

Columbia School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	01/04/2022						
Time	5:15 p.m.						
Location	Colebrook Academy & Elementary School						
Chairperson	Christopher Brady						
School Board Members							
School Board Members				Principal		SAU Members	
P	Chris Brady	P	Carrie Klebe	P	Kim Wheelock	P	Debra Taylor
P	Stacey Campbell				Asst Principal	P	Cheryl Covill
				P	Ron Patterson		

Roll Call:

- Chris Brady, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

Hearing of the Public: None

Reading of the Minutes:

S. Campbell/C. Brady: Motion to approve the minutes of December 7, 2021, as presented.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Special Reports: None

Policy Review:

- Policies (Procurement, Internal Controls & District Safety)

School Administrator’s Report: Kim Wheelock

- Kim’s January written report was referenced.

Superintendent’s Report: Debra Taylor

- Debra’s January written report was referenced.

Business Administrator’s Report: None

Unfinished Business:

- Budget 2022-2023
 - The Board reviewed the detailed proposed budget for 2022-2023. The preliminary appropriation budget reflects a decrease of \$45,267.00 or 3:1%. The projected revenues, reflects a decrease of \$210,152 or 29.1 % over prior year. As presented the local tax rate will increase approximately 18% or \$1.53/per thousand. The appropriation is down \$45,267 based on estimated tuition and enrollment projections, decreased special education, increased legal/audit expenses, decreased SAU appropriation and decreased transportation. The total proposed budget is \$1,417,703.00. The Board also discussed tuition and the expendable trust fund.

S. Campbell/C. Klebe: Motion to apply \$50,000. of tuition to the expendable trust fund to the 2022-2023 school district budget.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

S. Campbell/C. Klebe: Motion to approve the school district appropriation budget for the 2022-2023 school year.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

- Warrants
 - The draft warrants were reviewed and accepted by the school board.
- RSA 195 AREA Laws
 - The board discussed the Columbia/Colebrook Area agreement. Upon review of the current agreement, it was noted that it expires in 2026. Therefore, discussions concerning changes to the agreement would begin in 2024. There are procedures that are required including joint meetings with the Columbia and Colebrook School Board. The State Board of Education must also approve the proposal in advance of a vote of the community, per RSA 195.
 - Further discussion ensued concerning Colebrook School District's building expansion project and recent application for CTE Center and programs. The Board wishes to continue to move toward one regional high school and to continue collaboration toward this end. It was noted that the building project is Phase 2 of the school construction that was planned in 2001. The CTE center and program expansion will not duplicate Canaan's program but expand offerings in response to the district and SAU 7's strategic plan goal of increased CTE opportunities.

New Business: None

Connecticut River Collaborative Committee Update:

- The committee will meet on January 6.

Information: None

Other Business: None

Next Meeting Date:

- Columbia School Board meeting: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 @ at 5:00 pm – Columbia Town Offices
- Columbia School Board Public Hearing: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 @ at 6:00 pm – Columbia Town Offices

Adjournment:

C. Klebe/S. Campbell: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 pm.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

Respectively Submitted,
Debra Taylor
Superintendent

Adopted 02/02/2022