

Colebrook School Board Meeting Agenda

Date	10/1/2024		
Time	6:00 pm		
Location	Colebrook Library		
Chairperson	Tim Stevens		
School Board Members		Principal	SAU Members
Tim Stevens	Cayenne Amey	Kim Wheelock	Dana Hilliard
David Brooks	Julie Brunault	Assistant Principal	Bridget Cross
Rhonda Lyons	Nate Lebel	Stephanie Cameron	
Robert Murphy		CTE Director	
		Emilie Hall	
		Student Report	
		Sandra Minigell	
		Brodyn Cote	
Item	Subject		
1.	Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance:		
2.	Agenda Adjustments:		
3.	Hearing of the Public: Motion to open and end hearing of the public (15 minutes)		
4.	Special Report:		
5.	Reading of the Minutes: Colebrook School Board Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2024		
6.	Principal Report – Kim Wheelock <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal October Report • Student Report 		
7.	CTE Director – Emilie Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October Report 		
8.	Superintendent’s Report: Dana Hilliard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October Superintendent Report 		
9.	Business Manager:		
10.	Unfinished Business:		
11.	Other:		
12.	New Business:		
13.	Information:		
14.	Hearing of the Public: Motion to open and end hearing of the public (15 minutes)		
15.	Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A:3, II (c) & RSA 91-A:3, II (i)		
16.	Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colebrook Policy Committee Meeting Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 5:00 pm CAES Library 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colebrook School Board meeting October 22, 2024, Colebrook Academy and Elementary School Library
17.	Adjournment

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	P	Kim Wheelock	P	Dana Hilliard
P	David Brooks	P	Julie Brunault		Asst. Principal	E	Bridget Cross
P	Rhonda Lyons	P	Tim Stevens	E	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>D. Brooks/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>D. Brooks/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 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

Principal Board Report

October 1, 2024

K. Wheelock



Enrollment

PreK	13	9 th	16
K	24	10 th	28
1 st	19	11 th	27
2 nd	17	12 th	29
3 rd	16	CTE (not in count)	21 CA, 1 Pitts
4 th	24	Total: 100 Combined Total; 09/26/24 290	
5 th	20		
6 th	15		
7 th	23		
8 th	19		
Total CES	190		

School News/Updates

- We continue to be short on para educators and substitute teachers.
- October 2nd is Custodian Appreciation Day
- October 5th is weekend SAT exam day
- October 8th North Country Chamber Players will be bringing a group of woodwind instrumentalists to play for grades PK-8 in the gym.
- October 9th PSAT exam
- October 10th Recognition Wall Ceremony at 6:00pm
 - Richard Irwin attended the University of Maine, Orono, where he attained his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in education. He then served with honor during World War II in the U.S. Army Air Force from 1943-1945. He pursued a Doctoral Degree at the University of Pennsylvania in 1950-1951. Mr. Irwin served as the Principal and Headmaster of Colebrook Academy from 1960-1977. After that he was a Social Studies and history teacher for 15 years, before retiring in 1992. He served on the School Board from 1995-2004. He will be remembered as a Principal and teacher that influenced 3 generations of students at Colebrook Academy.

- William Schomburg attended St. John's University, Steubenville College, and Bridgeport University. In the early 1970s, his young family moved to northern NH and he became a beloved English teacher for 30 years at Colebrook Academy. Some comments from former students include, "I still see him jumping up onto desks in great oratory to collect the attention of we young minds." "Any person that went through Colebrook Academy during the time he taught there will NEVER forget his name or something he taught us," and, "He inspired students to reach for their dreams and to be themselves."
- October 11th Administrative Day; no school for students
- October 14th - 18th National Hot Lunch Week
- October 16th AMC visit grades K-5
- October 18th-20th Key Leader trip to Camp Sunshine at Sebago Lake
- October 22nd Policy Committee Meeting
- October 23rd-31st Red Ribbon week This year's theme is 'Life is a movie. Film Drug Free.'
Our SAP, Lyndsay Devine, will be visiting elementary classrooms during their social skills time to educate students on Red Ribbon Week and making healthy choices.
- October 25th Greg Williams from North Country Health Consortium-NH will be meeting with grades 6-8 and 9-12. He will present to grades 6-8 on vaping and substance misuse; He will present to grades 9-12 on substance abuse problems we face in the area.
- October 24th Halloween Business Window Painting 5th Grade
- October 25th Adams Family play 7:00pm
- October 26th Adams Family play
- October 31st Officer Jake Pelletier will be visiting each class K-5 to do a quick presentation on Halloween/Trick or Treat Safety.
- October 31st Colebrook PTO is sponsoring a Trunk or Treat in the parking lot for trick or treating, Key Club is doing a Haunted Hallway 3:00-5:00, and Student Council is doing a Carnival in the parking lot from 3:00-5:00.

