

COLEBROOK SCHOOL BOARD

January 20, 2015

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PRESENT:

Board: Greg Placy, John Falconer, Eldonna Brooks, Lisa Whitaker, Robert Unangst  
Principals: Dan Gorham, Mark Fiorentino  
SAU: Robert Mills, Cheryl Covill  
Public: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

*Hearing of the Public:*

A public hearing was held to accept and expend a \$150 donation in memory of former teacher Lester Jipp, with the funds going to the Colebrook Academy Principal's Discretionary Fund for Experiential Education.

J. Falconer/E. Brooks: To accept and expend \$150 donated to the Colebrook Academy  
VOTE: UNANIMOUS Principal's Discretionary Fund for Experiential Education.

*Reading of the Minutes*

J. Falconer/L. Whitaker: To approve the minutes of January 6, 2015 as presented.  
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

*School Administrator's Reports*

*Colebrook Academy – Mark Fiorentino*

1. The Key Club is working on an awareness project on mental illness through NAMI. There will be a presentation at the Tillotson Center on January 28<sup>th</sup>.
2. There were questions from the Board on how the automotive program started.

*Business Administrator's Report – Cheryl Covill*

1. Reviewed a draft of the school district warrant
2. Reviewed the revised draft budget for 2015-16
  - a) At the moment revenue is up \$106,440
  - b) Appropriations are up \$164,449
  - c) The amount to be raised by taxes is up \$58,009
  - d) The estimated tax rate would be up \$.33/thousand
    - ⇒ Causes of the Increase
      - ⇒ Salary increases due to collective bargaining agreement of approximately \$80,000
      - ⇒ Automotive program \$28,200
      - ⇒ Severance Benefits \$30,000
      - ⇒ Special Education \$59,000
3. The fuel tank pipes for the Academy were discussed
  - ⇒ Would be able to get a delay in installing?
  - ⇒ We are looking at propane and the district heating system, and if we went with one of those options, installing new pipes would be a waste.
4. Discussed a warrant article to purchase technology equipment. \$30,000 to purchase chrome books for students in grades 6 and 9.

L. Whitaker/E. Brooks: To accept the school district warrant with the addition of the article  
VOTE: UNANIMOUS for \$30,000 to purchase chrome books.

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*New Hampshire School Board Association – John Falconer*

January 10<sup>th</sup> was the delegates' assembly

- ⇒ There were three workshops in the morning
- ⇒ The Berlin school board made a presentation
- ⇒ The afternoon was the delegates assembly
  - ⇒ 46 out of 156 school boards were represented

J. Falconer/L. Whitaker: To go into nonpublic session at 8:21 pm in accordance with RSA 91-A:3II (a) & (c)

VOTE: J. FALCONER – YES; L. WHITAKER – YES; E. BROOKS – YES; R. UNANGST – YES;  
G. PLACY - YES

J. Falconer/E. Brooks: To return to public session at 8:42 pm.

VOTE: J. FALCONER – YES; E. BROOKS – YES; R. UNANGST – YES; L. WHITAKER – YES;  
G. PLACY - YES

J. Falconer/E. Brooks: To allow bargaining unit members and administrators to donate sick days to the support staff member.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

J. Falconer/E. Brooks: To adjourn at 8:51 pm.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Mills  
Superintendent of Schools

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1/23/2015