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Attendance	

Chairman, Chris Brady called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm

Agenda Adjustments:

New Business - Remove Regional Committee Reps as Interstate compact Reps; Add Staffing Update

Hearing of the Public:

None

Reading of the Minutes:

S. Campbell / C. Klebe: Motion to approve the minutes of September 4, 2019 with the following corrections - under Administrator’s Report - Strike # 9 - correct pot luck lunch

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

S. Campbell / C. Klebe: Motion to approve the minutes of September 17, 2019

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Special Reports:

None

School Administrator’s Report:

Reported by Bruce Beasley

Discussed Home Coming weekend and Pep Rally

Updated the board on the number of referrals she has received since the opening of school

Professional Development – Staff will be attending the Polly Bath training in Berlin on October 11th.

Hearing of the Public:

None

Superintendents Report:

Outlined the homecoming weekend - it was a great success and well received.

All Staff in SAU 7 will be participating in professional development activities in Berlin on October 11th with Presenter Polly Bath. Polly Bath is a widely recognized behavior consultant to and trains administrators, teachers, and paraprofessionals on how to manage and change difficult school behavior.

Unfinished Business:

Pre-School Programs

- Attorney Gordon Graham has been contacted to research the NH regulations to determine maximum students per preschool program and the ratio of staff to student.
- Discussed Sandra Cabrera proposal to contract with Country Day School for preschool services.
- School board discussed funding, parent choice with preschool programs and determination of an educational preschool program.
- Discussed visiting local accredited Pre School Programs
 - Superintendent to schedule a visit to the following preschool programs on October 28th
 - Colebrook Elementary School @ 8:30 am
 - Country Day School @ 9:45 am
 - After the school visitations the board will discuss how the warrant article should be drafted move forward to the voters.

School Consolidation Update - Staff and students are adjusting to the change. Administration is adjusting classes and classroom locations as needed. A few classes had to be moved to accommodate the number of students, which includes the collaborative students from Canaan and Pittsburg.

Discussed the direction for Colebrook Academy - AHEAD is moving forward with a feasibility study

Timeline on the AREA Agreement planning

- Committee meetings will be held through October.
- Each district will vote the first meeting in November to approve any changes
- Revised AREA agreement will go before the State Board of Education in December/January

School Nurse

- Devon Phillips has been hired as the Colebrook School Nurse and SAU #7 School Nurse Coordinator/Director.
- Tanya Young has accepted the nursing position in Pittsburg
- Stewartstown position is still vacant
- Each district will keep their contract open with UCVH to fill vacant positions and/or fill substitutes as needed.

Treasurers' position

- Waiting for Deb DeBlois letter of resignation; she gave a verbal resignation
- Marcia Parkhurst will accept the position
- In process of working with insurance company for bond

Colebrook Collective Bargaining

- The school board and CEA start negotiations on October 17th
- Support staff has petitioned the board to unionize

Staffing Update - English Teacher has resigned – the position will be advertised

Other Business:

None

Meetings:

AREA Committee Meeting - October 15, 2019 @ 6:00 pm - Colebrook Academy and Elementary School

Columbia School Board Meeting - November 6, 2019 @ 4:30 pm

SAU #7 Fall Board Meeting - November 14, 2019 @ 6:00 pm - Pittsburg is hosting

S. Campbell / C. Klebe: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 pm

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Covill
Business Administrator

Approved by the Columbia School Board 11/06/2019