Soccer Schedule

10/1	Varsity	Home	Moultonboro	4:00	
10/2	Elementary	Home	Col Town	5:00	
10/3	JH	Home	Canaan-Pittsburg	4:00	
10/3	Varsity	Away	Littleton	4:00	1:40
10/3	Recreation	Away	Groveton	5:00	

10/7	JH	Away	Canaan-Pittsburg	4:30	3:40
10/7	Recreation	Away	Berlin	5:30	N/A
10/8	Varsity	Home	Linwood	4:00	
10/8	Elementary	Away	Col Town	5:30/6:30	4:00
10/9	JH	Away	Littleton	4:00	1:40
10/10	Elementary	Home	Canaan-Pittsburg	5:00	
10/10	JH	Home	Brighton	4:30	
10/10	Varsity	Away	Woodsville	4:00	12:50
10/14	Elementary	Away	Canaan-Pittsburg	5:00	4:00
10/15	Recreation	Away	Col Town	5:30	N/A
10/15	Varsity	Away	Canaan-Pittsburg	4:00	2:50
10/16	JH	Away	Gorham	4:00	1:40
10/17	JH	Home	Littleton	4:30	
10/18	Varsity	Home	Gorham	4:00	
10/19	Recreation	Home	Canaan-Pittsburg	9:00	
	Recreation	Home	Berlin	10:00	
	Recreation		Berlin v P/C	11:00	
10/21	JH	Home	Lancaster	4:30	
10/21	Recreation	Away	Canaan-Pittsburg	4:30	N/A
10/22	Recreation	Home	Col Town	5:00	
10/23	Varsity	Home	Lisbon	4:00	
10/24	Elementary	Away	Groveton	5:00	3:45
10/25	Varsity	Home	Canaan-Pittsburg	4:00	

CTE Director School Board Report for October 1st, 2024
Emilie Hall

Introduction: I am a native of Colebrook, and I currently reside in Columbia with my husband, two step-daughters, and two dogs. I graduated from Colebrook Academy in 2002. I graduated from Plymouth State with my degree in social science education in 2006. I have been in education since I graduated, and I moved back home in late 2012 to begin teaching social studies at Pittsburg School. I applied for the history position at Colebrook Academy when Tom moved over to the woodshop program in 2021. I have always wanted to teach at the school I graduated from and I have always felt a strong connection to the school and the area where I grew up. I even have a painted wooden crest in my classroom that my classmates made during our senior year of high school. I am currently finishing up my masters in curriculum and instruction/educational leadership online at SNHU, and I will be done by the end of the current school year. I also hold a CTE principal intern license and I am working towards completing the requirements for the state in order to earn that certification.

June: I decided to apply for the CTE director position after talking with Kim about it and realizing that this was a great opportunity for me to not only utilize my degree, but also an area where I can have a more active role in helping provide opportunities for our students to not only learn and thrive, but to also make connections with the community and gain a better understanding of the jobs and careers that are available to them in this area. I was hired for the CTE director position in June and I immediately began working. I met with Tia first to get an overview of the position, she shared a google drive with me, in which I read through the files. I read the policy manual for CTE and other state requirement documents as well.

July: I continued to read books and information such as the Perkins manual and the other books Tia had left. I explored the NH CTE website and the appropriate resources. I met with Jen Mathieu to discuss expectations related to working with teachers earning their certifications in CTE. I met with Steve Rothenberg, he is our consultant who works with CTE teachers to get their certifications/licenses. I completed the paperwork for my BOP, SBLP, which was approved by the state at the end of July so I was able to gain my intern license. I attended a 3 day directors learning series in North Conway at the end of July. I met other directors, superintendents and principals and learned a great deal about what a CTE director does. I was able to make connections with other directors and I met with other directors such as Eric Perry to gain more insight into how they run their centers. I also met with Pam from SST, she is the principal and we chatted about the expectations of a director and principal as she has now held both positions. The size of our center is unique compared to schools such as Milford and Manchester so that was another topic I discussed with their directors. I also connected with Rob Scott as he is my assigned mentor while I earn my certification/license.

August: August 1st- phone call with Sam B from Milford, reviewed NHCTA dues, and Perkins Grant info- deadlines and she sent an example of their grant. I met with Tia again via zoom, she told me to check her filing cabinet and the google drive she had shared for the monitoring report and other information related to the center. I realized then and after meeting with the other directors that I was missing a great deal of information.

