

Columbia School Board Meeting Minutes							
<b>Date</b>		11/6/2024					
<b>Time</b>		5:15 p.m.					
<b>Location</b>		CAES Business Room					
<b>Chairperson</b>		Stacey Campbell					
School Board Members				Principal		SAU Members	
P	Kristin Brooks	P	Diane Little	P	Kim Wheelock	P	Bridget Cross
P	Stacey Campbell				<b>Assistant Principal</b>	P	Dana Hilliard
				E	Stephanie Cameron		
					<b>CTE Director</b>		
				P	Emilie Hall		
<b>Public Present (at 5:37pm): April Hand and child</b>							

**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/Stacey Campbell : Motion to approve the minutes of the School Board Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2024

**VOTE:** Motion Carried

**School Administrators Report:** Kim Wheelock

November Principal Report – We were hoping the Mohawks would win but they worked really hard. Any questions on our events that will happen in November? Snack drive for MS Builders Club that is their service project. Youth winter clothing drive the last two weeks. There is a box at LaPerle’s IGA. PTO craft fair is this weekend in the cafeteria and can shop for the winter clothing that was donated.

**Guidance Report :** Brandi Covell

See the report in the packet. Kim and Brandi attended the Administrator’s breakfast at WMCC about opportunities for the students. Kim and Brandi will be on the Liberal Arts board at WMCC. I Apply day was today. Seniors applied to many colleges for free and there is no application fee required. It can be costly depending on where you apply. Caps and gowns were ordered and they can keep them after graduation or decorate their caps.

**CTE Director Report:** Emilie Hall

November Report – See report in the packet. This month the CATE report was due and it was submitted timely. My next big focus is the monitoring which is November 18<sup>th</sup>. Diane will come up and make sure that everything corrected is completed. There are a few outgoing items that we will need to finish up to ensure it’s finished prior. She will review culinary and health science program. She needs a lot of evidence. The Auto articulation agreement with WMCC is completed through 2026.

**Superintendent’s Report:** Dana Hilliard

November Report- Review the report. Goal setting session report from Primex will be included with the SAU board packet at the end of this week. We will review the goals next fall and continue our work and this will align with our strategic goals.

Homeland security came to all three schools and performed the safety audits. The recommendations will be in a final report and received in 2-3 weeks. This will become our base to assist with our Capital Improvement plan. This will also be our checklist to provide what steps we need to take to make to be compliant.

Dana will be traveling to North Haverhill tomorrow for my Superintendent’s meeting. They will be coming here in June for the meeting.

The mentor for the Superintendent is Esther Asbell from SAU 16. She has been Dana’s mentor in multiple roles in the past. Her advice will be well sought and appreciated.

The joint policy committee met this week. The Fall NHSBA model policies were sent to us to approve. They will go to the joint board on November 14<sup>th</sup> and there are some local policies as well to be approved. Dana included an essay called Closer yet further apart to read to the boards and assure the staff of SAU 7 that he will defend and assist them if they are ever attacked via social media or other means. This essay was sent to all SAU 7 staff on Friday November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dana will participate in the Colebrook Schools Veteran’s Day ceremony on Friday.

Dana participated in the Trick or Trunk events at both Pittsburg and CAES.

Two Agenda Items added: Public Hearing February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm (regular school meeting will be at 5:15pm) and Annual District Meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm

**Business Manager’s Report** – Bridget Cross

Review Auditing Questionnaire – Diane Little/Kristin Brooks motion to accept as presented Motion Carries

Columbia Tax Rate – Bridget presented the changes in the fund balance and budget as well as the assessed valuation that caused the increase in the tax rate. \$210,000 less for a fund balance and offsetting revenue, increase of \$218,00 in the budget and a decrease in the valuation of \$294,141 all cause the tax rate increase. The school tax rate increased by \$4.87. We urge everyone to ask your legislature to push for increased and equitable education funding.

**Unfinished Business: None**

**New Business: None**

**Information: None**

**Other Business: None**

**Non-Public Session: None**

**Next Meeting Date:**

Columbia School District Meeting: Tuesday, December 3 2024 @ 5:15 CAES Business Room

**Adjournment:**

Stacey Campbell/Kristin Brooks : Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 pm.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully Submitted  
Bridget Cross