

| Columbia School Board Meeting Minutes | | | | | | | |
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| Date | | 12/5/2023 | | | | | |
| Time | | 5:00 p.m. | | | | | |
| Location | | Columbia Town Office | | | | | |
| Chairperson | | Stacey Campbell | | | | | |
| School Board Members | | | Principal | | | SAU Members | |
| P | Kristin Brooks | P | Eric Brungot | E | Kim Wheelock | P | Debra Taylor |
| P | Stacey Campbell | | | | Assistant Principal | P | Bridget Cross |
| | | | | E | Stephanie Cameron | | |
| | | | | | College Career & Technical Education Director | | |
| | | | | P | Tia Cloutier | | |
| Members of the Public Present: Stephen Brooks | | | | | | | |

Public Hearing –

To discuss withdrawal and expending funds from the Tuition Expendable Trust Fund. The balance of the Tuition Expendable Trust Fund as of 6/20/2023 was \$281,012.08. There was \$50,000.00 deposited in FY 24. The ending balance was \$331,012.08. Based on tuition costs, the board will need to withdraw \$200,00.00 from this fund for the FY 24 school year. The new balance will be \$131,012.08. (Interest is not included in this report).

S.Campbell/E.Brungot: Motion to close the public hearing at 5:10 pm.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

Roll Call: Chairman Stacey Campbell called the Columbia School Board Meeting to order at 5:11 pm.

Hearing of the Public: None

Reading of the Minutes:

E.Brungot/K.Brooks: Motion to approve the minutes of the School Board Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2023

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent’s Report: Debra Taylor

- December Superintendent's Report – Debra reviewed her report highlighting upcoming activities and holiday concerts.
- December Principal's Report – Debra reviewed Kim’s report as she was not able to attend the meeting.
- December CTE Report – Debra reviewed Tia’s CTE report
- Building Project Update Debra thanked the Columbia School Board for attending and facilitating the Colebrook Building Project Community Conversation meetings in November. The report will be provided to the Board and

community at today's Colebrook School Board Meeting. Debra distributed copies to the Columbia board members.

Business Manager's Report: Bridget Cross

- **Expendable Trust Fund Discussion –**

Bridget reviewed the 23-24 budget noting the need for the allocation of up to \$200,000.00 from the Columbia Tuition Expendable Trust Fund.

E.Brungot/K.Brooks: Motion to allocate up to \$200,000.00 from the Columbia Tuition Expendable Trust Fund for use during the 2023-24 school year due to increased student enrollment and increased tuition costs.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

- **Board Wages Discussion**

E.Brungot/K.Brooks: Motion to increase the Board annual stipends to increase from \$500.00 to \$750.00 per member and the Treasurer stipend to increase by \$15.00.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

- **Revenue and Tax Rate Information**

Bridget reviewed the revised estimated revenue for the 2023-24 school year.

Next she reviewed the budget summary for the approved 2023-24 school year.

The revised tax rate for 23-24 is 57.16 for local tax rate, 1.95 for state tax rate totaling \$9.12 total school tax rate for 2023-24. **This amount is \$1.49 LESS than projected in March of 2023.**

- **Budget Discussion**

Bridget reviewed the first draft of the Columbia School District Budget including estimated 2024-2025 estimated revenue, estimated enrollment and the changes in the proposed FY 25 budget.

The Board will continue to review the budget at their upcoming meeting on January 2.

Unfinished Business:

- Area Agreement – None

New Business:

- None

Information:

- None

Other Business:

- None

Next Meeting Date:

SAU #7 Winter School Board Meeting December 14, 2023 @ 6:00 pm CAES School Library.

Columbia School Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 2, 2024 @ 5:15 pm CAES Business Room

Columbia Joint School Board Meeting with Colebrook School Board, January 2, 2024 bat 6:00 pm in the CAES School Library

Adjournment:

E.Brungot/K.Brooks: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted
Debra Taylor
Superintendent

Minutes Adopted: January 2, 2024