

Columbia School Board Meeting Minutes							
<b>Date</b>		06/02/2021					
<b>Time</b>		5:30 p.m.					
<b>Location</b>		Columbia Town Offices					
<b>Chairperson</b>		Christopher Brady					
School Board Members				Principal		SAU Members	
E	Chris Brady	P	Carrie Klebe	E	Kim Wheelock	P	Debra Taylor
P	Stacey Campbell					P	Cheryl Covill

**Roll Call:** Vice Chairperson Carrie Klebe called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

**Hearing of the Public:** None

**Reading of the Minutes:**

S. Campbell / C. Klebe: Motion to approve the minutes of May 5, 2021 as presented.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

**Special Reports:** None

**School Administrator’s Report:** Kim Wheelock

- Other than a class in quarantine and a couple of absent students, the State Assessments are complete; make-ups will be done after next week.
- Local assessments will be completed by the end of this week.
- Summer Academy for 4th - 6th grades - letter of interest went home to parents; we only have six students attending; the feedback is that parents want students to not attend school in the summer due to the COVID year; I am reaching out to offer “Summer Activity Folder” tailored to student needs based on assessments.
- As the only certified CPI instructor in the SAU, I will be training staff in the fall. We are hoping to have others trained as instructors.
- Ryan Call and I are the certified ALICE instructors for Colebrook, and we will be training staff in the fall.
- Please let me know if you are planning on attending graduation.
- Senior Signs are up in Kiwanis Park.
- “Senior Wheels” escort has been organized. Students will decorate their cars.
- “Adopt A Senior” items will be dropped off.
- The time capsule has been received.
- Upcoming Events:
  - 6/2 @ 1:00 Senior & Underclassmen Awards
  - 6/2 @ 6:00 Band & Chorus Concert
  - 6/3 & 6/4 Senior Exams
  - 6/8 @ 10:00 Senior Grad. Rehearsal
  - 6/8 Senior Time Capsule burial (after rehearsal)

- 6/10 Senior Graduation June 10th @ 6:00 (any School Board should arrive at 5:45) Staff Senior Wheels immediately following graduation (led by Fire Department, etc)
- 6/15 Staff & student year end BBQ
- 6/16 Kindergarten “graduation/completion”
- 6/16 & 6/17 Underclassmen finals
- 6/16 @ 1:00 8 th grade graduation
- 6/17 Last student day
- Masking requirements have been relaxed if 6’ apart or if you are outdoors and social distances no masks required.

**Superintendent’s Report:** Debra Taylor

- Plans for high school graduation are underway. Students are very excited and looking forward to the next steps in their college and/or careers. This year two philanthropic foundations of the NH Charitable Foundation are offering every member of that class of 2021 an early graduation gift: a free class at any of New Hampshire’s seven community colleges in the fall!
- Grant work - our school boards have approved our plans to engage an engineer to recommend improvements to our HVAC system. These expenditures will be covered through our ESSER II grants.
- At a recent grant meeting, our leadership team prioritized school improvement strategies and plans for summer and fall 2021 which will be funded through ESSER grants. These plans include professional development for student behavior support, CPI social-emotional training, and teacher and leadership support. We are also exploring reinstatement of afterschool and enrichment programs for students, credit recovery programs for high school students, mentoring programs for new teachers and paraeducators, outdoor fitness stations for students, and more! We will provide further updates as our examinations of additional needs and school improvement needs evolve.
- ESSER III requires a reopening plan and engaging a group of stakeholders.
- Suggestion by Debra Taylor for the Columbia Board to move their scheduled board meeting to the same night as Colebrook’s second meeting of the month. Columbia’s meeting would be held at approximately 5:00 pm at the Colebrook School and the school board would be available to attend the Colebrook meeting.

S. Campbell / C. Klebe: Motion to approve moving the school board meeting to align with the Colebrook School board meeting the third Tuesday of the month starting at 5:30 pm

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

**Business Administrator’s Report:** Cheryl Covill

- Grant Funds: Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III) partial funding has been released. The table below reflects what we have received and/or future allocations. ESSER II expenditures must align with COVID needs however, ESSER III appears to have a broader scope for projects. The Administrative team is working on the ESSER II grant.
- Public hearings will be held to accept and expend the ESSER II and ESSER III funds.
- Colebrook: ESSER I \$121,627.78 / SPSRF \$87,811.94 / ESSER II \$613,820.76 / ESSER III Phase 1 \$909,845.79 / ESSER III Phase II \$468,708.44 / ESSER III Total \$1,378,554.23
  - Total Federal COVID Relief \$2,201,814.71
- Columbia ESSER I \$257.45 / SPSRF \$11,800.00 / Total Federal COVID Relief \$12,057.45
- 20% of the ESSER III funds must be used to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, afterschool programs, etc. This means approximately \$398,475 set aside for Colebrook.

- Total ESSER II and III total for Colebrook \$1,992,000
- National Forrest Reserve Funds Coos Country has released National Forest Reserve funds in the amount of \$7,038.29.
- Driver's Education: I have received verbal notification that Amy Leighton will no longer offer Driver's Education for the 2021 – 2022 School Year. This has been a contracted service for many years. You have a couple of options; (1) Contact the Lancaster Driver Ed. Teacher and contract with them (2) advertise and hire your own teacher (there is a great deal of work and PD for certification (3) parent responsibility.
- Fuel Oil Bids: two bids were received - C Bean # 2 Fuel Tanker Price 2.129 and # 2 Fuel – Pedal Truck 2.179; CN Brown #2 Fuel Tanker Price 2.239 and #2 Fuel – Pedal Truck 2.239.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Connecticut River Collaborative Committee Update:**

- The Connecticut River Collaborative Committee met on Monday, May 17. It was agreed that the full committee will suspend meetings this summer and will reconvene in September. Following a review of the committee ranking survey, thirteen responded, 6 voting members selected a regional HS and CTE in Canaan and PK-8 schools in the local elementary schools. Two subcommittees will convene over the summer. One will review the financial analysis and attorney feedback on the articles of agreement and the second will develop a marketing/communication plan to inform the community of the success of our current collaborative efforts.

**Information:** None

**Other Business:** None

**Next Meeting Date:**

- Columbia School Board Meeting August 17, 2021 at the Colebrook School, 5:30 pm.

**Adjournment:**

S. Campbell / C. Klebe: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Covill  
Business Administrator

**Adopted 08/17/2021**