

Columbia School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	12/05/2018
Time	4:30 p.m.
Location	Columbia Town Office
Chairperson	Christopher Brady

Attendance

Attendance Legend: **P** – Present **A** – Absent

School Board Members		Principals		SAU Members			
P	Chris Brady	E	Cara Lariviere	E	Dan Gorham	P	Bruce Beasley
P	Stacey Campbell			P	Mark Fiorentino	P	Cheryl Covill

Public in Attendance:

Item	Subject	Action
1.	Agenda Adjustment: None	
2.	C. Brady called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. Reading of the Minutes: <u>S. Campbell / C. Brady:</u> To approve the minutes of November 7, 2018 as presented	Vote: Unanimous
3.	Hearing of the Public: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
4.	Special Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
5.	School Administrator's Report – Mark Fiorentino <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Council Report- Allison Herres- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities being planned include a Food Drive and Winter Carnival February 22nd. Still waiting on the numbers for the Academy move to CES. The “I am College Bound” application day took place on November 30th. I will address the board with the results of that day. For those of you that do not know what the event is, it is a day where our seniors go online and apply to colleges and the application fee is waived. On December 1st Colebrook Academy hosted the SAT testing for the area; 5 students from CA and 1 student from Canaan took the exam. ASVAB results will be given to the 14 students who took the test sometime in mid-December. Community Service- I would like to allow students to work with our elderly or disabled persons this winter in keeping their properties free of ice and snow. We have many seniors that could use the hours and many people in the community that could use a little help. Before we can move forward, liability concerns must be addressed. CTE interest- Mrs. Fisher spoke with all the sophomores and as of right now there is one student interested in the Health Science Program and one interested in a Criminal Justice Program we are trying to get up and running for next year. Three juniors will continue year two of the programs in which they are currently enrolled 	

	<p>School Administrators' Reports: Dan Gorham – Colebrook Elementary School- Reported by Mark Fiorentino</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Release Day - We will be having Bill Church from WMSI working with our staff over the next three early release days to incorporate the new Computer Science standards into our classrooms. • The holiday concerts will be held on Thursday, 12/6 for K-6 and the Ensembles Concert on Thursday, 12/13. Both start at 6:30 pm. • Jeannine Brady and Ryan Eames have volunteered to become Colebrook Elementary School's PBIS coaches. They recently went to a two-day conference on program implementation and both felt that what they learned will be useful to our school. • Kristen Wheelock, Kyle Haley and Becky Hailey attended a two-day conference learning how to incorporate play-based kindergarten as the new law was passed recently. 	
6.	<p>Superintendent's Report: Bruce Beasley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Collaborative Committee will meet on December 6th in Stewartstown. This committee is at a critical point in the process as it begins planning the strategies for rolling out the option that has separated itself from the others. Making sure that the public is informed and has had a chance to ask questions is crucial. • GEAR UP held a regional meeting on 11/28 in Gorham. I was joined by Mark Fiorentino, Diane Fisher, and a number of other staff from SAU #7. The meeting was good as the cohort schools discussed recent events, shared ideas for future events, and looked at options that could support students down the road. The College Roadshow was well received and will be planned again. We also spent some time discussing a program called i-tutor that GEAR UP NH is willing to invest in for cohort schools. We will meet as a smaller group to discuss the potential that i-tutor has for all students in SAU #7. • I have been in the schools quite a bit recently and have to share that there are some awesome things taking place on a daily basis. As always the students are welcoming and the staff is awesome. I attended the Thanksgiving dinner at each school. CES had a large community turnout to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. • Basketball season is underway. I think the first contest for our athletes is December 4th in Colebrook versus Pittsburg/Canaan. If you have a chance to swing by to see them play, I am sure that they will appreciate it. • Our first (AND ONLY) snow day of the year is now in the books. I could have easily called a second one but was led to believe that the weather was going to stop. The storm turned out to be a slow moving storm that stalled over the region. Fortunately, everything worked out fine. • There is an early release day next Wednesday. Students will be dismissed at noon from each of the SAU #7 schools. 	
7.	<p>Business Administrator: Cheryl Covill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colebrook is working on some preliminary items to be included in the budget • Considering if the small bus should be replaced with a lease/purchase this year • Received one bid on the renovation for Colebrook Elementary School. • Provided an update on the Public Infrastructure funds. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Fiorentino left the meeting at 5:10 p.m. 	
8.	Connecticut River Collaborative Committee Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B. Beasley updated the Board on the proposal to be discussed on December 6th. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The plan will be shared with each town 	
9.	Policy Review: None	
10.	Unfinished Business: None	
11.	New Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed the first draft of the 2019-2020 proposed budget • Discussed the bid proposal from Dan Hebert <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Areas for renovation include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Back room area – class space ▪ Expand weight room and music area ▪ Renovate area above the stage for teacher shared space, Family Consumer Science area ○ Renovation Costs: \$325,000 ○ The Board would like to review savings gained from this move 	
12.	Meeting Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Columbia School Board Meeting: January 2, 2019 • Connecticut River Collaborative Meeting: January 3, 2019 at SCS 	
13.	<u>S. Campbell / C. Brady:</u> Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m.	Vote: Unanimous
Respectfully Submitted, Cheryl Covill, Business Administrator		