

Colebrook School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	02/01/2022
Time	6:00 pm – Public Hearing / board meeting immediately following
Location	Colebrook Elementary School library
Chairperson	Brian LaPerle

Attendance

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

School Board Members				Principal		SAU Members	
P	John Falconer	P	Nathan Lebel	P	Kim Wheelock	P	Debra Taylor
P	Craig Hamelin	P	Deb Greene			P	Cheryl Covill
P	Brian LaPerle	P	Tanya Young		Asst. Principal		
P	Michael Pearson			P	Ron Patterson		

Public in Attendance: Robert Murphy, Jake Martin, Lance Whitehead

Minutes

Item	Subject	Action
1.	The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Brian LaPerle.	
2.	Agenda Adjustments: Minutes: 1-25-22 Special Meeting Minutes Unfinished Business: Academy Sale Update New Business: SEL Specialist Appointment	
3.	Hearing of the Public: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget 2022-2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brian reviewed the warrant and distributed information concerning the proposed school budget. ○ There were no questions from the public. <p><u>J.Falconer/N.Lebel</u>: Motion to approve the budget and warrant articles as presented.</p>	Vote: Motion Carried
4.	Special Reports: None	
5.	Reading of the Minutes: <u>D.Greene/C.Hamelin</u> : Motion to approve the minutes of January 18, and January 25, 2022, as presented.	Vote: Motion Carried
6.	School Administrator's Report: Kim Wheelock <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>February Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kim reviewed her report highlighting the success of the ski/snowboarding program. She also noted plans for the career fair on Feb. 11, upcoming winter carnival and plans to host with north country men's basketball tournament in March in Colebrook & Pittsburg gymnasiums, March 18-20. 	

7.	<p>Superintendent's Report: Debra Taylor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>February Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Debra reviewed her report highlighting proposed budgets for the 22-23 school year. She also reviewed the proposed school calendar and noted that the February break will be scheduled February 27 through March 3, 2023. This change aligns with the state calendar and our region. Canaan will adopt the same calendar to support our collaborative students and CTE program participants. Debra also discussed the CTE application and initial feedback from the DOE. The complete center and program application details requests for the following programs: Automotive/Powersport; Teacher Training; Computer Technology; Health Professionals; Hospitality/Culinary; Criminal Justice. ○ Debra noted the list of board candidates for the upcoming election including Nate Lebel, Tanya Young and Robert Murphy. 	
8.	<p>Business Administrator's Report: Cheryl Covill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheryl presented the warrant and distributed it for Board signature. • She discussed the impact of increased federal funding and the effect on cost per pupil. She also indicated the need to approve the maintenance contract with Cummings for the district generator for five years. <p><u>D.Greene/N.Lebel:</u> Motion to extend the maintenance contract for the generator for 5 years.</p>	Vote: Motion Carried
9.	<p>NH School Board Association Business: John Falconer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John reports that 20 states are considering organizing a separate national school boards association. Legislative information and board training are available on the NHSBA website. 	
10.	<p>Co-curricular Committee Report: Brian LaPerle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
11.	<p>Building Committee Report: Craig Hamelin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
12.	<p>Policy Committee Report: Deb Greene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
13.	<p>Negotiations Committee Report: John Falconer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
14.	<p>Curriculum Committee Report: Nathan Lebel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
15.	<p>Technology Committee Report: Nathan Lebel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
16.	<p>Connecticut River Collaborative Committee Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian shared his reflections on the goals, efforts, and potential future 	

	<p>collaborative efforts now that the CRCPC has disbanded. He noted that four years ago, the towns agreed to engage in a regional discussion. Many realized that Model 11 was not tenable last year, while others are still grieving. He referred to the discussion of the need for 8-9 grade curriculum alignment which led to a regional effort to align curriculum. He noted that Covid interfered with discussions, and we were unable to achieve agreement on a model for the region. He believes that regionalization will happen someday. With the Colebrook building project, the location issue is resolved. He encouraged the board to continue to focus on regionalization in the future and to do so with compassion and understanding. Building projects are easy, the more important work is to continue to collaborate across the region to maximize student opportunities. The next step is to invite members of area school boards – the same group that was invited to the informational meeting on 1-25- to join the building expansion committee and provide input to the high school addition that we are planning. The Board agreed and John suggested that we send out regular updates about the building project to them and the community as the process continues.</p>	
17.	<p>Building Expansion Committee: John Falconer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John reviewed the meeting held on January 31 and discussed the various tasks that were identified to gather school and community input in February and plan for the architects and engineers to assess the building in in March. We will encourage all those invited to the 1-25 informational meeting to participate in the next meeting on 2/23/22 @ 5:30 pm. 	
18.	<p>Unfinished Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building/Facilities Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion concerning the question of employing a construction manager or construction estimator ensued and Lance Whitehead of Lavallee and Brensinger Architects joined the meeting briefly via zoom. The Board agreed to make the decision concerning this matter at their next meeting on February 15. • Academy Sale Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Debra shared a report from Wayne Frizzell. The Academy listing has been shared more widely through a new electronic listing service and personal contacts with APP, Balsams, and realtors in southern NH. Other properties in town have been sold. The interest in this property is increasing. He is optimistic. 	

19.	New Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Superintendent informed the Board that we recently welcomed Ms. Val Rella to the position of Social Emotional Learning Specialist. 	
20.	Other Business:	
21.	Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board thanked Brian LaPerle for his twelve years of service on the school board. His term concludes in March. 	
22.	Non-Public Session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
23.	Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colebrook School Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 @ 6:00 pm – CAES library Colebrook School Board Annual Meeting: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 @ 6:00 pm – CAES gymnasium 	
24.	Adjournment: <u>C. Hamelin/T. Young</u> : Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm.	Vote: Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra J. Taylor
Superintendent

Adopted 02/15/2022