

Columbia School Board Meeting Minutes						
<b>Date</b>		9/5/2023				
<b>Time</b>		4:30 p.m.				
<b>Location</b>		CAES Business Room				
<b>Chairperson</b>		Stacey Campbell				
School Board Members			Principal		SAU Members	
P	Kristin Brooks	P	Eric Brungot	P	Kim Wheelock	P Debra Taylor
P	Stacey Campbell				<b>College Career &amp; Technical Education Director</b>	P Bridget Cross
					Tia Cloutier	
<b>Public: None</b>						

**Roll Call:** Chairman Stacey Campbell called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm.

**Hearing of the Public:** None

**Reading of the Minutes:**

**E.Brungot/K.Brooks:** Motion to approve the minutes of the School Board Meeting Minutes August 1, 2023

**VOTE:** Motion Carried

**School Administrator’s Report:** Kim Wheelock

- September Report – Kim reviewed her report highlighting enrollment, School Opening activities and plans for Open House. She noted the homecoming parade was this Friday at 6:00 pm.

**College Career & Technical Education Director:** Tia Cloutier

- September Report – Tia reviewed guidance and CTE happenings. Students have been adjusting their schedules, welcoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders for a tour of the high school and CTE programs, holding a fall mini college fair, offering SAT’s and PSAT’s. She also noted that we have 28 students enrolled in CTE with several on the waiting list for Automotive Technology.

**Superintendent’s Report:** Debra Taylor

- September Report – Debra noted increased enrollment and increased SAU 7 collaborative students. She thanked the staff for a great start to the school year. She also highlighted the numerous district sponsored professional development activities that our staff participated in over the summer. We are still seeking three teachers. Recruitment continues.

**Business Manager’s Report:** Bridget Cross

- Adequacy Aid – Bridget reported that Columbia received an increase of \$13,028.00 in adequacy aid which will be returned to the community to reduce taxes. As a result of this additional aid and the 22-23 surplus of \$225,627.00, the taxes will be reduced by \$1.50 compared to the amount estimated at the annual school meeting in March of 2023.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Area Agreement
  - No discussion

**New Business:**

Request to change the time of the Columbia School Board Meetings to 5:15 pm to enable Columbia Board members to join the Colebrook Board meetings on the first Tuesday of each month.

Stacey agreed to represent the Columbia School Board for the SAU Superintendent Search.

**Information:**

**Other Business:**

**Next Meeting Date:**

Columbia School Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 5:15 pm CAES Business Room

**Adjournment:**

**E.Brungot/K.Brooks:** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:03 pm.

VOTE: Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted  
Debra Taylor  
Superintendent

Board Adopted: October 3, 2023