

**Colebrook School Board
Meeting Minutes**

Date	10/17/17
Time	7:00 pm.
Location	Colebrook Elementary School Library
Chairperson	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	Bruce Beasley
P	Craig Hamelin	E	Deb Greene	P	Dan Gorham	P	Cheryl Covill
P	Brian LaPerle						
E	Michael Pearson						

Public in Attendance: Rick Siewierski, Diane Fisher, Jackie Hyson, Buddy (George) Trask

Minutes

Item	Subject	Action
1.	The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm	
2.	<p>Agenda Adjustments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To add under New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 4-6 Grades proposed Elementary Basketball Program Travel Team ○ Plow bids ○ Resignation Letter 	
3.	<p>Hearing of the Public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rick Siewierski spoke to the Board about his concerns with how the GPA's are being calculated at the Colebrook Academy. How the classes offered within the 4 years at CA are affecting the GPA grades and how this affects doors to scholarships. 	
4.	<p>Reading of the Minutes: Corrections to 10/3/17 minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Removed the reason David Gales was present ○ Added Tom Allin in Attendance ○ Fixed date for Building Committee to 10/26/17 <p><u>J. Falconer / D. Thatcher</u> to approve the minutes of October 3, 2017, with corrections listed above.</p>	Vote: Unanimous

5.	<p>Policy Review: First Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
6.	<p>Special Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
7.	<p>School Administrator(s) Reports: Dan Gorham, Mark Fiorentino Colebrook Elementary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D. Gorham reported on the NECAP Science scores from last spring, the test were taken by last year’s grades 4 and grades 8 classes. • Recognition for Rosalie Hawes, Sarah Jane Cummings and George “Buddy” Trask will be held on Friday, October 20th at CES. <p>Colebrook Academy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Fiorentino will be sharing his proposal to move Mr. Call out of room 40 at the academy. • M. Fiorentino presented to the Board a clarification letter from Mrs. Boire and Ms. White on them applying for a grant from Tillotson Center. • M. Fiorentino is requesting that he be allowed to present the attached letter to the Tillotson for the November 4th vote. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ M. Fiorentino will bring the letter at the next meeting ○ If not approved M. Fiorentino requests that the board allow him to take the money out of the Tech. Ed fund that was established years ago. ○ The amount he needs is \$1,250.00 to send a teacher to coding training ○ This will cover the cost of the 8 four hour training <p><u>J. Falconer / C. Hamelin</u> made a motion to approve the request of \$1,250.00 because the request was defined and clarified to what the money was being used for.</p> <p>Student Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
8.	<p>Superintendent’s Report: Bruce Beasley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The support staff wage/benefit sub-committee met at B. Beasley office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have invited a couple of members to the support staff to join us to discuss a couple of possibilities for next year ○ B. Beasley will work to confirm a date for the meeting • The food service meeting has been re-schedule to October 19th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This meeting will include a representative from each board as we look at food service options for the future • Special thanks to D. Gorham and M. Fiorentino for meeting with the Columbia Board on an alternating basis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Columbia Board is appreciative of their reports 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The most recent Columbia meeting included the Playworks presentation by Gina Dagesse ● The Brad Kidder law conference was very good <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cheryl and Bruce had a chance to hear from many legal experts and to gain some free advice on specific topics relating to Colebrook and SAU 7 ● The Building Committee of the Colebrook board met on September 26th. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We will meet again on October 26th at Colebrook Academy and will invite the Selectmen to attend ○ The recent meeting helped to set a direction for the committee for the short term ○ Colebrook’s direction with the Academy will be influenced by the local work that is taking place as well as the collaborative meeting that are being held among the local school board ● The soccer teams are winding down their season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The girls appear to be a solid top four team while the boys are finishing up strong ○ B. Beasley is looking forward to their post-season run, and remember that winning kids will become winning teams ● The October 6th workshop day was well received <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff worked in grade level clusters organizing the competencies with the standards and discussing this work with teachers from across the SAU that work with the same grade level 	
9.	<p>Business Administrator’s Report: Cheryl Covill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bookkeeping position at SAU 7, Bridget Cross resignation ● CA custodian position is on going <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ C. Covill mention Darlene Fogg is filling in after school ○ C. Covill would like to hire a few students to help out after school <p><u>J. Falconer / D. Thatcher</u> made a motion to hire a few students to help out with the custodian responsibilities with adult supervision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● C. Covill mention the budget is looking good and she will have the reports at the next meeting along with the tax rate. 	Vote: Unanimous
10.	<p>NH School Board Association Business: John Falconer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● B. Laperle mentioned he done an online course and plans on taking more in the future. 	
11.	<p>Unfinished Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>J. Falconer / D. Thatcher</u> made a motion to approve the following policies as sets on table: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GD – Employment Classification 	Vote: Unanimous

