

Columbia School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	11/07/2018
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	P	Cara Lariviere	P	Dan Gorham
P	Stacey Campbell	E	Mark Fiorentino	P	Bruce Beasley
					Cheryl Covill

Public in Attendance: Debra DeBlois

Item	Subject	Action
1.	Agenda Adjustment: None	
2.	C. Brady called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. Reading of the Minutes: <u>S. Campbell / C. Brady:</u> To approve the minutes of October 3, 2018 as presented	Vote: Unanimous
3.	Hearing of the Public: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D. DeBlois, Columbia School District Treasurer, discussed the present balance in the PDIP account and interest earned to date. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ June – October: \$2,139 ○ Discussed the process of setting tax rates and how the balance on hand applies to the school district • D. DeBlois left the meeting at 4:55 p.m. 	
4.	Special Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
5.	School Administrators' Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colebrook Academy – Mark Fiorentino <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed the Veterans' Day ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Elementary and high school students will participate in the program with the veterans. ○ Discussed CTE offerings to students. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There are a variety of courses for those students who want to participate ○ Reviewed the school-to-work process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students have the opportunity to work and experience different careers. ▪ Students can also shadow various jobs to determine if it is a career option • Colebrook Elementary School – Dan Gorham <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Recognition Wall Ceremony was held on Friday, 10/19/18. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ David Killam, Jean Maxwell and Sue Bailey were honored. ▪ Plaques are on the wall for all to view. ▪ Ceremony was well attended 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Red Ribbon Week: Amy Caron arranged for Border Patrol to provide an assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Included information and demonstrations of ▪ drug-sniffing dogs ○ The first quarter has ended and report cards will be going home on Friday ○ American Education week is the week of November 13th. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Many activities are planned including the annual book fair, parents' luncheon and ice cream social ○ Pre-K and kindergarten teachers and D. Gorham will be attending the Early Childhood Conference at the Mountain View Grand. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Main topic will be play-based kindergarten which will affect us next year with the new law that has passed 	
6.	<p>Superintendent's Report: Bruce Beasley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Collaborative Committee will meet on November 1 in Stewartstown. I anticipate that this meeting will begin the process of reviewing education options for students in the area. A third sub-committee (the first two have been dissolved) is now looking at possible organizational structures for education in the region. I want to assure each of you that all options are being explored with many possibilities in the conversation. • I recently met with the school collaboration team. We discussed the work of the school counselors and staff as it relates to building schedules. They are really working hard to make as many options available to kids as possible. I also spent some time updating them on the work of the Community Collaborative Committee. • GEAR UP activities are underway for our Stewartstown students. The plan calls for college visits, e- learning courses, and opportunities for students to step outside their comfort zone to try stuff they do not normally see themselves being successful. There is a College Roadshow taking place on November 2nd. This roadshow includes 8th and 9th grades from Stewartstown as well as the 9th grader from Colebrook, Pittsburg, and Canaan. • The soccer teams have completed their seasons. Both teams were eliminated in the preliminary round of the play-offs. The kids did a really nice job this season of being competitive each game. I think there is a lot of talent returning that will make each of the teams competitive in the seasons ahead. • I recently attended the Best Practices workshop in Concord. This is a training that is mainly of interest to Business Administrators and Superintendents. Cheryl attended the training on Tuesday while I went down on Wednesday. The content of the workshop was informational. Depending on the vote next week there could be tough times ahead for public education. 	
7.	<p>Business Administrator: Cheryl Covill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented the budget analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Colebrook is working on some preliminary items to be included in the budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Replace the small van 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RFP for Colebrook Elementary School renovations has been advertised; a building tour on 11/14/18 will be mandatory for all serious bidders; bids are due by 11/26/18. • In the process of reviewing bus routes with WW Berry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Several new students riding the bus this year which is extending the bus routes • Update on the Public Infrastructure Funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Met with David Goulet to make the final decision on equipment and installation of the telecommunications system ○ Meeting on Thursday with Johnson Control to finalize the access control unit and surveillance. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Fiorentino left the meeting at 5:12 p.m. 	
8.	<p>Connecticut River Collaborative Committee Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee has held several meetings over the past few months. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Two sub-committees (transportation/facilities and curriculum and other activities) have disbanded. ○ A new sub-committee has been convened to look at various options to present to each community 	
9.	<p>Policy Review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SAU #7 Policy Committee is reviewing student policies (Section J) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continue to meet on a monthly basis ○ Next meeting is 11/29/18 	
10.	<p>Unfinished Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
11.	<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
12.	<p>Meeting Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Columbia School Board Meeting: December 5, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. • Connecticut River Collaborative Meeting: December 6, 2018 at SCS • SAU #7 Fall Meeting: November 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in Clarksville <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dinner will be available 	
13.	<p><u>S. Campbell / C. Brady:</u> Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m.</p>	Vote: Unanimous
<p>Respectfully Submitted, Cheryl Covill, Business Administrator</p>		