

Colebrook Public Hearing & School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	9/3/2024
Time	6:00 pm – Public Hearing/School Board Meeting Directly Follows
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	Bridget Cross
P	David Brooks	P	Julie Brunault		Asst. Principal	P	Dana Hilliard
P	Rhonda Lyons	E	Tim Stevens	E	Stephanie Cameron	P	Chris Paquette
P	Robert Murphy						
Public in Attendance:							

Minutes

Item	Subject	Action
	Public Hearing – To accept and expend unanticipated grant funds for the 2024/2025 school year. Bridget reviewed the list of grants for CAES and what they are used for. J. Brunault/C. Amey: Motion to close the public hearing at 6:10 pm	VOTE: Motion Carries
1.	Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman David Brooks at 6:04 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance	
2.	Agenda Adjustments: Non-Public Bids for Propane and Oil	
3.	Hearing of the Public: Open 15-minute public session at 6:11 pm End 15-minute public session at 6:12 pm.	
4.	Special Report – None	
5.	Reading of the Minutes: R. Lyons/J. Brunault Motion to accept the Colebrook School Board Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2024, with adjustments Superintendent Hilliard joins the meeting at 6:13 pm	VOTE: Motion Carries

<p>6.</p>	<p>Principal Report – Kim Wheelock</p> <p>Principal Wheelock is looking for a vote to decrease the CAES standard diploma from 27 credits to 24 credits.</p> <p>Also, explained the Colebrook Academic Honors Diploma which would require 29 credits. David Brooks discussed the required math classes and would like to see a finance class that teaches how to balance a checkbook, teaches about student loans and interest rates for seniors. Mrs. Wheelock discussed that there is a personal finance class that is taught. Mrs. Wheelock will get a description of the personal finance class to the board. Another suggestion would be a current events class and geography class, that would be mandatory. These are good suggestions that can be discussed and could be changed.</p> <p>R. Lyons/C. Amey: Motion to approve the three-tiered approach to the Colebrook Graduation Diplomas as presented by Mrs. Wheelock</p> <p>Policy IKF will need to go back to the local policy board to accept the changes of the graduation diplomas. This board will need to form a local policy committee which should have 3 to 4 members. The committee will be Robert Murphy, Rhonda Lyons, Julie Brunault and David Brooks. Robert will be the chair of this committee. Local policies will have their own drop-down box for Colebrook on the policy page.</p> <p>September Principal Report - Friday there will be a bar-b-cue at Colebrook School. All Board members are invited to attend. There are three students attending Charter School this year.</p>	<p>VOTE: Motion Carries</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Superintendent Report:</p> <p>September Superintendent Report –We did roll out the new cell phone policy to students. They were not happy with the new policy. The students have come forward regarding this policy and will be putting together a presentation for the board which will be put on the agenda to present to the board. Dana was very happy with the way the student body has handled this and how they will be coming forward to discuss this.</p> <p>Fall sports are up and running. Please come out and support our teams.</p> <p>The goal setting meeting has been set for October 3rd at 4:30 pm in Columbia. Please RSVP with Billie.</p> <p>David asked if someone from the student body would be coming to the board meetings to give updates. Kim is working on getting this up and going again.</p>	

8.	<p>Business Administrator’s Report – Bridget Cross</p> <p>C. Amey/J. Brunault: Motion to approve and expend the grand funds for the 2024/2025 school year</p> <p>J. Brunault/C. Amey: Motion to approve the quote and purchase the recommended Culinary Kitchen Appliances (refrigerator \$899, stove \$739 and dishwasher \$899 plus \$80 installation) from Poulin’s Appliances paid for by Feed America Grant for \$2,626.00</p> <p>J. Brunault/C. Amey: Motion to approve the quote from Wicked Clean Windows Plus for cleaning the windows for \$675.00</p> <p>R. Lyons/J. Brunault: Motion to approve the quote from Plodzik & Sanderson for the auditing services for the next 3 years at \$16,065 for FY26, \$16,545 FY 27 and \$17,040 for FY 28.</p> <p>C. Amey/J. Brunault: Motion to approve the quote from Nathan Nugent for pressure washing the SAU Building for \$700</p> <p>C. Amey/J. Brunault: Motion to approve the quote from Rodrigue Gravel for the gravel at the tech building for \$642</p> <p>R. Lyons/J. Brunault: Motion to approve the heating oil bid and the propane bid from CN Brown for \$2.869 for transport truck and \$2.939 for pedal truck and \$2.169 for the propane for the school building, tech and SAU building.</p> <p>R. Lyons/C. Amey: Motion to approve the bid from Yeti Yard Man for the snowplow, sanding and snow relocation bid for \$22,950.00 for the 24/25 season.</p> <p>David asked about a \$32,000 invoice to DS Security Solutions and what this was for? Bridget explained this was for the security cameras and access control. This is the remaining balance as the job is now complete.</p>	<p>VOTE: Motion Carries</p> <p>VOTE: Motion Carries</p> <p>VOTE: Motion Carries</p> <p>VOTE: Motion Carries</p> <p>VOTE: Motion Carries</p> <p>VOTE: Motion Carries</p> <p>VOTE: Motion Carries</p> <p>VOTE: Motion Carries</p>
9.	Unfinished Business	
10.	New Business – Tabled the tour of the new CAES kitchen space and tech building to the next meeting.	
11.	Information –	
12.	<p>Hearing of the Public:</p> <p>At 7:01 pm opened the public discussion for the next 29 minutes.</p> <p>Christine asked what is the scope of the work for the tech building driveway? Are they excavating or just bringing gravel. Bridget stated that they will bring an excavator and ¾ inch gravel and some hand labor.</p> <p>Theresa discussed that she really liked the new diploma structure and how the 29-credit diploma gives students something to work hard for. She also mentioned how good it is to allow the students to come forward and make a presentation to the board regarding the new cell phone policy and let them present their case to be able to use cell phones at lunch. Also, wanted to know if the public could join the tour of the kitchen space.</p> <p>Kathi pointed out that there is an area that does not have any camera coverage. Kim stated that they are aware of this issue and are working on correcting it.</p> <p>Dana talked about doing upgrades to continue to make this building safer. Kathi also brought up the vaping machines in the bathrooms. These machines are too</p>	

	<p>small for that area, so they are not working correctly. Kim stated that this has been brought up before and discussions have taken place about getting bigger machines that would work better in that space. Chris stated he would be able to reach out and see what type of machines other schools are using that work and look into getting those machines.</p> <p>Richard asked why the school district would be paying for the gravel at the tech building as opposed to the owner. David stated it would be more feasible for the district to make the improvements than to end up in litigation over it.</p> <p>Bridget was asked how many walkie talkies have been purchased? She stated that they have not been received yet but 45 were quoted to purchase. Forty-five provides every classroom with a walkie talkie</p> <p><u>C. Amey/J. Brunault</u>: Motion to close the public session at 7:14 pm</p>	VOTE: Motion Carries
13	Non-Public Session-91-A:3, II (c)	
13.	<p>Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colebrook School Board Meeting Tuesday, September 17, 2024, CAES Library at 6:00 pm 	
14.	<p>Adjournment:</p> <p><u>C. Amey/J. Brunault</u>: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm.</p>	VOTE: Motion Carries

Respectfully Submitted,
Billie Paquette