August 8th: Met in person at school with Diane Lewis from the state DOE. She updated me on the status of our monitoring report and that she had not received information from Tia regarding the corrections that were supposed to have been made by the spring. We looked at the Perkins Grant, and realized that it was also not updated and the information was not correct. I set up a meeting with Bridget and Jen at the SAU August 12th to review and correct this issue. Diane and I reviewed the programs she would be visiting in November which are health science and culinary. We also discussed the need for our programs to have work-based learning opportunities and that our instructors need to attend scheduled cluster meetings, PAC meetings, and other professional development programs which are required. I met with Ryan at the auto building, took a tour of the shop and reviewed the materials he had ready for classes. We also reviewed his SBLP (site-based learning plan) and completed his paperwork so he is currently working under an intern license as well.

August 12th- Met with Jen and Bridget to review the Perkins grant and SAU ledger to reconcile figures. We went through each line of the grant and were able to make the necessary corrections and adjustments.

August 27th- reached out to David Covill for culinary/hospitality information reached out to Dawn Pettit, sent email to listserv asking directors for hospitality curriculum. Called Ann Morin at WMCC- she was listed as the program coordinator for our health science program, she laughed as she did not know what I was talking about, Tia had never talked to her about being our coordinator, just discussed a general health science CTE program with her.

August 28th- Met with Bridget and Jen M at the SAU, to learn how to put in purchase orders for CTE programs. Also learned how to submit procurement documents. Updated the Perkins grant so that CTE could pay for the buses to transport students grades 7-12 to the Career Expo in Lancaster on Sept 17th.

Sept 3- visited the health science program, met with Kim Dorman, read the initial CTE program application that was sent to the state, all 380 pages, in order to get a better understanding of what the program was initially designed to look like.

Sept 4th- met with Diane Lewis; reviewed information about what is needed for the monitoring report. Reviewed information about IRC's and what counts for them, asked

questions about WBL requirements, and early college course information. Reached out to Andrea D at country day school, connected about future WBL for CTE education students and her joining the RAC group.

Sept 5th- Met with Ryan Richards from WMCC (and Brandi) discussed early college courses, articulation agreements, spent afternoon doing purchase orders for the culinary program, and was able to order the appliances for the new kitchen. Also ordered licensing for all CTE students to take an OSHA10 course related to their current course such as general safety in automotive.

Sept 6th- Went to Pittsburg, observed culinary students, met with Beth Sweatt regarding the program, discussed exploratory courses that could be offered to CTE culinary students such as baking and pastry or an introduction to foods course.

Sept 6th- spoke with John Strickland and Pat Wheelock at Noyes Chevrolet, possibly having Strickland join the RAC.

Sept 10th- Met with Greg Worthen and Travis from WMCC culinary program, discussed articulation agreement and what is needed to update the agreement. I sent them the syllabi from Beth's courses, they approved the syllabi and they will reach back out with an updated articulation agreement once one is completed.

Sept 10th- Met with Steve Rothenberg. Beth's plan has been updated, just needs signatures and needs to be entered into the state DOE website for approval. Beth plans to take CTE training courses from the ACTE website this year to continue working toward her earning her certification. Ryan is also taking courses on the ACTE website, I have sent him the links to the courses. We discussed future equipment that could be purchased for the program with different grants, such as a large TIG welder. Brandi, met with Kim Dorman about the health science program, discussed the early college courses offered, LNA program and other work based learning opportunities for students who take the program.

Sept 11- met with Jen M at SAU, reviewed updated Plan for Beth, met w Kim, looked for Comprehensive Needs Assessment document, realized Tia never completed one, it was due in June.

Sept 12- Met with Dale B regarding the teacher education program, putting him in touch with Steve Rothenberg. I visited the health science classroom, where students were discussing parts of the human reproductive system. Set up a meeting with Sean P at Oyster river Sept 18 to discuss early learning opportunities and how to bring them to our students here.

Sept 13th- Visited culinary program, students were making focaccia bread gardenscapes, they came out really well, the students worked very hard on them. Beth

and I discussed her updated plan and what the new requirements will be, and what courses she needs to complete. Beth and I also discussed the ProStart event in Concord in December, all students in the program are interested in attending this event.

Sept 16th- set up a meeting with Diane thursday at 1130. Checked in with Ryan via email, worked on board report, reviewed information for NHCTA meeting friday.

Sept 17th- Field trip to Career Expo- chaperoned 9th grade students

Sept 18th- attended a budget meeting at the sau, discussed needs for the programs and what funds should be available locally vs Perkins funds.

Met with Sean P from Oyster river regarding ELO's (early learning opportunities). This allows students to have another avenue to pursue such as work based learning opportunities.

Sept 19th- Met with Diane Lewis and Jeff Beard from NHDOE- reviewed CNA- Comprehensive Needs Assessment requirements. This report was due in June of 2024, due every 4 years, and updated at least every 2 years, Tia did not even start this report. Jeff was gracious enough to allow me to focus on the data collection and updating for the report which will be due in 2026. The full report and revisions are due in 2028.

