

Columbia School Board Meeting Minutes							
Date		9/3/2024					
Time		5:15 p.m.					
Location		CAES Business Room					
Chairperson		Stacey Campbell					
School Board Members				Principal		SAU Members	
P	Kristin Brooks	P	Diane Little	P	Kim Wheelock	P	Bridget Cross
P	Stacey Campbell				Assistant Principal	P	Dana Hilliard
					Stephanie Cameron		

Roll Call: Chairman Stacey Campbell called the meeting to order at 5:14 pm.

Hearing of the Public: None

Reading of the Minutes:

Kristin Brooks / Diane Little : Motion to approve the minutes of the School Board Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2024

VOTE: Motion Carried

School Administrators Report: Kim Wheelock
September Principal Report – Nothing to add to the report.

Stacey Campbell commented that the total enrollment was down. Kim agreed but we mentioned that 2 new students (3rd and 4th grader) enrolled today.

Diane Little asked if she had the enrollment number of Columbia students. Bridget mentioned she could provide that from Alma.

Superintendent’s Report – Dana Hilliard

September Report- We have had a great start to the school year! SAU 7 should be proud of the administrative team we have. We were happy that some of our board members and SAU office staff could join the first day of school tour. The newspaper article regarding this has some corrections to make but overall it was nice to have a positive article be printed about all of our schools, staff and students. Fall sports are under way. We encourage you to go out and support our teams!

BGAA – How to make policies. We are working on this policies revisions to ensure clarity on how to go about adoption on the SAU level and local level. The Attorney has provided feedback and has agreed to Superintendent Hilliard’s interpretations. It will go to the policy committee and then to the joint board. We will hopefully be more efficient, and the process will be clear.

Thank you to Columbia for hosting the goal setting session on October 3rd at 4:30pm with Rick Alpers from Primex. We will try to have a hard stop at 7-7:30pm. All board members and Admin team are encouraged to join us. All voices will be heard. Your feedback is crucial to our goals for SAU 7. The Superintendent provided a Sub update in the report as well as current enrollments. Current enrollment data in the report
We will go into nonpublic this evening under section 91-A:3(ii)c.

Business Manager's Report – Bridget Cross

Stacey Campbell made the Motion/Kristin Brooks Seconded_: To approve agreement from Plodzik & Sanderson P.A. for auditing quotes provided and agreement for the next three audit years.

VOTE: Motion Carries

Stacey Campbell made the Motion/Kristin Brooks Seconded: To retain up to the maximum amount of retention funds allowed when tax rate setting occurs with DRA.

VOTE: Motion Carries

Unfinished Business:

Stacey Campbell made the Motion/Diane Little Seconded : To approve the NHSBA Policies recommended by the SAU Board for Policies AC through KEE.

VOTE: Motion Carries

Stacey Campbell made the Motion/Kristin Brooks Seconded: To approve the Local Policies recommended by the SAU Board for Policies ACAC through JLCF excluding policy JICJ (Colebrook) and JLCF.
Discussion regarding the cell phone policy.

Kristin Brooks asked if there have been any comments from parents or students regarding the loss of cell phones during lunch. Did Pittsburg also agree to banning cell phones?

Superintendent Hilliard commented that Pittsburg is still allowing use of cell phone during designated times.

Principal Wheelock said she hadn't received any feedback from parents. The Student Council will gather information and provide something to present to the Colebrook board at a later date.

Stacey Campbell expressed that it should be allowed during the lunch period if there haven't been any disciplinary issues with use during that time in the past.

Superintendent Hilliard stated that he fully supports the student's approach to look at the data and provide something democratically to present to the board at a later date.

Principal Wheelock said that students are very hurt and don't understand why. A student mentioned that we shouldn't punish everyone for something one child did.

Superintendent Hilliard stated that the Colebrook board is very open to listening and revisiting this policy. Students will also get a good lesson in democracy and how the process works.

VOTE: Motion Carries

Stacey Campbell made the Motion/Kristin Brooks Seconded : Motion to approve the Title IX Policies recommended by the SAU Board

VOTE: Motion Carries

New Business: None

Information: None

Other Business: None

Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A:3, II (c)

K Brooks/D Little: Motion to go into Non-public session RSA 91-A:3, II (c) at 5:55 pm. Kim Wheelock, Bridget Cross and Dana Hilliard were asked to join non-public session.

Kim Wheelock and Bridget Cross left the non-public session at 6:00 pm

D. Little/K. Brooks: Motion to come out of non-public session at 6:10 pm

VOTE: Motion Carried

Board reconvened public Session at 6:10 pm

S. Campbel/D. Little: Motion made to seal the minutes

VOTE: Motion Carried

Next Meeting Date:

Columbia School District Meeting: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 @ 5:15 CAES Business Room

Adjournment:

Stacey Campbell made the Motion/Kristin Brooks Seconded : Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:13pm.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully Submitted
Bridget Cross
Superintendent

Board Adopted: October 1, 2024