

Colebrook School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	11/19/2024
Time	6:00 pm – CAES Library
Location	Colebrook Academy & Elementary School library
Chairperson	Tim Stevens

Attendance

Attendance Legend: **P** - Present **E** - Excused **A**- Absent **R** - Remotely

School Board Members				Principal		SAU Members	
P	Nathan Lebel	P	Cayenne Amey	P	Kim Wheelock	P	Dana Hilliard
P	David Brooks	P	Julie Brunault		Asst. Principal	E	Bridget Cross
P	Rhonda Lyons	P	Tim Stevens	E	Stephanie Cameron	P	Chris Paquette
P	Robert Murphy				CTE Director		
				E	Emalie Hall		
					Student Report		
				E	Sandra Mingell		
				E	Brodyn Cote		

Public in Attendance: Christine Sullivan, Terrence Rosi, Jamie Boucher, Fran McKenzie, Kathleen Lawton-Haynes, Dawn Hall, April Hand, Edward Hand

Minutes

Item	Subject	Action
1.	Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Stevens at 6:00 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance	
2.	Agenda Adjustments: None	
3.	<p>Hearing of the Public: Chairman of the board opened the public session at 6:01 pm Christine brought up touring the culinary room, which had been discussed at a previous meeting. The Superintendent stated that once the room is complete there will be a tour. Christine asked if advance notice of the tour could be given so that more people may attend and go on the tour. Terry brought up an article that was in the Caledonian Record regarding a shortfall of Special Education funds and school districts would need to pick up the shortfall of funds. The Superintendent stated that the SAU found out about the shortfall at the same time everyone else did. He has the Special Education Director researching this matter. As of yet there is no shortfall that is known for SAU 7 although that could change. Jamie Boucher spoke about student deadlines for their schoolwork. Some work</p>	

	<p>students can take a whole quarter to complete, and she feels this is not the best way and students should have deadlines that they must meet. Principal Wheelock responded that there are 8 weeks per quarter and students can turn in their work during that time but not the last week of the quarter. Principal Wheelock stated that this changed after the first quarter.</p> <p>Fran McKenzie brought up the crosswalk crossing Main St. and asked if it could be moved 3 or 4 feet, so it is not in the middle of the driveway. Tim responded as the Town Manager and stated that the school does not have anything to do with the sidewalks that is the town. The town is working on a large project that next year will include having the main street redone, which will include the sidewalks.</p> <p>J. Brunault/D. Brooks: Motion to end 15-minute public session at 6:11 pm.</p>	<p>VOTE: Motion Carries</p>
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4.	<p>Special Report – None</p>	
5.	<p>Reading of the Minutes: J. Brunault/C. Amey: Motion to approve the Colebrook School Board Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2024, as presented.</p>	<p>VOTE: Motion Carries</p>
6.	<p>Principal Report – Kim Wheelock Principal Report - there were 15 Veterans that attended the Veterans Day Breakfast that was put on by the Abbey Group. There were speeches given by students and it all went very well. Kim heard many great comments about the assembly and feels it was the best one yet.</p>	
7.	<p>Superintendent Report – Dana Hilliard November Report- The board has been given copies of the draft 25/26 calendar. Would like any input that you may have prior to us moving forward with the adoption of the calendar. Per the policy the calendar needs to be adopted prior to April 30th. Some changes to the calendar are early release days have been moved to Wednesdays and there are 3 built in snow days.</p> <p>Dana attended the North Country Educational Services Meeting this morning in Gorham. He is still trying to connect with the President of White Mountain Community College and will be hosting a meeting with the Littleton Superintendent on Thursday.</p> <p>Bridget is close to completing the budget. When she is done you will be receiving a draft of the budget. If you have questions regarding the draft budget, please do not hesitate to stop at the SAU or call to discuss them. This will be discussed more at the next school board meeting.</p> <p>Dana brought up the Special Education shortfall again and reminded everyone that they can help by reaching out to their legislative delegation, reach out to members of the house or to your State Senator. Let them know that if there is a shortfall that the State appropriates the money so that they can meet their obligation.</p> <p>Reviewed the 2024 tax rate and asked the board members to review it and this will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.</p>	

9.	Unfinished Business - None	
10.	Other - None	
11.	New Business – None	
12.	Information – None	
13.	Hearing of the Public: The Board Chair opened the second half of the hearing of the public at 6:23 pm. <u>C. Amey/R. Murphy:</u> Motion to end 15 minute public session at 6:24 pm.	VOTE: Motion Carries
14.	Non-Public Session – None	
15.	Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colebrook School Board Public Hearing Tuesday, December 3, 2024, CAES Library at 6:00 pm/School Board Meeting will begin directly after • SAU School Board Meeting Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 6:00 pm Clarksville Town Hall 	
16.	Adjournment: <u>C. Amey/R. Murphy:</u> Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm.	VOTE: Motion Carries

Respectfully Submitted,
Billie Paquette

Board Adopted: December 3, 2024