Colebrook School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	6/6/2023
Time	6:00 pm
Location	Colebrook Academy & Elementary School library
Chairperson	Nathan Lebel

Attendance

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

	School Board Members				Principal		SAU Members	
P	Nathan Lebel	P	Joey Sweatt	P	Kim Wheelock	P	Debra Taylor	
P	Deb Greene	P	Tim Stevens		Asst. Principal			
P	Rhonda Lyons	Е	Tanya Young	P	Ron Patterson			
P	Robert Murphy				College Career & Technical Education Director		Student Member	
				P	Tia Cloutier		Tyler Young	

<u>Public in Attendance:</u> David Brooks, Lisa Brooks, Christine Sullivan, Jake Mardin, Ben Young, Kristen Wheelock, Wendell Woodard, Lori Hastings, Ryan Eames, Kathi Lawton-Haynes, Amy Caron, Craig Hamelin, Donna Jordon, Kristin Brooks, Eric Brungot, Stacy Campbell.

Minutes

Item	Subject	Action
1.	The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nate Lebel at 6 pm.	
2.	Agenda Adjustments -	
3.	Special Reports – Teacher Retirement Recognition The Board recognized Lori Hastings for her years of service as Elementary Teacher in Colebrook School District on her retirement. She received a commemorative engraved bell.	
4.	Reading of the Minutes: <u>D.Greene/R.Murphy</u> : Motion to approve the Colebrook School Board Minutes of May 16, 2023, as presented.	VOTE: MOTION CARRIES
5.	Hearing of the Public: <u>T.Stevens/J.Sweatt:</u> Motion to open hearing of the public session at 6:10 pm.	VOTE: MOTION CARRIED
6.	Principal Report – Kim Wheelock June Report – Kim reviewed her report and noted that a new custodian has been employed effective July 1 st to replace a retiring staff member. Student Report by Tyler Young – Tyler Young highlighted student activities at the year end. He also commented on the Competency Based Education implementation, noting that he had met and discussed his questions with Mrs. Wheelock and Mrs.	

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	Mathieu. Debra responded to questions concerning grading and reporting, noting that the transcript would not change.	
7.	College Career & Technical Education Director's Report – Tia Cloutier Tia noted that all the programs were filled except for hospitality. She also stated that collectively, the graduating class of 2023 have earned 311 college credits.	
8.	Superintendent's Report – Debra Taylor June Report – Debra reviewed her report, congratulating honors recipients as valedictorian, Tyler Young, salutatorian, Garrett Hodge, third honors, Shyanna Fuller, and outstanding CTE student, Kaiden Dowse. Teacher Appointment: D.Greene/R.Murphy: Motion to approve the appointment of Vanessa Neuroth as the new elementary teacher for the 2023/2024 school year. Math Interventionist Position: D.Greene/R.Murphy: Motion to approve the New Math Interventionist position. Local Critical Shortage – Art Teacher D.Greene/T.Stevens: Motion to declare a critical shortage in Art Education to permit us the flexibility to employ a teacher on the pathway to licensure. Teacher Employment - Summer J.Sweatt/D.Greene: Motion to authorize the Superintendent to appoint teachers during the summer months as necessary to fill open positions. Building Project/Aid Update – HB 452 provides key changes to Building Aid procedures. First, it permits districts who were prioritized for building aid during this round (including Colebrook) to	VOTE: Motion Carried VOTE: Motion Carried VOTE: Motion Carried VOTE: Motion Carried VOTE: Motion Carried
	maintain their ranking into the future without being required to apply again. Therefore, if there are sufficient building aid funds in the budget, the district is now able to seek voter approval for the approved project. Second, the bill also removes the prohibition on donations to reduce local contribution. That is, effective July 1, for every \$1 in building construction cost that may be eligible for 60% building aid grant, a donation may be applied to offset all or part of the <u>local contribution</u> without reducing the overall building aid amount. Grants are also applicable, however, as in the past all grant funds must first be subtracted from the overall construction costs before the 60% aid is applied. The NBRC grant was submitted on June 1. We are awaiting communication from the DOE concerning next steps. We continue to receive multiple inquiries concerning donations to the building fund. The Board has a mechanism to accept donations and now we have a clear path to ensure that donations will be applied to the local contribution of a future building project.	
	 <u>D.Greene/R.Murphy</u>: Motion to authorize the district to inform donors of the change in legislation and accept donations toward the building project. <u>Art Room Divider/Wall</u> Debra presented information about options for a temporary divider or permanent wall in the art room due to need for additional space for elementary classrooms. The recommendation was to install a temporary divider due to cost and desire to return the art classroom to its current state in the future. 	WOTE: Motion Carried

