

Columbia School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	09/05/2018
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			
E	Chris Brady	P	Cara Lariviere	P	Dan Gorham	P	Bruce Beasley
P	Stacey Campbell			P	Mark Fiorentino	P	Cheryl Covill

Public in Attendance: Clint Brooks and Chris Paquette

Item	Subject	Action
1.	Agenda Adjustment: None	
2.	Stacey Campbell called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. Reading of the Minutes: <u>S. Campbell / C. Lariviere:</u> To approve the minutes of August 1, 2018 as presented	Vote: Unanimous
3.	School Administrators' Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colebrook Elementary School – Dan Gorham, Principal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First day of school went very well with some of the usual first-day hiccups. ○ The Kindergarten class is very large and has created some coverage issues but over things are going smoothly • Colebrook Academy – Mark Fiorentino, Principal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Opening day was very positive; staff and students worked on team building ○ Colebrook Academy's first Advanced Placement course has been implemented; students are excited ○ CA is adding Running Start courses to the science pathway ○ Sports teams are off and running ○ Homecoming is scheduled for 9/15/18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The time capsule will be unearthed on 9/14; would like to invite Bob Mills, former principal of CA and Superintendent of SAU #7 as well as Mr. Collins of the Colebrook Historical Society. ▪ Plans have not yet been finalized as to celebration will take place that day; theme will be voted on this week 	
4.	Superintendent's Report: Bruce Beasley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written report attached • Opening to the 2018-2019 school year went off without a hitch. I saw a number of kids excitedly walking to school on the first day. I also had the chance to swing over by Colebrook Academy for the Bar BQ and other events. There were a lot of smiles and kids getting caught up. I also want to commend Mark for inviting the Canaan kids to be part of the activities as I noticed that a bunch of them were hanging out and 	

	<p>enjoying the lunch that was provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Teacher/Substitute Orientation was held on Thursday, August 16th. We added a guided tour of the region to agenda for the new group. This was well received by the new staff. Administrators then met with the teachers and the substitutes to review important policies such as sexual harassment, bullying, and use of social media. We also added a panel of second year teachers to help identify the challenges and pitfalls that lie ahead. • The fall sports season is now underway. The girls are struggling to start the season while the boys have opened at 1 win and 1 loss. If you have a chance to get out and support the teams I am sure they would love to see a large group cheering them on from the sidelines. A reminder that Homecoming is set for September 15th. Don't miss the Homecoming Parade (14th) as I am hearing that the "Un-Wrappers" will be making another guest appearance! • The first day with staff was on Monday, August 27 at Colebrook Elementary School. Again we reviewed policies and procedures relating to Restraint/Seclusion, Bullying, Blood Borne Pathogens, and Sexual Harassment. I also shared the Strategic Plan with the entire staff and they will now offer feedback through their local schools. All in all I think we had a really good day and set the tone for a wonderful year. • We are certainly feeling the effects of being a man down in the IT department. As the year goes on I am hoping that we will be back at full strength and that things will taper off in terms of the technology urgencies. • I am keeping an eye on the new Columbia students that are now attending Colebrook Schools. I think there are at least (9) new students that have moved to Columbia but am unsure of the number that has moved away. Cheryl and I will give an update at our meeting next week. • There are several important dates coming up that I want to bring to your attention. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ August 31 – No School ○ September 14 Time Capsule Dig and Homecoming Parade ○ September 15 Homecoming Games ○ October 5 – District Workshop 	
5.	<p>Business Administrator: Cheryl Covill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written report attached • Student Health Care Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Devon Phillips submitted the following regarding student care this school year; <i>I will be taking on additional responsibilities at ISHC under the role of Quality Assurance Director. Fortunately, I am able to continue managing the school health program and will remain your direct contact for issues as they arise. Additional per diem staff are being hired to better provide services when your full time staff are out. You can anticipate seeing these per diem staff cycle through in the coming weeks to learn each school. Interviews are still in progress for one full time staff member as well as additional per diem staff and those names are not listed below.</i> ○ <i>Your staff for this year, as follows:</i> ○ <i>PS- Tanya Young, RN</i> ○ <i>SCS- Judy Grimes, RN</i> 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CA- Tanya Young, RN/TBD ○ CES- TBD (Devon will cover until hiring is complete) ○ Per diem staff: Sage Purrington, RN; Sandra Ghelli, RN; Jennifer Radun, RN; Carole Ferns, RN ○ Each nurse has been advised that they may refer to a “lead nurse” for day to day questions and trouble shooting. The lead nurse for SAU #7 is Tanya Young. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bus Transportation ● The New Hampshire School Transportation Association has been involved in meetings with the NH Department of Safety, the NH Department of Education and the NH School Administrators Association to discuss the process of obtaining criminal history record checks on school bus drivers. As a result of these conversations, a rule is being proposed by the Department of Safety to be adopted as a new part of the Saf-C 5704. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The purpose of this rule making is to facilitate the criminal history records check of private school transportation providers as required pursuant to RSA 189:13-a, to one or more contracting public school districts. ● Opening Day Enrollment was distributed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Columbia Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increase of 5 students ▪ Decrease of 4 high school students 	
6.	<p>Connecticut River Collaborative Committee Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sub-committees have been convened to focus on: Curriculum and Other Activities; Facilities and Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Collaborative staff will be meeting tomorrow to discuss scheduling ○ The next meeting of this group is Thursday, September 6th at 6:00 p.m. 	
7.	<p>Policy Review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The SAU #7 Policy Committee met on August 27th and have completed the Personnel policies (Section G) and will begin review of Student policies (Section J) at their next meeting on September 27th. 	
8.	<p>Unfinished Business: None</p>	
9.	<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staffing Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Several changes have taken place with staff moving between the Elementary School and Academy depending on vacancies. ● The Brad Kidder Conference is scheduled for the October 3rd which conflicts with the regular Columbia Board meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed moving the Board meeting to October 2nd at 4:30 p.m. 	
10.	<p>Meeting Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Columbia School Board Meeting: October 2, 2018, at 4:30 ● Connecticut River Collaborative Meeting: October 4, 2018 at SCS ● SAU #7 Fall Meeting: November 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in Clarksville <p><u>S. Campbell / C. Lariviere:</u> Motion to adjourn at 5:25 p.m.</p>	Vote: Unanimous
<p>Respectfully Submitted, Cheryl Covill, Business Administrator</p>		