- GCR – Non-School Employment by Professional Staff Members

12. **New Business:**

- J. Hyson and M. Fiorentino presented to the board the 4.1 scale of calculating the GPA and the 4.5 scale of calculating the GPA

Weighted GPA (4.1): Example

Freshmen Year			Sophomore Year			Junior Year		
Algebra 1	92	3.4	Algebra 2	89	3.1	Geometry	95	4.1
English 9	84	2.4	English 10	94	3.8	English 11	82	2.4
Civics	88	1.55	World History	81	1.05	US History	70	0.8
NH History	95	2.05	Into to Busi	98	2.0	Art	97	2.0
Spanish	90	3.4	Biology	80	2.1	EPE	85	2.7
Foods	97	4.0	Gym	75	1.7	Physical Sci	90	3.3
ICT 1	98	2.0	Health	85	1.35	Per. Fin	90	1.15
Earth Sci	85	2.8	Film	95	2.0	Accounting	92	1.15
Totals		21.6			17.15			17.6
Credits		6.5			6			6.5

Totals = 56.35 Credits = 19
 $56.35/19 = 2.97$

Weighted GPA (4.5): Example

Freshmen Year			Sophomore Year			Junior Year		
Algebra 1	92	3.8	Algebra 2	89	3.5	Geometry	95	4.5
English 9	84	2.8	English 10	94	4.2	English 11	82	2.9
Civics	88	1.75	World History	81	1.25	US History	70	1.2
NH History	95	2.25	Into to Busi	98	2.0	Art	97	2.0
Spanish	90	3.8	Biology	80	2.5	EPE	85	2.7
Foods	97	4.0	Gym	75	1.7	Physical Sci	90	3.3
ICT 1	98	2.0	Health	85	1.35	Per. Fin	90	1.15
Earth Sci	85	3.2	Film	95	2.0	Accounting	92	1.15
Totals		23.6			18.15			18.9
Credits		6.5			6			6.5

Totals = 56.35 Credits = 19
 $61/19 = 3.21$

J. Falconer / D. Thatcher made a motion to go with the 4.5 scale when

Vote: Unanimous

Calculating GPA scores.

- Buddy Trask approached the board with an proposed Elementary Basketball program travel team for grades 4-6.
 - Mr. Trask was approached about 3 weeks ago by Rec. Dept. Melissa Shaw that they will not be doing a Basketball Travel Team this year
 - Meeting with about 15 parents
 - 10-11 boys, 8-9 girls
 - 6-8 games, between Xmas break to Feb. vacation
 - No tournaments for the next 2 years
 - Total of the proposal is \$4,660.00
 - Funded this year from the Colebrook Elementary Athletic account

C. Hamelin / J. Falconer made a motion to accept Mr. Trask proposal for the Elementary Basketball program travel team for 4-6 grades and to allow the funds to come out of the Athletic account for this year.

Vote: Unanimous

- Snow Bid: 1 received
 - Boire Property Maintenance
 - Truck Plow - \$55.00 per hour
 - Sanders - \$65.00 per hour
 - Snow Removal \$65.00 per hour

J. Falconer / C. Hamelin made a motion to accept the snow bid from Boire Property Maintenance.

Vote Unanimous
3 yes 1 abstained

- Resignation letter from Lynn Glass
- Resignation letter from Lisa Whitaker

C. Hamelin / D. Thatcher made a motion to accept Lisa Whitaker resignation letter.

Vote: Unanimous

- Review of collaboration questions:
 - What is the Colebrook Board three to five year goals in regards to collaboration?
 - Better Education
 - Growth
 - Expanded Course Offerings
 - Attract/Retain Staff
 - Cost Savings
 - Larger Class Sizes
 - Reduce Redundant Positions
 - Potential for higher Salaries
 - Continuing and growing cooperation
 - Combining resources
 - Increase cooperation between schools
 - What are you looking to gain from collaboration efforts?
 - How can these efforts help your schools?
 - What are your schools strengths?
 - Locations, competitions, hospitals, facility
 - Most students

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School to work opportunities - Rental properties for staff - Affordable houses - More technology - Community support - Internet access - Potential for growth - Center of Hub - Great staff ○ What are your school’s vulnerabilities? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Declining enrollment – class sizes - High per student costs - Academy location / up keep costs - High taxes - Lack of offerings / clubs - Participation numbers decreasing in sports, music, etc. - Find help to fill open positions ○ How far is your board (and community) willing to go with collaboration efforts? ○ What are your non-negotiables? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No new buildings at a new location, renovation and expansion is okay - This should include HS only and travel limited to as far as Canaan - Regional structure of some form but not a building structure. (cooperative, interstate assuming it does not include building ownership) ● Curriculum work overview: took off agenda 	
13.	<p>Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Next School Board Meeting is November 6 ● Heather Gage, Dept. of Education, October 24th, 6:30 pm at CES Cafeteria <p>C. Hamelin / D. Thatcher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 pm.</p>	Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted
Dorothy Uran
Recording Clerk

