

# COLEBROOK SCHOOL BOARD

February 3, 2015

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## PRESENT:

Board: Greg Placy, John Falconer, Eldonna Brooks, Lisa Whitaker, Robert Unangst, Jr.  
Brian LaPerle, Rick Brock  
Principals: Dan Gorham, Mark Fiorentino  
SAU: Robert Mills, Cheryl Covill  
Public: 14 Members of the Public

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted to open the meeting.

Greg Placy read the school district warrant:

Article #3 – To establish a School Bus Expendable Trust Fund and to raise \$8,000 to be placed in the fund.

⇒ The current bus is 3 years old

Article #4 – To raise \$30,000 to purchase Chromebook computer for student use for each student in grades 6 & 9.

⇒ Asking the public to tell us if this is the year to start, because once started, it would need to be done each year. Grade 6 students would keep the Chromebooks through grade 8 and grade 9 students would keep them through high school.

Article #5 – To raise and appropriate \$7,147,610

⇒ Greg Placy reviewed the budget, highlighting the larger variances

- ❖ Regular education is down \$25,361.00
- ❖ Title I is up \$31,710, but is offset on the revenue side of the budget
- ❖ Special Education is up \$51,902
  - There was a question on what is private tuition
    - ✚ It was explained that this is for tuition for a student who is placed in a non-public education facility
- ❖ Cocurricular Activities is up \$3,122.00
- ❖ Cocurricular Sports is up \$11,154
  - Partly due to purchasing new baseball uniforms, which will be offset by revenue from the athletic activity fund.
- ❖ Guidance services is up \$7,656.00
- ❖ Counseling services is up \$271.00
- ❖ Health services is up \$797.00
- ❖ Speech and Audiology services is down \$8,089.00
- ❖ Occupational and Physical Therapy is up \$4,852.00
- ❖ Other Support Services is up \$13,155.00
- ❖ Technology services is down \$337.00
- ❖ Improvement of Instruction is up \$1,121.00
  - Mostly for course reimbursement
- ❖ Educational Media Services is up \$12,785.00
  - Contracting with NCES to computerize the catalog system in the libraries and purchasing two scanners.
- ❖ School Board Services is up \$4,600.00
  - \$2,500 of increase is due to increased auditing requirements
- ❖ Office of the Superintendent is up \$28,056.00
  - Due to changes in positions that increased salaries and benefits.

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- ❖ Coordinator of Special Services is up \$450.00
  - ❖ Office of the Principal is down \$193.00
  - ❖ Plant Services is up \$61,937.00
    - Salaries are up \$9,132.00
    - Contracted services is up \$60,104.00 due to replacing the oil tank at Colebrook Academy
    - Repair and Maintenance is up \$9,433.00
    - Fuel oil is down \$16,850.00
  - ❖ Bus transportation is up \$3,149.00
  - ❖ Debt services is down \$17,745.00 due to a reduction in interest on the bond
- Total Appropriations are up \$194,449.00

Revenues

- ⇒ A decrease of \$34,653.00 in tuition
- ⇒ An increase of \$50,000 in refunds from HealthTrust
- ⇒ An increase of \$14,468 in the state education grant
- ⇒ Title I is up \$31,426
- ⇒ Transferring from the building expendable trust fund \$20,000 toward replacing the fuel pipes at Colebrook Academy

The estimated revenue is up \$106,440.00

The amount to be raised by taxes is up \$88,009.00

Questions

1. What is the raise in the collective bargaining agreement?  
Answer: 2.8%
2. How does the cost per pupil compare with the state average?  
Answer:   Elementary           State - \$14,200           Colebrook - \$13,082  
              High School        State - \$14,162           Colebrook - \$18,415
3. How many students are in Colebrook Schools?  
Answer:   Elementary:       262  
              Academy           118

The hearing adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Mills  
Superintendent of Schools

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2/12/2015