

Colebrook School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	9/17/2024
Time	6:00 pm – CAES Library
Location	Colebrook Academy & Elementary School library
Chairperson	Tim Stevens

Attendance

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

School Board Members				Principal		SAU Members	
P	Nathan Lebel	P	Cayenne Amey	E	Kim Wheelock	P	Dana Hilliard
P	David Brooks	P	Julie Brunault		Asst. Principal	E	Bridget Cross
P	Rhonda Lyons	P	Tim Stevens	P	Stephanie Cameron	P	Chris Paquette
P	Robert Murphy				Student Member		
					Sandra Mingell		
					Brodyn Cote		
Public in Attendance: Theresa Deuschle, Tyler Snyder, Christine Sullivan, Lisa Brooks, Donna Jordan, Michelle Strasburger, Dawn Hall, Kathi Lawton-Haynes, Lisa Kenny							

Minutes

Item	Subject	Action
1.	Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Stevens at 6:02 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance	
2.	Agenda Adjustments: remove running club from under the Principles Report	
3.	<p>Hearing of the Public: Opened the meeting of the public at 6:03 pm 15-minute public session – Tyler Snyder brought up that he missed the board packet deadline, so he did not get to add the donations for the broadcasting club. He is asking if the board would accept the donation. This will be added to the agenda under the Superintendent. Christine brought forward the name Craig Boire for the basketball court.</p> <p><u>D. Brooks/J. Brunault:</u> Motion to end 15-minute public session at 6:05 pm.</p>	VOTE: Motion Carries
4.	Special Report – None	
5.	<p>Reading of the Minutes: <u>D. Brooks/C. Amey:</u> Motion to approve the Colebrook School Board Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2024, with revision.</p>	VOTE: Motion Carries
6.	Principal Report – Kim Wheelock	

	<p>The board packet includes Policy FF Naming of District Buildings and Facilities and Dedication of Areas. The principal and the PTO have brought forward suggestions for the new basketball court. The board is in compliance to vote on the suggestions this evening. The PTO is planning a ribbon cutting ceremony and would like to do it on homecoming weekend.</p> <p><u>N Lebel/C. Amey</u>: Motion to approve naming the new basketball court “Call Court” recommended by the PTO.</p> <p>More discussion was had with another suggestion of “Haynes-Call Court” in honor of Orville and Frances Haynes who were big supporters of Colebrook sports.</p> <p><u>N. Lebel/C. Amey</u>: Motion to amend the original motion to name the court “Call Court” and name it “Haynes-Call Court.” Cayenne seconded the amended motion.</p>	<p>Amended</p> <p>VOTE: Motion Carries</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Superintendent Report: September Superintendent Update – Homeland Security Assessment Team will be visiting all 3 schools in October. They will be reviewing everything from the movement of students to blocking doors and looking at all safety measures. Colebrook will be assessed on October 30th from 8:30 am to 11:00 am. At the end of the assessment, we will receive a full report within 2 to 3 weeks. This will become a guiding document for the SAU and the board on how to move forward with any improvements that are necessary to ensure that all who use this building remain safe. There is no cost associated with this assessment.</p> <p>Goal setting will take place on Thursday, October 3rd at the Columbia Town Hall. This meeting will begin at 4:30 pm and not go any longer than 7:00 or 7:30 pm. Participation will be from the board and the SAU admin team. The results will become the pathway for this 2024/2025 school year. This will tie in with our strategic plan.</p> <p>Last week the Superintendent hosted 3 members of the Congressional Delegation at the SAU. Benjamin Belanger for Senator Maggie Hassan, Chuck Henderson for Jeanne Shaheen and Stephanie Weiner for Annie Kuster. There have already been grant opportunities that have presented themselves from Benjamin Belanger. Discussed the pathways of the CTE programs with Border Patrol and Customs, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and they are looking for ways to build these partnerships.</p> <p>Dana was very impressed with our student’s demeanor today at the Job Fair Expo at the Lancaster Fair Grounds. They represented our school very nicely. There were over 100 students there from Colebrook School.</p> <p>Dana talked about today being National Constitution Day!</p>	

