

Columbia School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	1/03/2023						
Time	5:00 p.m. School Board Meeting and 6:00 pm Joint Meeting of Columbia and Colebrook School Board						
Location	CAES Business Classroom						
Chairperson	Stacey Campbell						
School Board Members							
School Board Members				Principal		SAU Members	
P	Kristen Brooks	P	Carrie Klebe	E	Kim Wheelock	P	Debra Taylor
P	Stacey Campbell				Assistant Principal	P	Bridget Cross
				P	Ron Patterson		
					College Career & Technical Education Director		
				P	Tia Cloutier		
Public In Attendance: John Falconer, Deb Greene, Craig Hamelin, Nathan Lebel, Robert Murphy, Tim Stevens, Tanya Young Rhonda Lyons, Deb Thompson, Wendell Woodard, Kathi Lawton-Haynes, Dawn Hall							

Roll Call: Chairman Stacey Campbell called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Hearing of the Public: None

Reading of the Minutes:

S.Campbell/K.Brooks: Motion to approve the minutes of December 6, 2022.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Special Reports: None

School Administrator's Report: Kim Wheelock

- January Report -and Newsletter

Ron reviewed Kim's report and invited questions.

College Career & Technical Education Director – Tia Cloutier

Tia provided an oral report noting the upcoming MRE Culinary Competition on January 12. She also stated that she is looking forward to a reply to our submission for the IRC grant competition. She expects to learn of the status any day.

Superintendent's Report: Debra Taylor

- January Report –

Debra noted the excitement that follows the new year and provided a review of accomplishments to date. She reviewed upcoming dates for Columbia School District Public Hearing for the budget – February 8 at 6:00 pm at the Town Office. She also noted that the Annual School Meeting is scheduled for March 14 at 7:15 pm at the Town Hall.

Business Administrator's Report: Bridget Cross

- Budget Discussion

The Board continued discussion of the proposed 23-24 budget and reviewed projected pupil enrollment for the 23-24 school year. The board discussed the projected surplus and the tuition expendable trust fund.

S.Campbell/K.Brooks: Motion to include article on school district warrant to raise and appropriate \$50,000. For the Tuition Expendable Trust Fund.

VOTE: Motion Carries

S.Campbell/K.Brooks: Motion to approve the proposed 2023/2024 school year budget in the amount of \$1,358,160.00.

VOTE: Motion Carries

- Draft Annual School Meeting Warrant:

The board reviewed and discussed the draft warrant.

S.Campbell/K.Brooks: Motion to approve the draft warrant with the addition of an article to raise and appropriate \$50,000. For the Tuition Expendable Trust Fund.

VOTE: Motion Carries

Unfinished Business:

- Policies – Second Reading

S.Campbell/K.Brooks: Motion to approve the second reading of the district policies.

VOTE: Motion Carries

New Business:

None

Information:

The Board discussed the building project including communication events and activities. The Public Hearing for the Bond in Colebrook is scheduled for February 7 at 6:00 pm at the Colebrook School Cafeteria.

Other Business:

Joint Meeting of Colebrook and Columbia School Boards

Members discussed that the current area agreement between Colebrook and Columbia will be renewed in 2026. Stacey Campbell asked that all members be provided with a copy of the agreement. She noted that voters in Columbia are most appreciative of our partnership and the excellent school system that Columbia students participate in. She noted at the current area agreement was initiated in the 1960's and Columbia has enjoyed a long and positive partnership with Colebrook. Stacey noted that she is aware of the space constraints that exist since the school consolidated in 2019. She wondered if the school district would be able to continue to accommodate Columbia enrollees in the future. John Falconer replied that it would be the intention to continue this relationship as it now exists, and that the passage of the building project will ensure that we can accommodate our Columbia students. Debra thanked Stacey Campbell and Kristin Brooks for their ongoing participation in the Colebrook School Board Building Committee.

Next Meeting Date:

- Columbia School Board Meeting February 7, 2023, at 4:30 pm

- Columbia Public Hearing February 8, 2023, at 5:00 pm

Adjournment:

K.Brooks/Campbell: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Minutes Approved: February 8, 2023