

## Columbia School Board Meeting Minutes

<b>Date</b>	1/15/2019
<b>Time</b>	5:30 p.m.
<b>Location</b>	Colebrook Elementary School Library
<b>Chairperson</b>	Christopher Brady

### Attendance

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

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

### Public in Attendance:

Item	Subject	Action
1.	<b>Agenda Adjustment:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
2.	C. Brady called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.  <b>Reading of the Minutes:</b>  <u>C. Lariviere/ C. Brady:</u> Motion to approve the minutes of December 5, 2018 as presented	Vote: Unanimous
3.	<b>Hearing of the Public:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
4.	<b>Special Reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
5.	<b>School Administrator's Report:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
6.	<b>Superintendent's Report:</b> Bruce Beasley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written report attached</li> <li>Reviewed estimated cost savings to move Colebrook Academy to the Colebrook Elementary School               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussed possible options for use of Colebrook Academy</li> </ul> </li> <li>The next Collaborative Committee is scheduled for January 3, 2019 in Stewartstown.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The agenda includes planning the upcoming Community Forums which are intended to gather questions from taxpayers that must be answered in advance of asking them to make a binding vote on the future of education in this area.</li> <li>The forums are scheduled for January 9 in Canaan, February 12 in Colebrook and February 18 in Pittsburg. All meetings are scheduled to begin at 6:00 pm.</li> </ul> </li> <li>I was able to attend the first grade production of "The Grinch". First grade teacher, Jeanine Brady, should be proud of their performance and is to be commended for pushing back the walls of the classroom and finding ways to get her parents involved in their children's education.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I was unable to attend either of the concerts in Colebrook but was able to get to the one in Pittsburg. The high school chorus section was very good. I heard that the chorus concert and the band concert in Colebrook was amazing as well. Even though they have a small number of students in the band, rumor has it that they received a standing ovation for their performance.</li> <li>The basketball teams are doing quite well to start the season. The girls are 3-1 and the boys are 2-2 out of the gate. The middle school teams are doing quite well also. The varsity teams are playing in a Holiday Tournament down in Groveton on 12/27 and 12/28.</li> <li>The 2nd Semester is ending and with that many new schedules will go into effect. The guidance staff is working hard to make the transition as seamless as possible. I will update the board once I have a final count of the students taking courses at one of the other two high schools.</li> <li>I did meet with the school administration and school counselors prior to vacation. We discussed individual school needs and planning on how we could put schedules together to support as many students as possible in the coming year. This team has made some terrific strides in offering as much as possible to the students.</li> </ul> <p>There is a lot of work going on in the district and I urge each of you to be as informed as possible as it will likely be a conversation point at our Town Meeting in March.</p>	
7.	<b>Business Administrator:</b> Cheryl Covill	
8.	<b>Connecticut River Collaborative Committee Update:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Canaan Community Forum was held on January 9<sup>th</sup>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>B. Beasley felt the meeting went well</li> </ul> </li> <li>SAU #7 Community Forums are scheduled as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>January 24<sup>th</sup> – Stewartstown</li> <li>February 12<sup>th</sup> – Colebrook</li> <li>February 18<sup>th</sup> – Pittsburg</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
9.	<b>Unfinished Business:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
10.	<b>New Business:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussed the date and time of the Public Budget Hearing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Reviewed draft warrant articles</li> </ul> <p><u>C. Lariviere / C. Brady:</u> Motion to approve Article 3 to present to the voters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed the 2019-2020 proposed budget</li> </ul> <p><u>C. Lariviere / C. Brady:</u> Motion to adopt the budget as presented.</p>	Vote: Unanimous  Vote: Unanimous
11.	<b>Meeting Dates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Columbia School Board Meeting and Public Budget Hearing: February 6, 2019</li> <li>Connecticut River Collaborative Meeting: February 7, 2019 at SCS</li> </ul>	
12.	<u>C. Lariviere / C. Brady:</u> Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m.	Vote: Unanimous
Respectfully Submitted, Cheryl Covill, Business Administrator		