

COLEBROOK SCHOOL BOARD

August 11, 2015

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PRESENT:

Board: John Falconer, Lisa Whitaker, Brian LaPerle., Greg Placy, Robert Unangst, Jr.
Eldonna Brooks, Rick Brock
Principals: Dan Gorham, Mark Fiorentino
SAU: Robert Mills, Cheryl Covill
Public: Butch Ladd, Chris Scherer

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

Hearing of the Public

Chris Scherer and Butch Ladd met with the Board to discuss a sign to be placed on Kiwanis Park. The sign would be from Barlo Signs and would be 10' 6" high by 7" 9" wide. It would require a computer with line-of-sight to program new messages. Multiple messages could alternate on the display. Donations and grants are being pursued to fund the sign. The cost of the sign is \$38,458 installed. The sign would be useful for the schools, Kiwanis Club, Booster Club, and the town. In emergency situations, the sign could be used to show that the shelter is open or to convey other emergency messages.

B. LaPerle/R. Brock: To approve the use of the property for the sign as presented.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Chris Scherer and Butch Ladd left the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Public Hearing

To accept and expend funds for the Automotive Program from Stannard and Dorothy Dunn Charitable Trust in the amount of \$5,000.

J. Falconer/B. LaPerle: To accept and expend \$5,000 from the Stannard and Dorothy Dunn Charitable Trust for the Automotive Program.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Reading of the Minutes

Correction in attendance: Those present were: John Falconer, Greg Placy, Lisa Whitaker, and Brian LaPerle

J. Falconer/B. LaPerle: To approve the minutes of June 23, 2015 as corrected.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

School Administrator's Reports

Colebrook Elementary School – Dan Gorham

1. Written report attached
2. Recognition Wall Ceremony for Ruth MacLean and Mary Jolles will be held in the CES Cafeteria on Friday, October 23rd at 6:30 pm.
3. The Administrators are attending PBIS training
4. Dan has been working this summer to bring a full Grade 1-8 Google Curriculum to Colebrook Elementary
5. The first day of school CES is having a pep rally to excite students about the school year.
6. Our major emphasis school-wide this year will be Respect.

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Colebrook Academy – Mark Fiorentino

1. Written report attached
2. The May SAT results have come and several students did very well.
3. The policy Clint has been working on is in Google drive. He used sources from Iowa, Oklahoma, and Maine
4. The front office and the auto shop have been painted this summer
5. The student agendas have been ordered
6. The staff handbook is being updated
7. Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) is in need of advisors
8. Reviewed building maintenance work done this summer

Superintendent's Report – Robert Mills

1. Written report attached
2. Reviewed Rick Johnsen's letter of resignation

J. Falconer/L. Whitaker: To accept Rick Johnsen's letter of resignation

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

3. Opening meeting – August 24th.
⇒ Attorney Gordon Graham will be at the meeting from 8:30 – 10:30 am to discuss legal implications of social media, bullying, harassment, non-discrimination, physical/sexual abuse, confidentiality, email, and physical restraint. The staff will then receive four hours of training on Youth Mental Health First Aid, with a follow-up session on Tuesday (except for Colebrook Academy) of another four hours of training.
4. Nominated Rebecca Germain as assistant to the Project Aware Director for 15 hours per week.

B. LaPerle/E. Brooks: To approve Rebecca Germain as the assistant to the Project Aware Director

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

5. Nominated Tanya Crawford as a speech assistant and Chelsea Fairhead as a 1-on-1 paraprofessional.

B. LaPerle/J. Falconer: To approve Tanya Crawford as a speech assistant and Chelsea Fairhead

VOTE: UNANIMOUS as a 1-on-1 paraprofessional.

6. Nominated Craig Boire as volunteer unpaid boys' varsity soccer assistant coach and Buddy Trask as the junior high boys' soccer coach if one is needed.

J. Falconer/B. LaPerle: To approve Craig Boire and Buddy Trask as soccer coaches.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Business Administrator's Report – Cheryl Covill

1. Written report attached
2. Discussed current Student Acceptable Technology Use and Code of Conduct policy
3. Technology Bids for Smartboard
⇒ The extended warranty is an additional \$49, but would still leave the bid as the lowest of the three bids.

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4. Listed bills from the last legislative session that impact school operations
 5. Workers' Compensation
 - ⇒ The Primex Board of Trustees approved a premium holiday to be applied toward the FY16 invoice.
 6. Superintendent search invoicing
 - ⇒ The revised bill reflected a \$3,000 discount for the contract and \$1,136.85 discount for expenses.
 7. Facility Maintenance
 - ⇒ The age of equipment and buildings will impact our repair and maintenance budgets
 8. Competitive Energy Contract
 - ⇒ They will search for electric and fuel prices for us
 - ⇒ There was discussion about looking at Solar power for the buildings.

Unfinished Business

1. Policies for a second reading and adoption

B. LaPerle/L. Whitaker: To approve the following policies for a second reading and adoption;
With a correction to the title on ILBAA:

- IHCA – Summer Activities
- IHCD/LEB – Advanced Coursework/Advanced Placement Courses
- IK – Earning of Credit
- ILBAA – High School Graduation Competencies
- IMAH – Daily Physical Activity

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

New Business

The following policies were reviewed for a first reading:
Policy JKAA – Use of Restraints and Seclusion

New Hampshire School Boards Association – John Falconer

1. The NHSBA Immediate Past President has resigned from that position
2. Superintendent Search – John will be talking with Ted Comstock about beginning the search

Other Business

- ⇒ Rick Brock brought up grant possibilities for pellet or woodchip heating
- ⇒ There will be no school board meeting next week.

R. Brock/B. LaPerle: To adjourn at 8:21 pm.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Mills
Superintendent of Schools

RCM/peg
8/27/2015