

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT OF COLBY  
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2014  
COLBY DISTRICT/EDUCATION CENTER

The Regular School Board Meeting on April 28, 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, Cheryl Ploeckelman, Seth Pinter, Donna Krueger, Eric Elmhorst. Also present were Superintendent Steven Kolden and Kristen Seifert. Absent was Student Board Representative Makala Bach.

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

Ms. Jane Fricke-Thieme and Ms. Kay Sheets spoke regarding agenda number 10.02 – Little Stars Staffing and distributed letters from concerned parents to the Board.

The Board had a certificate of recognition for outgoing Board member, Mr. Todd Schmidt. The certificate was delivered to him.

The District received a thank you from the family of Mr. Dick Kilty.

Mr. Kolden updated the Board that Board reimbursement forms will be available to complete and submit at each Board meeting; WASB survey at seat to complete and submit; there was a complaint filed by a high school teacher regarding the HS shop ventilation and the District has everything in place needed to fix this issue; Colby Elementary was recognized with a “Sugar Maple” certification; Colby Elementary Foster Grandparent “Grandma Kathy” was recognized for her 21 years in the Foster Grandparent program; the spring sports have buses with minimal students due to vans not being available or too many students for the vans; the 2014-15 garbage disposal service cost will be about one-third of the 2013-14 cost; the high school needs volunteers from the board to distribute diplomas at graduation.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Elmhorst to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

Minutes from the March 17, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.

HS Spanish Club to Festival of Nations in MN – May 1, 2014.

MS Student Council and NJHS to Mall of America in MN – May 28, 2014.

Board member, Cheryl, attendance and payment of expenses at the CESA 10 Annual Meeting – August 10, 2014.

Board members, Cheryl, Deb, Lavinia and Eric, attendance and payment of expenses at the Clark County Schools Forum – May 5, 2014

Resignation of Heidi Foemmel, HS/MS FACE/Health Teacher.

Hire of Julie Wolf, Assistant Special Olympics Track and Field 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.

Treva Brodhagen, Kris Woik, and Wendy Cihlar gave an overview of the English Language Art Curriculums and which curriculum the District is recommending to adopt.

Mr. Kolden reviewed the 2014 Audit Engagement letter from Johnson and Block and stated the Clerk’s signature is needed.

The Board reviewed the 2013-14 Budget update.

Mr. Kolden reviewed an update on the 2014-15 budget and reviewed the Baird Financial model for the District.

The Board reviewed a financial update on the Neillsville property. The current figures show the District should be out of the red by 2015.

Mr. Kolden reviewed the 2014-15 initial staffing projections. Any new hires or reductions will need Board action.

Mr. Kolden reviewed the Administrative Procedure for application of Handbook Language Part III, Section 7.03(c) Eligibility Requirements – Skill Increments. The administrative procedures are written “rules” for how we administer the Handbook or Board Policies.

Mr. Kolden reviewed the Student Accident Insurance and stated he would recommend not renewing this for a savings to the District of approximately \$23,000.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to approve the 66:0301 agreement with Spencer for the NTC Early Childhood Certificate program as presented. Voice vote – motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Elmhorst, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to approve the Little Stars structure and configuration as presented. Voice vote – motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Elmhorst, seconded by Mr. Pinter to approve the high school, middle school and elementary student handbooks as presented. Voice vote – motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Elmhorst to approve the Strategic Planning Progress Monitoring Cycle as presented. Voice vote – motion carried.

Scheduled Board of Education Meetings:

Personnel Committee Meeting – May 6, 2014 – 6 PM CDEC

Facilities and Transportation Committee Meeting – May 13, 2014 – 6 PM CDEC

Financial Affairs Committee Meeting – May 19, 2014 – 7:00 PM CDEC

Regular Board of Education Meeting – May 19, 2014 – 7:30 PM CDEC

Policy and Curriculum Committee Meeting – May 21, 2014 – 7 PM CDEC

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Eric Elmhorst, Clerk

Kristen Seifert, Reporting Secretary