Sept 20th- NHCTA meeting from 930-1130: Review CTE compliance training manual, information related to Perkins Grant i.e. federal funds for CTE programs. Reviewed new information regarding transportation for students in 10 passenger vans and the need for drivers to have a bus certificate to drive these now.

Sept 23th- Meeting with Steve Rothenberg- review plans for teachers, Beth's plan, my plan as director and possible practicum instead of 3 additional classes after my masters is complete. Completed purchase order for careersafeonline, to order 20 licenses for students to access their OSHA-10 training course library. Students in auto, culinary and health sciences can complete a 10 hour training on this website to earn their OSHA-10 certification card, which is considered an industry recognized credential in the CTE sector. Found out that I need to complete the CATE reporting for the state which needs to be done three times a year and the first report is due Oct 15th. Read the manual on how to do the report, and reached out to Cassandra with the state DOE, she will be coming up to work with me soon to go over how this reporting needs to be done.

Sept 24th- Finished the purchase orders for the culinary program at Beth's request. Met with Brandi regarding WMCC open house November 15th, to get this set up so that our students can attend. Finished up the board report. Emailed with Diane Lewis regarding end of grant deadlines; the careersafe licenses need to be purchased by sept 30th and students have the year to complete the training. Continued to read the CATE reporting manual, and reviewed examples sent by Cassandra. Visited the health science classroom where the medical terminology class was reviewing for an exam tomorrow.

Anatomy and physiology is studying aging, discussions on aging, and beginning to work on a project about aging, the aging process, aging rates, etc.

Sept 25th- attended the Connecting the North Country Event at Mohawk Falls.



Superintendents Report

Tuesday October 1st, 2024

Colebrook

Dana S. Hilliard

Goal Setting Update: Excited for our goal setting this Thursday October 3rd.

North Country Education Services: On Wednesday September 25th I attended the North Country Education Services Board of Directors meeting (all North Country Superintendents serve as members of the Board of Directors). NCES offers a variety of services to educators, students and parents throughout the North County. They are a tremendous asset in ensuring 21st century educational practices continue to expand within all areas of education.

<https://ncedservices.org/>

Connecting The North County Community Builders Hub: On Wednesday September 25th Debbie Lynch and I were able to participate in an event sponsored by the Community Builders Hub at Mohawk Falls. The event entitled “Connecting the North County focused on building and strengthening partnerships on a wide range of issues. In addition to speakers, the participants rotated into break out groups to discuss specific issues facing the North County. I look forward to continuing to build partnerships for SAU 7 throughout our region. The topics of discussion that evening was as follows;

- Event/program/activity planning, info sharing, communication & promotion
- Wellness support services- discuss resources available for families, seniors, mental health, SUD, etc.

- School collaborations & youth offerings- discuss what we have & what we may need to improve opportunities for all
- Gathering places- discuss current options & new ideas
- Economy- what is driving us forward & what else could we do to help with growth?
- Grant projects- share what you are working on to find potential partners
- Housing- challenges & resource sharing
- Volunteerism- discuss opportunities to get involved with local groups/clubs, etc.
- Workforce- idea sharing for attraction & retention of employees
- Transportation- challenges & resource sharing
- Childcare- challenges & resource sharing

Homecoming: Sean, Bruskie Ethel and I were excited to spend this past weekend North celebrating Colebrook Academy and Elementary School homecoming.

Road Agents: I was able to share some time with the Road Agents of Pittsburg and Clarksville this week to plan for the upcoming winter. I will make sure I get some face time with Stewartstown, Columbia and Colebrook before the white gold starts flying.

National Board of Educational Sciences: Reminder_I will be in Washington DC on Wednesday October 9th and Thursday October 10th (Flying back late morning on Friday 11th) attending the meeting of the National Board of Educational Sciences (I am a board member). Information on The National Board of Educational Sciences and list of the Board members are part of the links below. The district will incur no travel or associated PD cost for this meeting.

<https://ies.ed.gov/director/board/>

<https://ies.ed.gov/director/board/members.asp>

Safety Audits: Safety audits of all schools throughout SAU 7 will occur this month by the NH division of Homeland Security. The audits will review our current practices and safety measures in place and give us suggestions on how we can improve security within each school.

Grant Received: On 9/27/24 the SAU received the following notification from the NHDES

“Congratulations! NHDES has reviewed your application and determined you are eligible for a grant up to \$5,326 (\$4,438.60 in submitted qualifying application materials, and up to \$887 in

contingency allowance for potential cost overrun requiring additional supporting documentation) in the Lead Remediation in Schools Program.

Non-Public: I am requesting that the board goes into non-public this evening in accordance with RSA 91-A:3II (i)