

Colebrook School Board Public Hearing School Bond Meeting Minutes
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Date	2/7/2023
Time	6:00 pm – Public Hearing School Bond;
Location	Colebrook Academy & Elementary School Cafeteria
Chairperson	John Falconer

Attendance

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

School Board Members				Principal		SAU Members	
P	John Falconer	P	Robert Murphy	P	Kim Wheelock	P	Debra Taylor
P	Deb Greene	P	Tim Stevens		Asst. Principal	P	Bridget Cross
P	Craig Hamelin	P	Tanya Young	P	Ron Patterson		
P	Nathan Lebel				College Career & Technical Education Director		
				P	Tia Cloutier		

Public in Attendance: There were approximately 125 community members in attendance at the meeting.

Minutes

Item		Action
1.	The public hearing was called to order by Chairman John Falconer at 6:00 pm. The Board led with the pledge of allegiance.	
2.	<p>Public Hearing: School District Bond-Building Renovation and Expansion Project</p> <p>Chairman Falconer announced two recent developments. First, that a donor (Mr. Dan Dagesse) had offered to contribute \$2 million to the proposed project. It had been confirmed by Commissioner Edelblut that the donation could be applied to reduce local taxes. These taxes would be based on the amount the school district borrowed via a municipal bond and would be borrowed over a 15-year period. Second, John announced the Mr. Hebert had informed him that their firm could build the new CTE Center, high school classrooms and gym for \$12 million, resulting in \$2.8 million in local taxpayer contribution.</p> <p>Dr. Taylor began the Bond presentation. She introduced Lance Whitehead, Principal Architect, and Ann Ketterer, Project Manager of Lavallee and Brensinger Architects.</p> <p>Debra discussed the history of the project, why the academy closed, how the current designs were developed, and explained the direction provided by the School Board and Building Committee.</p> <p>Anne reviewed the proposed designs. Lance reviewed the scope of the project and</p>	

budget of the project as proposed and explained how we qualified for building aid. He noted that this new development would likely change the budget and bond amount compared to what was presented.

Bridget Cross provided an overview of the bond schedule noting tax impact annually depending upon the assessed value of a Colebrook taxpayer's property.

Mr. Jon Frizzell facilitated the question-and-answer segment that followed.

Appreciation was expressed for the donation from Dan Dagesse and Mr. Hebert's offer to build the building for less than originally proposed. Questions concerning the new bond/tax rate were deferred to a future meeting. Chairman Falconer noted that another meeting would be held when more information becomes available, prior to the March 7 Annual School Meeting.

The Public Hearing for the bond adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:
Debra Taylor, PhD.
Superintendent

Minutes Adopted: 2-21-2023