	<p>Student Report: Sandra Minigell & Brodyn Cote Discussed that the Student Council has picked a homecoming theme which is “decades.” The seniors have picked the 70’s, juniors have picked the 80’s, sophomore class has picked the 90’s and freshmen have picked the 50’s. The annual key leader event is coming up, which is a weekend event where students learn about being a leader. Students are visiting local businesses to sell yearbook ads. The student council will be planning events to help boost morale among students.</p> <p>R. Murphy/R. Lyons: Motion to approve \$922,469.24 be returned to the taxpayers to offset the 2024 tax rate and the school district retain for unanticipated expenses \$141,073.55.</p> <p>Discussion on the unanticipated expenses from last year which include \$17,322 for an after-school program, \$882 was paid out on dugouts, \$17,257 on carpet, \$40,905 on a new culinary classroom, \$1,648 on fencing, \$12,000 on soccer goals, \$3,841 on cameras for the tech building, \$25,076.41 on radios, \$4,500 on mowing, the generator for the SAU Office (could not find the exact cost), \$2,850 on tree removal for a total of \$126,282.</p> <p>D. Brooks/R. Lyons: Motion to amend the above motion and change the retained funds to \$75,000 and return to the taxpayers \$988,532.24</p> <p>At this time will go back to the original motion</p> <p>R. Murphy/R. Lyons: Motion to approve \$922,469.24 be returned to the taxpayers to offset the 2024 tax rate and the school district retain for unanticipated expenses \$141,073.55.</p> <p>C. Amey/N. Lebel: Motion to accept the donation to the broadcasting club in the amount of \$6,500.</p>	<p>Amended</p> <p>VOTE: Amendment Failed</p> <p>VOTE: Motion Carries – Julie, Dave & Rhonda voted no</p> <p>VOTE: Motion Carries</p>
8.	<p>Unfinished Business: The policy committee met prior to this meeting primarily to look at the graduation requirements. The state is currently working on new graduation requirements, and this is still a work in progress. Currently, Colebrook Academy is looking at how to distribute electives, required courses in the curriculum and a high honors diploma. Yet, we have not been able to reach a final decision. The committee would like to sit down with the principal prior to making a final decision. These changes would be for upcoming years not to change in the middle of this year. This will be addressed again at a later date.</p>	
9.	<p>Other:</p>	
10.	<p>New Business – NHSBA Resolution Votes – NHSBA will be holding its annual school board meeting in Concord. There are various resolutions that are proposed by school</p>	

	<p>boards from around the state. They are all recommendations and have no force of law. Robert is asking if the board is ready to review and to vote on these resolutions at this meeting. The board agreed to go through and vote to support them at this meeting.</p> <p>#13 Transgender #14 NHSBA Member Dues #15 No Vote Required #16 Free Lunch #17 Gun Free School Zone #18 Adequate Education #19 Educational Standards #20 Antidiscrimination/all students participation regardless of gender identity #21 Public School Facilities #22 Youth Risk Behavior Survey #23 Materials in Local School Libraries #24 NH Educators Code of Ethics</p>	
11.	<p>Hearing of the Public: Opened the 15-minute public session at 7:28 pm Discussed state funding that goes to families and is there anything that board members can do to help get more funding for student lunches. Donna Jordan wanted to clarify that the basketball court was being dedicated in honor of Orville and Frances Haynes. Asked if there have been any conversations yet with the new owners of the Academy building. Dana stated that he welcomes anyone who is willing to work with the school district. Inquired if the district would reach out to the new owners for help in funding the new windows and gravel at the tech building. The board is not ready to address that right now. Donna asked to have the figures repeated again for the fund balance. Wanted to have a better understanding of why there was so much to return to the taxpayers. The Chairman reviewed different items that can have an impact on a budget which contributes to the surplus. Motion to end 15-minute public session at 7:39 pm.</p>	
12	<p>Non-Public Session: <u>D. Brooks/C. Amey:</u> Motion to go into non-public session RSA 91-A:3, II (i) at 7:40 pm. Superintendent Hilliard was asked to join the non-public session <u>N. Lebel/C. Amey:</u> Motion to come out of non-public session at 8:11 pm <u>N. Lebel/D. Brooks:</u> Motion made to seal the minutes of this non-public session <u>J. Brunault/C. Amey:</u> Motion to go into non-public session RSA 91-A:3 II (c) at 8:15 pm. Superintendent Hilliard was asked to join the non-public session <u>C. Amey/D. Brooks:</u> Motion to come out of non-public session at 8:21 pm <u>N. Lebel/D. Brooks:</u> Motion made to seal the minutes of this non-public session</p>	<p>VOTE: Motion Carried VOTE: Motion Carries VOTE: Motion Carries VOTE: Motion Carries VOTE: Motion Carries VOTE: Motion Carries</p>
13.	<p>Meetings:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colebrook School Board Meeting Tuesday, October 1, 2024 CAES Library at 6:00 pm 	
14.	Adjournment: <u>N. Lebel/J. Brunault</u> : Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm.	VOTE: Motion Carries

Respectfully Submitted,
 Billie Paquette

Board Approved: October 1, 2024