

## Colebrook School Board Meeting Minutes

<b>Date</b>	4/5/16
<b>Time</b>	7:00 p.m.
<b>Location</b>	Colebrook Elementary School Library
<b>Chairperson</b>	Brian LaPerle

### Attendance

Attendance Legend: **P** – Present **E** – Excused Absence **A** – Absent

School Board Members				Principals		SAU Members	
P	John Falconer	P	David Thatcher	P	Mark Fiorentino	P	Robert Mills
P	Craig Hamelin	P	Robert Unangst, Jr.	E	Dan Gorham	P	Cheryl Covill
P	Brian LaPerle	P	Lisa Whitaker				
P	Michael Pearson						

**Public in Attendance:** Rick Siewierski, Stacey Campbell

### Minutes

Item	Subject	Action
1.	The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.	
2.	<p><b>Hearing of the Public:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Board Vacancy <u>J. Falconer / M. Pearson</u>: To appoint Craig Hamelin to the School Board until the next election.</li> </ul> <p>Craig was sworn in as a School Board member.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rick Siewierski met with the Board to discuss athletic issues. He noted that Colebrook does not sponsor a junior high softball team; it must be supported by private sponsors. Mr. Siewierski complained that the varsity softball vacancy should have been advertised in the paper. It was explained that the previous coach resigned on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and due to the short notice, it was posted in the schools, in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, but not advertised in the newspapers. The Policy Committee will discuss the process.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rick Siewierski left the meeting at 7:21 p.m.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Vote: Unanimous
3.	<p><b>Reading of the Minutes:</b></p> <p><u>J. Falconer / L. Whitaker</u>: To approve the minutes of March 15, 2016 as presented.</p>	Vote: Unanimous
4.	<p><b>School Administrator's Reports:</b></p> <p><u>Colebrook Academy: Mark Fiorentino</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written report attached</li> <li>• SAT testing is now scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• April 30<sup>th</sup> will be the "Ford Drive for Your School", in conjunction with a car wash.</li> <li>• The Junior/Senior Prom will be May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Northland in Canaan.</li> <li>• Colebrook Academy is now an ASE student certifying center.</li> <li>• Welding Program               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Request to move money from the Salary line to Equipment for the welding program</li> <li>○ Need \$2,102.54 for a MIG welder from Airgas;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<p><b>Colebrook Academy continued...</b></p> <p>\$1,500 for a guideWeld stick gun; and \$995.00 for a Real Career classroom kit for a total of \$4,597.54 plus shipping.</p> <p><u>I. Falconer / L. Whitaker:</u> To approve moving the money from Salary to Equipment for the Welding Program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A question was asked about the selection process for the guidance position at Colebrook Academy</li> </ul> <p><u>Colebrook Elementary School: Dan Gorham</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written report attached</li> </ul>	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Superintendent's Report:</b> Robert Mills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written report attached</li> <li>• Title I vacancy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nominated Deborah Dionne as a Title I teacher.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>B. Unangst / M. Pearson:</u> To approve Deborah Dionne as a Title I teacher.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special Education Coordinator's Position <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We have advertised through the local newspapers and School Spring, a national education on-line job site. We have received 13 applications</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Human Resources / Payroll Clerk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The position, which Christine Phillips currently holds, has been advertised in the local newspapers. She will be a hard act to follow, so it is critical to find a good person for that position.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Business Administrator's Report:</b> Cheryl Covill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written report attached</li> <li>• Driver's Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ruth Leighton is retiring</li> <li>○ Amy Smith has expressed interest in continuing the Driver's Education Program</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Building Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Colebrook Academy kitchen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The gas stove in the kitchen is over 38 years old and we have been experiencing problems with the ignition over the past year. It is time to consider replacing the stove.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Fuel conversion at Colebrook Academy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We discussed two proposals to install a propane system</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>C. Hamelin / D. Thatcher:</u> To put the installation of a propane system out to bid.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internet / Network Bids <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We have three bidders: Fairpoint, FiberCast and iNet.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Distributed handbooks for new Board members</li> </ul>	<p>Vote: Yes - 6    No - 0 Abstentions: 1 (J. Falconer)</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Unfinished Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes taker for Board meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There are two possible individuals</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

8.	<b>New Business:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next Tuesday is the SAU Spring meeting at the Columbia Town Hall</li> <li>• John Falconer explained to the new Board members the voting process at SAU meetings</li> </ul>	
9.	<b>Other Business:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewed a list of discussion topics. At the meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> we will see if we have other topics to be added to the list and prioritize the topics.</li> </ul>	
10.	<u>J. Falconer / M. Pearson:</u> To adjourn at 8:37 p.m.	Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted

Robert C. Mills,  
Superintendent of Schools