

Columbia School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	04/01/2025
Time	5:15 p.m.
Location	CAES Library
Chairperson	Stacey Campbell

School Board Members		Principal		SAU Members	
Stacey Campbell	P	Diane Little	E	Kim Wheelock	P
Kristin Brooks	P				

Item	Subject
1.	Roll Call: Public: Rhonda Lyons and Robert Murphy
2.	<p>Organizational Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superintendent presides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Election of Chairperson – o Kristin Brooks/Stacey Campbell: Motion to appoint Stacey Campbell as Chairperson. o VOTE: MOTION CARRIES • Chairman presides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Election of Vice-Chairman o Stacey Campbell/Kristin Brooks: Motion to appoint Kristin Brooks as Vice Chairperson o VOTE: Motion Carries • Approved by Consensus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o NHSBA Delegate – Stacey Campbell/Kristin Brooks – Diane Little o NHSBA Alternate – Kristin Brooks/Stacey Campbell – Stacey Campbell o Legislative Delegate – Stacey Campbell/Kristin Brooks – Diane Little o Legislative Alternate – Stacey Campbell/Kristin Brooks – Kristin Brooks o SAU 7 Policy Committee/Wellness/Professional Development – Stacey Campbell/Kristin Brooks – Kristin Brooks <p>Motion to approve all three members to serve on these committees with one in attendance for each (Kristin will attend the Wellness and PD meetings as primary)</p> • Board Member Code of Conduct Policy BCA – reviewed and accepted • Board Member Ethics Acknowledgement Form – reviewed and accepted
3	Hearing of the Public None
4.	<p>Reading of the Minutes: one change with the last sentence in section of Stacey's remark: Kristin Brooks/Stacey Campbell: Motion to approve the minutes of March 4, 2025. Vote: Motion Carries</p>
5.	<p>School Administrator's Report: Kim Wheelock</p> <p>April Report – Grade 1 field trip changed to Friday due to poor weather today. Will be attending the Plymouth State University campus career fair to try to get the position of part time speech and Science filled</p> <p>Stacey asked for clarification on the enrollment numbers. We had some move here, one that was placed under DCYF and no longer enrolled at CAES. Some students are homeschooled. We try to inquire as to why they are going to homeschool but most tell me that they were originally homeschooled and will be returning to that method.</p>

	<p>The Education Freedom accounts don't help public schools with student's enrollments. Some families use this as extra income.</p> <p>Guidance Report – Brandi's report was reviewed.</p> <p>Kristin asked about the game schedule. It is only for Varsity.</p>
6.	<p>CTE Director – Emillie Hall</p> <p>April Report – Career Fair on Friday the 11th.</p>
7.	<p>Superintendent's Report: Dana Hilliard</p> <p>April Report – In Littleton Thursday morning for the NC Superintendent's meeting. The Commission will be in attendance.</p> <p>The 2nd video from David Kartunan came out. They have been released via the website and through our SIS. These discussed MTSS-B and Best Practices for Home and School. Please watch them when you can. An anti-bullying video will be next.</p> <p>Political/Legislative updates will continue to be provided in the Weekly 7. We try to provide you with non-bias information. Continue to track HB675-FN local which requires a statewide tax cap for all communities. It's driven by the Consumer price index which limits you immediately by how much you can raise your budget by. The argument against this is due to the inability of towns to have the flexibility to restrict budgets for the required items (Special Education, tuition paid to receiving schools, transportation). There have been attempts over the last 10 years in towns to have this occur, which all failed. It's a violation of the principle of local control. Our only option for all the legislative items that will most likely pass is that the group recommends amendments. We will continue to track them and provide updates but it's not looking positive for towns or schools.</p>
	<p>Business Administrator's Report: Bridget Cross</p> <p>Tabled this as they haven't been released by NHED: Motion to approve the General Assurances</p> <p>Review Budget Analysis – Bridget handed out the budget analysis to show the fund balance anticipated of \$47,737.00 in addition to the \$150,000 that was allocated as an offsetting revenue for the FY 26 budget. If the board retains an additional \$39,000 this will leave approximately \$8,737.00 to offset the tax rate.</p> <p>Stacey Campbell/Kristin Brooks: Motion to approve Eric Stohl Assistant Treasurer</p> <p>VOTE: Motion Carries</p>
9.	<p>Unfinished Business: None</p>
10.	<p>New Business:</p> <p>Stacey Campbell/Kristin Brooks: Motion to approve Superintendent Hilliard to submit grants for Columbia School District.</p> <p>VOTE: Motion Carries</p> <p>Stacey Campbell/Kristin Brooks: Motion to approve Policies listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o BGAA Policy Development, Adoption and Review

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o GBCD Background Investigation and Criminal History Records Check o GBGA Staff Health o GCG Substitute Employment o IHCD Advance Course Work/Advanced Placement Courses & Stem Dual & Concurrent Enrollment Program <p>VOTE: Motion Carries</p>
11.	Information: None
12.	Other Business: None
13.	<p>Next Meeting Date: SAU School Board Meeting Thursday, April 10, 2025 @ 6:00 pm Columbia Town Hall Columbia School Board Meeting May 6, 2025 @ 5:15 pm CAES Business Room</p>
14.	<p>Adjournment: Stacey Campbell/Kristin Brooks: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 pm. VOTE: MOTION CARRIES</p>

Board Adopted: May 6, 2025