

Columbia School Board Meeting Minutes							
Date		5/6/2025					
Time		5:15 p.m.					
Location		Columbia Town Hall					
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
				E	Stephanie Cameron		
					CTE Director		
				P	Emilie Hall		

Roll Call: Chairman Stacey Campbell called the meeting to order at 5:16 pm.

Hearing of the Public: None

Reading of the Minutes:

Kristin Brooks/Stacey Campbell : Motion to approve the minutes of the School Board Meeting of April 1, 2025

VOTE: Motion Carries

Principal Report – Kim Wheelock

May Report – Events were shared with the board. It's a busy month!

Teacher appreciation week – there are some fun things occurring for our staff this week.

Kristin asked about the Impaired driving program – is it similar to another program that used to occur? Kim explained there are 3 parts to it – simulation, crime scene, etc.. Families had to opt out for students. A letter was sent to families. Counselors will also be on hand to support students.

On May 16th there will be an Army National Guard event – no Blackhawk but there will be other vehicles, their band, engineering stuff. Pittsburg and Stratford are also coming. It's open to Middle and High School. Our earlier grades will come as well. Canaan and Groveton were also invited but can't attend.

CTE Report – Emilie Hall

May Report – Emilie provided a blurb to the board about what she's been up to the past month. The Allenstown field trip was wonderful. They were very invested in learning. They were able to test out skidders, etc.

Met a lot with Steve Learned for culinary and we are working on gearing up for the program next school year. We have a lot of stuff in the works to ask other schools for free items.

Kristin asked if he would be teaching other classes. He will do middle school culinary, intro to culinary class for HS in 9th or 10th grades, World Foods Class, and finally CTE Culinary program.

Stacey asked about Hospitality. It will be held in the Fall. Emilie and the teacher have spoken about tying in Marketing as well with the program.

CTE teachers are as follows: Katie Parker will teach Health Sciences. Heather Brown will teach Education. Ryan Ouimette will teach Auto. Scott Neery will do the Computer/IT Program. Elizabeth Griffin will teach Hospitality. Steve Learned will teach Culinary.

Colebrook students will take precedence, and Pittsburg will be on the waiting list.

Superintendent Report – Dana Hilliard

May Report – This month is packed, and the end of the year is coming up swiftly. Events are occurring frequently.

This week is staff appreciation week. Bridget and Dana will deliver the gifts tomorrow beginning in Pittsburg and ending in Colebrook.

I also included a conference on May 22nd. There is a virtual option regarding Rural Conversations and how difficult it is to provide all that is needed in a rural community. It's free and you can attend in person or virtually.

Right before vacation the North Country Superintendent's met. The Commissioner was in attendance. He discussed DEI education. We have not heard anything in regards to the new Commissioner but are told the Governor is interviewing candidates. The Governor did state she will nominate someone who does have a background in Education.

Diploma Discussion – we are speaking to the Colebrook board to discuss this at tonight's meeting. We are advocating that the district the students reside in have a signature from the Board Chair they reside in.

Superintendent Evaluation Committee Representative – Diane Little

This person will assist in creating one, universal evaluation form.

Business Manager's Report – Bridget Cross

Stacey Campbell/Diane Little: Motion to approve the FY 2026 General Assurances

VOTE: Motion Carries

• **New Business:**

Kristin Brooks/Diane Little: Motion to approve the following policies:

- BBBF – Student Members of the School Board
- DAGF – Administration of Federal Grants
- EBCA – Crisis Prevention and Emergency Response Plans
- EBCH – Chemical Safety and Chemical hygiene Plan
- IC – School Year and School Year Calendar

VOTE: Motion Carries

Change June 3rd meeting date – changed to June 17th at 5:15pm

Next Meeting Date:

Columbia School Board Meeting June 17, 2025 @ 5:15 pm CAES Business Room

Adjournment:

Stacey Campbell/Diane Little: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 pm.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully Submitted
Bridget Cross
Superintendent

Board Adopted: June 17, 2025