

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT OF COLBY  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2011

The Regular School Board Meeting on December 19, 2011, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Colby District Education Center by Board President William Tesmer. Members present were Donna Krueger, Cheryl Ploeckelman, William Tesmer, Todd Schmidt, Dennis Engel and Hanah Woik, Student Board Member. Eric Elmhorst and Ed Haas 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.

Mr. Tesmer, Board President, read the Board Policy on Public Participation at a Board Meeting.

A parent questioned the disciplining of a part-time employee. The board will discuss this matter in closed session.

Bryon Graun, Cross Country Coach, introduced Andrew Kaiser, State Participant in Cross Country. Ms. Krueger presented Andrew a Board Commendation for his Cross Country success. Jeff Rosemeyer, Head Football Coach, introduced Alex Jorgenson and Taylor Kalepp, participants in the State Football game. Ms. Ploeckelman presented Taylor a Board Commendation for All State Honors in Football and Mr. Schmidt presented Alex a Board Commendation for All State Honors in Football.

Eric Elmhorst arrived at 7:39 p.m.

Jim Weideman, Technology Education Teacher, reported on the Project Lead The Way (PLTW) engineering curriculum which is taught in conjunction with math and science. The curriculum is designed for high school students as an introduction and pathway to a career in engineering, technology or computer science. Mr. Weideman currently teaches two classes of Introduction to Engineering & Design. Other courses he hopes to introduce are Principles of Engineering and Digital Electronics. Mr. Weideman is looking for interested community members to serve on an advisory committee for PLTW.

Hanah Woik, Student Council Board Representative, reported the Student Council along with several other clubs held fund raisers for Christmas giving. The Student Council Angel Project received funds and donations for Christmas dinners for 84 community families. The FFA held a successful fruit fund raiser. The Students Against Destructive Decisions group received a State of Wisconsin Mini Grant to promote and provide health and safety information to students. The group financed the R5 production for students. R5 uses multi-layered media to touch on such subjects as drug and alcohol abuse and a right choices message that every student has a story and is entitled to respect.

Mr. Kolden, Superintendent, informed the board that Audit Reports are in their mailboxes. Those board members up for reelection have Notice of Candidacy and Non-Candidacy forms in their packets. Mr. Kolden provided information on Distance Learning Enrollments through CWETN Network. This year 131 students are enrolled in Distance Learning Classes. Classes to be provided are determined by student interest. The district is in the process of planning for long term technology needs and upgrades. We are working through the E-Rate Grant process for replacing the district phone system. Mr. Kolden is meeting with staff to discuss the Employee Handbook provisions. He is receiving comments from staff to be aligned with the handbook for board members to consider. A few comments have been received about the reduction in buses and longer bus rides. Mr. Kolden presented a proposal from Skyward technology software for School Based Activity Accounting. At this time the proposal will not be recommended as the Activity Fund can use our current Financial Accounting Software to account for revenues and expenses. Photographs of the M.S. Giving Project providing support for families were passed around. Mr. Kolden praised students and staff for their focus on giving back.

A community resident asked the board to review the October Board Minutes on an issue from the Annual Meeting regarding board members attendance at out-of-district meetings and payment of expenses

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Elmhurst to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:  
Approve attendance and payment of expenses for Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Elmhurst to attend the Clark County School Boards Meeting.  
Approve employing Bryon Graun as Assistant Varsity Track Coach.  
Approve employing Rachel Salacinski as M.S. Swim Coach.  
Consent Agenda Item 8.01 will be voted on separately and Consent Agenda Item 8.05-1 will be voted on under Item 9.01.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mr. Schmidt to approve the November 21, 2011 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Yes – 5, No – 0, Abstain – 1, Mrs. Krueger. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Engel, seconded Mrs. Krueger to deny an extended Leave Request for Bridget Kaiser, H.S. Family & Consumer Education teacher. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Krueger, seconded by Mr. Schmidt to approve the receipts and expenditures as presented:  
November Receipts 389798 - 489444 \$ 59,285.00

Mid Wisconsin Bank Wires 1313-1320	115,979.92
Community Bank Regular Checks #28921-28966	20,920.81
Direct Deposit #9043602-9043936	254,454.98
Advantage Community Bank Checks # 61723-61851	754,525.17

A clarification was made in the compensation for back to back board meetings. Meetings held back to back requiring one trip to the meeting site are considered one meeting not two.

The WASB Delegate Assembly Resolutions will be on the January Agenda for consideration.

Mr. Kolden distributed the Administrative Procedure for Board Policy #860 on Visitation/Observation /Survey Request(s).

Motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to approve a CESA #10 Consortium Services Agreement for Carl Perkins funding. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Krueger, seconded by Mr. Schmidt to approve the treasurer to sign documents when the clerk is absent, if an immediate signature is needed. Voice vote – Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ploeckelman, seconded by Mrs. Krueger, to convene in closed session per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 b) Consider dismissal, demotion, licensing or discipline of any public employee or person licensed by a board or commission or the investigation of charges against such person et al. c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility Items; 12.02 Substitute Staff Discipline; 12.03 Administrative Contracts for 2012-2013; 12.04 Superintendent Evaluation; 12.05 Technology Personnel/Contracts.

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

Scheduled Meetings:  
Special Board of Education – January 9, 2012 - CDEC  
Personnel Committee – January 11, 2012 – 6:30 p.m. - CDEC  
Finance Committee – January 16, 2012- 7:00 p.m.- CDEC  
Regular Board of Education – January 16, 2012 – 7:30 p.m. – CDEC  
Facilities/Transportation - Late January, 2012

Motion by Mr. Engel, seconded by Mrs. Krueger to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote – Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Edward Haas, Clerk  
Absent

Chris Thieme, Reporting Secretary