms will be available to complete and submit at each Board meeting; Robin Maukstad submitted and received the Donars Choose Grant; the CDEC roof is leaking and will need to be fixed this spring; the high school technology education lab needs to have venting upgrades completed and Tom Shafer of Complete Control estimates the cost to be between \$125,000 to \$150,000; Senate Bill 619 regarding common core standards; Senate Bill 589 regarding the number of days and minutes of school days should become law.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Elmhorst to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with agenda item 7.05-3 moved to closed session:

Minutes from the February 17, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.

Board members, Cheryl, Lavinia and Donna, attendance and payment of expenses at the Medford Legislative Meeting.

Resignation of Nate Saeger, Middle School 7th Grade Teacher.

Resignation of Barb Soback, Colby Elementary Food Service.

Hire of Lisa Kirker, Assistant Special Olympics Bowling Coach.

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. Ploeckelman reported on her attendance at the Common Core meeting which all board members were invited to. Mrs. Bonacker reported on her attendance at the Ruder Ware Legal seminar regarding the Affordable Health Care Act.

The Board reviewed the 2013-14 Budget update.

Mr. Kolden reviewed an update on the 2014-15 budget.

Motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to approve the second readings of revisions to policies #352, 361, 363.1, 363.2, 364, 374, 375, 423, 860; exhibits #352, 363.1(1), 363.1(2), 363.1(5); and rules #363.1 and 370. Voice vote – motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Krueger, seconded by Mr. Elmhurst to increase school lunch prices from \$2.65 to \$2.75 for HS/MS students and from \$2.15 to \$2.25 for Pre-K to 4th Grade students. Voice vote – motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Krueger, seconded by Mr. Schmidt to increase milk prices from .15 to .25 for 2014-15. Voice vote – motion carried.

The Board reviewed the 2014-15 Little Stars Staffing Plan and position reductions – no action taken.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Schmidt to non-renew the one-year contract of Buffy Thums for 2014-15. Voice vote – motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Krueger, seconded by Mrs. Ploeckelman to approve the 66:0301 shared services agreement with Spencer for LMC services. Voice vote – motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Krueger, seconded by Mrs. Bonacker to approve the 66:0301 shared services agreement with Abbotsford, Athens, Loyal, Spencer and Stratford for NTC Manufacturing Academy. Voice vote – motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to approve the 66:0301 shared services agreement with Abbotsford for the NTC health Academy and Marketing Academy. Voice vote – motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to approve the 66:0301 shared services agreement with Abbotsford for Falcon Alternative High School. Voice vote – motion carried.

Mr. Al Brown reviewed the Colby School District Strategic Plan and the overall process. He stated the plan is grounded in great work and the District, staff and community should celebrate the success. Motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to accept the Strategic Plan as presented and identify these strategies as the priorities for the District. Voice vote – motion carried.

Agenda item 10.16 was moved to 10.12 on agenda. Mr. Rick Weber addressed the Board regarding agenda item 10.12 - Potential Revision to Closed Session Minutes from December 16, 2013. Motion by Mrs. Krueger to disclose the name of the Board member discussed in the December 16, 2013 Board of Education meeting. Motion rescinded by Mrs. Krueger. Mrs. Ploeckelman read a prepared statement regarding the December 16, 2013 Board of Education meeting.

Motion by Mr. Elmhurst, seconded by Mr. Schmidt to approve the phone bid from RMM as proposed and recommended by administration. Voice vote – motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Elmhurst, seconded by Mrs. Bonacker to approve the high school computer lab upgrade as proposed and recommended by administration. Voice vote – motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Pinter to schedule 7.5 hours of required staff development time AFTER school to make up for the 5th weather day. To further recommend that should we have an additional weather related cancellation, add 7.5 hours of independent and documented staff time to be completed prior to June 13th. Additionally, should we have another additional weather day beyond that, authorize the Superintendent to immediately extend the school year and schedule classes on June 9th and 10th. Voice vote – motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Elmhurst to approve the revisions to Handbook Part I, Sections 12.03 and 12.04 as presented. Roll call vote – Motion carried 5-0-2; Yes – Mr. Pinter, Mr. Schmidt, Mrs. Bonacker, Mr. Elmhurst, Mrs. Krueger; No-None; Abstain-Mr. Tesmer, Mrs. Ploeckelman.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Pinter, 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. d) 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

11.01-1 Staff Resignations - Samantha Penry, Director of Special Education/School Psychologist

11.02 Board/Superintendent Evaluation

Roll call vote – Motion carried 6-1; Yes – Mr. Pinter, Mrs. Ploeckelman, Mr. Schmidt, Mrs. Bonacker, Mr. Tesmer, Mr. Elmhurst; No-Mrs. Krueger, Abstain-None.

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

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Elmhurst to offer Samantha Penry an administrative contract at 40% FTE as Director of Special Education. Voice vote – motion carried.

Scheduled Board of Education Meetings:

Financial Affairs Committee Meeting – April 28, 2014 – 6:30 PM CDEC

Board Reorganizational Meeting – April 28, 2014 – 7:00 PM CDEC

Regular Board of Education Meeting – April 28, 2014 – 7:30 PM CDEC

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Todd Schmidt, Clerk

Kristen Seifert, Reporting Secretary