

Columbia School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	4/03/2019
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		D	Dan Gorham	P	Bruce Beasley
P	Stacey Campbell		P	Mark Fiorentino	P	Cheryl Covill

Public in Attendance:

Item	Subject	Action
1.	Agenda Adjustment: Time and location of the meeting was posted incorrectly.	
2.	<p>Superintendent Bruce Beasley called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superintendent Beasley asked for nominations for Chairperson <u>S. Campbell / C. Brady:</u> Motion to approve Chris Brady as Chairperson • Chris Brady asked for nominations for Vice Chairperson <u>C. Brady / S. Campbell:</u> Motion to approve Stacey Campbell as Vice Chairperson • Appointments and/or Volunteers: <u>S. Campbell / C. Brady:</u> Motion to elect Chris Brady as the NHSBA and Legislative Delegate and Stacey as NHSBA and Legislative Alternate. 	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
3.	<p>Reading of the Minutes:</p> <p><u>S. Campbell / C. Brady:</u> Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 5, 2019 as presented.</p>	Vote: Unanimous
4.	Hearing of the Public: None	
5.	Special Reports: None	
6.	<p>School Administrator's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colebrook Elementary School – Dan Gorham <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students in grades 6-8 had an opportunity to attend a presentation called “Little Bit of Light” at the Tillotson Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students saw a play, listened to poetry and letters were read about the Holocaust. ○ D. Gorham interviewed candidates for the Writing Teacher and selected a candidate • Colebrook Academy – Mark Fiorentino <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Most students presented for SAT testing; make-up day is scheduled for April 9th for the one student who was unable to attend ○ Interviewed for the Business Teacher position 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Interview team felt the candidate was not qualified for the position; will keep the posting open ○ Faculty Council has selected the new members of the Mohawk Chapter of the National Honor Society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Danielle Deblois and Adrianna Noyes - congratulations ▪ Induction ceremony date TBD ○ Boys baseball and girls softball teams have started practice. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will travel to Lin-Wood on April 15, 2019 for the season opener ○ Two students and parents attended the Scholar Athlete Award Ceremony ○ Students participated in the Save A Life Tour which simulates the effects of driving under the influence of alcohol. ○ Future needs for the planned move of Colebrook Academy are being discussed; lots of boxes will be needed ○ Important dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ April 4th – TSA ▪ April 5th – DECON Key Club ▪ April 11th – Bus evacuation drill ▪ April 22nd – Spring break 	
7.	<p>Superintendent’s Report: Bruce Beasley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written report attached • The Collaborative Committee met on March 14th to reset now that the towns have voted and determined their interest in moving forward with discussions on some sort of model to present to the voters. This meeting focused on filling vacant seats on the committee, revisiting our ethics to assure that the committee was following established expectations, and a beginning conversation about potential models. It was determined that a sub-committee would begin putting proposals together and bring those to the full committee at their next meeting on April 4. This established sub-committee has met twice at this point and will meet again on Monday evening. • The Professional Development Team had a terrific daylong event planned in Pittsburg on Friday the 22nd. Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate and I cancelled all afternoon sessions and sent the staff home after lunch. The team will try to offer some of the same offerings at future events. The tourniquet training was well received and will be one of those offerings that we try to reschedule. • I was able to attend the legislative update workshop offered by NHSAA on Monday (25th). Carl Ladd offered updates on numerous bills that are being worked on in Concord. Please know that you can find many of these bills online and if you are interested in sending testimony to any of them that we can put something together. I will address a couple of pieces of legislation at our meeting on Wednesday. • A regional GEAR UP meeting was held recently in Gorham at the Town and Country. Arlene Allard, Diane Fisher, Dawn Pettit, Colleen Clogston, and myself were able to attend. There was discussion about services for our students, upcoming events, and the July National Conference in San Francisco. The statewide GEARUP meeting is scheduled for May 29th at the Mountain View Grand. • I met with three board members and with school administration on Thursday morning. We reviewed the classroom spaces for next year (map included in your packet) and are feeling positive about the draft decisions that we have made. Barring any significant changes this will allow teachers to begin the process of 	

	<p>packing up their classrooms and preparing for the rearrangement. The move, the construction, and the normal summer cleaning will all need to be organized in the next few months. This is setting up for a very busy summer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseball and softball practice is now underway. The teams have been inside for about two weeks at this point and it sure is looking like they will be there for a few more. The kids seem to be hanging in there pretty well and there is a feeling that the teams will be competitive once again this spring. 	
8.	<p>Business Administrator: Cheryl Covill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health insurance rate is a 19.3% increase over last year but 1.10% less than projected • Request for additional expenditures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Night bell paging system to reach custodians before/after school hours ○ Annual license to upgrade iPads • The boiler at Colebrook Elementary School has a hole in one section. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This was replaced in 2015; warranty has expired ○ A service technician will assess the unit ○ Cost to replace the unit last time was \$3-4K including installation • Bangor Savings Bank <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Informed that Bangor Savings Bank is not a Federal Charter Bank as required by RSA 197:23-a • Bus sharing for field trips <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WW Berry and the school districts of Lancaster and WMRHS are willing to share a bus for student field trips. ○ This would be considerable savings for each school. 	
9.	<p>Connecticut River Collaborative Committee Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update given under Superintendent's Report 	
10.	<p>Unfinished Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
11.	<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Writing teacher – position filled ○ Business teacher – position remains open ○ B. Beasley met with all custodial and secretarial staff in Colebrook to discuss the plan for next year ○ Colebrook is looking for a part-time Music teacher ○ Will be scheduling interviews for the Principal of PK-12 next Wednesday • Debriefed the School Budget Meeting • Discussed the warrant articles on Collaboration and Budget meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggestion was made to take a few minutes next year to discuss what is going on in Colebrook Schools • Discussed possible next steps for the Collaborative Exploratory Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Membership – Columbia has one open seat ○ Will place ad in paper for letters of interest • Discussed upcoming joint meeting with Colebrook and Columbia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Date: April 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the CES Library ○ Discuss the AREA Agreement 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cara Lariviere submitted her letter of resignation from the Columbia School Board. <p><u>S. Campbell / C. Brady:</u> Motion to accept C. Lariviere’s letter of resignation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The vacancy will be posted in the newspaper. 	Vote: Unanimous
12.	<p>Meeting Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint meeting with Colebrook School Board – April 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. • SAU Spring Meeting: April 18, 2019 – Colebrook at 6:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Luncheon food items will be provided • Columbia School Board Meeting: May 1, 2019 	
13.	<p><u>C. Brady / S. Campbell:</u> Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 p.m.</p>	Vote: Unanimous
<p>Respectfully Submitted, Cheryl Covill, Business Administrator</p>		