

Columbia School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	2/08/2023						
Time	5:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting						
Location	Columbia Town Office Building						
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
					Ron Patterson		
Public in Attendance: April Hand							

Roll Call: Chairman Stacey Campbell called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

Hearing of the Public: Discussion concerning preschool students.

Reading of the Minutes:

C.Klebe /S.Campbell: Motion to approve the minutes of January 3, 2023

VOTE: Motion Carries

Special Reports: None

School Administrator's Report: Debra Taylor for Kim Wheelock

- February Report – Debra reviewed Kim’s report as she was attending a school event. She reported on student enrollment, principal activities, school new/updates and upcoming events.

Superintendent's Report: Debra Taylor

- February Report – Debra reviewed the schedule of public hearings and annual school district meetings for the months of February and March. She also shared comparative information on school budget proposals for SAU schools. Columbia’s proposed budget is reduced by 4.2% over the prior year or (\$59,543.). She also noted that all school districts were experiencing reduction in adequacy aid resulting in increased local tax rates in all school districts. Debra reported on North Point CTE programs and plans for recruitment for the coming year. She then provided an update concerning the Colebrook School Building project and the recent bond hearing meeting that was held on February 7.
- Debra reported that the following candidates were running for school board positions:
 - School Board Member:
 - Three Year Term
 - Kristin Brooks,
 - One Year Term
 - James Haley (aka Bobo)
 - Eric Brungot
 - School District Clerk:
 - No Candidates

- School District Treasurer – One Year Term
 - Amanda A. Gaeb
- School District Moderator – One Year Term
 - Eric Stohl

Business Administrator’s Report: Bridget Cross

- Bridget reviewed the school budget presentation and the board discussed and refined the presentation. She noted that the proposed warrant includes the budget and the addition of \$50,000. to the tuition expendable trust fund. The board members identified articles that they agreed to introduce/motion at the annual meeting on March 14.

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Information:

- None

Other Business:

- None

Public Hearing:

(Meeting recessed for Public Hearing at 5:55 pm. Meeting resumed at 6:30 pm.)

Approval of Budget:

S.Campbell/C.Klebe: Motion to approve the proposed School District Budget in the amount of \$1,358.160.

VOTE: Motion Carries

Approval of Warrant:

S.Campbell/K.Brooks: Motion to approve the School District Warrant.

VOTE: Motion Carries

Next Meeting Date:

Columbia Annual School District Meeting: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 7:15 pm at the Columbia Town Hall

Adjournment:

C,Klebe/K.Brooks: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm.

VOTE: Motion Carries