	 J.Sweatt: Motion to erect permanent wall in art room. Motion failed due to lack of a second. R. Lyons/T.Stevens: Motion to install a temporary divider in the art room. Motion failed due to lack of a majority in favor. Aye: R.Lyons, T.Stevens. Nay: N.Lebel, D.Greene, J.Sweatt, R.Murphy. J.Sweatt: Motion to erect permanent wall in art room. Motion failed due to lack of a second. Discussion ensued. T.Stevens/R.Lyons: Motion to install a temporary divider in the art room. Motion Carried. Aye: N.Lebel, R.Lyons, R.Murphy, T.Stevens. Nay: D.Greene, J.Sweatt. Budget Analysis Discussion – There were no questions. Policy JFAB – Tabled until after non-public session. 	Vote: Motion Failed Vote: Motion Failed Vote: Motion Failed Vote: Motion Carried
9.	Building Expansion Committee Meeting: All Members Will reconvene over the summer	
10.	Policy Committee Report: Deb Greene None	
11.	Negotiations Committee Report: Nathan Lebel Support Staff negotiations will commence in September.	
12.	Curriculum Committee: All Members	
13.	Technology Committee Report: Nathan Lebel, Deb Greene	
14.	Building Facility Committee Report: All Members Rhonda reported that the quotes had been received and the committee has a recommendation for the board. To approve the following repairs: Septic Pump and Grinder; Roof – Top level; Boiler Controls; Water Fixtures (due to lead); Flashing Repair; AC in IT Room for an estimated amount of \$249,940.00 to be paid from a Capital Reserve Building Fund. D.Greene/T.Stevens: Motion to approve the repairs listed in the recommendation for an amount not to exceed \$249,940.00.	VOTE: Motion Carried
15	Unfinished Business: None	
16.	New Business: Joint Board Meeting with Canaan Discussion The board reviewed the tentative list of agenda items for the joint meeting with the Canaan Board. The meeting will be held on June 19 at 5:00 pm at the Canaan School Library.	
17.	Information – Rhonda raised concerns about the Gay/Straight Alliance Club and stated that she heard about an objectionable picture on a bulletin board at school. Discussion ensued. Kim said she would look into it. Nate stated all clubs are approved by the School	

	Board and that we cannot refuse a student club – as it would affect all clubs. Tim asked for the policy committee to consider a transgender policy regarding athletics. Debra noted that NH laws and Board policy prohibit discrimination. T.Stevens/R.Lyons: Motion to refer question of transgender athletic policy development to the policy committee. (D.Greene voted no)	VOTE: Motion Carried
18.	Hearing of the Public R.Murphy/J.Sweatt: Motion to end 30 minute hearing of the public session at 8:40 pm.	VOTE: Motion Carried
19.	Non-Public Session – RSA91-A:3(c) T.Stevens/J.Sweatt: Motion to enter non-public session at 8:45 pm. R.Murphy/J.Sweatt: Motion to return to public session at 9:15 pm.	VOTE: Motion Carried VOTE: Motion Carried
20.	Policies – <u>T.Stevens/J.Sweatt</u> : Motion to approve policy JFAB - A Non-Resident Student Enrollment for Children of Staff Members as amended.	VOTE: Motion Carried
21.	 Meetings: Colebrook School Board Meeting at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, in the CAES Library Colebrook/Canaan Joint School Board Meeting at 5:00 pm on Monday, June 19th in the Canaan School Library July No Scheduled Meetings Colebrook School Board Meeting Tuesday August 7, 2023, at 6:00 pm in the CAES Library 	
22.	Adjournment: <u>T.Stevens/J.Sweatt</u> : Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm.	VOTE: Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted, Debra J. Taylor Superintendent