

Colebrook School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	February 6, 2018
Time	7:00 p.m.
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	Brian LaPerle	P	Mark Fiorentino	P	Bruce Beasley
P	David Gales	P	Michael Pearson	P	Dan Gorham	P	Cheryl Covill
P	Deb Greene	P	David Thatcher				
P	Craig Hamelin						

Public in Attendance: Melanie Hibbard, Skyler Wharem, Brianna Davis

Minutes

Item	Subject	Action
1.	<p>Hearing of the Public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Budget Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public in attendance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brianna Davis ▪ Skyler Wharem ▪ Melanie Hibbard ▪ Kathy-Lawton Haynes ▪ Tyler Snyder ▪ Clint and Eldonna Brooks ○ Brian LaPerle read the warrants and revised the proposed budget <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The budget public hearing ended at 7:25 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no additional hearing of the public 	
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The School Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Colebrook Elementary School Library 	
3.	<p>Reading of the Minutes:</p> <p><u>J. Falconer / D. Greene:</u> To approve the minutes of January 16, 2018 with one correction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ #6 correction – change “broad” to “board” 	
4.	<p>Special Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melanie Hibbard, Skyler Wharem, Brianna Davis distributed the Student Council report for review and discussion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Drive 4 Ur School - Ford dealership - May 12, 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordinated with Fire Dept. car wash ▪ Bake sale ○ Winter Carnival – February 16, 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Indoor/outdoor activities to be scheduled 	

<p>5.</p>	<p>School Administrator(s) Report:</p> <p>Colebrook Academy – Mark Fiorentino</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written report attached • Graduation 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Celebrate the 125th graduation of students from Colebrook Academy ○ Request approval to hold graduation on the ball field <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rent a tent ▪ Invite alumni ▪ Move start time to 6:00 p.m. ○ Mark will research further and return to the board with more detailed information and logistics on how other schools conduct outside graduation ceremonies <p><u>C. Hamelin / D. Greene:</u> To approve holding graduation outdoors and move start time to 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Colebrook Elementary School – Dan Gorham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distributed Colebrook Elementary School newsletter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Newsletter reviewed by the Board 	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Superintendent’s Report – Bruce Beasley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Fiorentino and D. Fisher of Colebrook Academy met with the Collaborative Team on January 29th in Canaan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Team plans to develop and administer a survey to students who participated in the collaborative offerings ○ A separate survey will be given to teachers who participated ○ Survey results will be shared with the Boards ○ The team also wants to examine the school day so that opportunities can be extended into the afternoon. • The Gear-Up NH team is planning a STEM Camp during vacation week in Stewartstown. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chuck Patterson will take the lead on preparing the pamphlet and registration form and organizing activities • Second semester is now in progress. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students are taking advantage of course offerings at collaborating schools ○ Six students are taking the CNA course at the Coos County Nursing Hospital. • The school year is more than 50% complete <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To date we have used only one storm day ○ If no further weather-related days are needed, the last day of school will be adjusted to June 15th. • Winter Carnival activities are being organized by members of the Student Council to include indoor activities at Colebrook Academy and outdoor activities at Diamond Pond. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Canaan has decided not to participate due to lack of student interest • On January 19th Pittsburg School hosted most SAU #7 teachers for the third Professional Development Day this school year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff members participated in a growth mindset activity ○ Worked within their grade level clusters on competencies and standards ○ Met with wellness representative from Health Trust 	

	<p>Superintendent's Report continued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A second group of about 20 staff assembled in Stewartstown to begin training in restraint strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mandie Hibbard, Coordinator of Special Education Services conducted the training ▪ Staff feedback was positive overall ○ Next step in professional development efforts will include review of assessment practices to ensure staff are being assessed in skills identified in the specific standards ● The Strategic Planning Sub-Committee will meet again on Thursday, February 8th. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The team will review our work to date and begin to establish metrics to measure successes in target areas of improvement ● B. Beasley has attended a few games this season. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teams are doing well, especially girls' varsity ○ There appears to be much potential for continued success ○ Coaches and players must be willing to commit to the extra time and practice needed 	
7.	<p>Business Administrator's Report – Cheryl Covill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facility use request <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Skip Covell from the American Legion has submitted a facility use form for an evening performance by the US Navy Band, Northeast on April 21st. ○ The gymnasium has been requested and they would like to bring in a homemade 10' stage section due to the size of the band ○ C. Covill suggested they meet with C. Harris, head custodian, to see if we have an extension for stage risers or ask the Pittsburg Board to borrow their portable stage (this is used on the gym floor for graduation) ○ Skip Covell will get a copy of the stage schematics to review ● Presentation for the Annual School District meeting in March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Must set aside time to develop the presentation for the legislative body <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Format ▪ Statistical information ▪ Facility/Education Committees ○ As an FYI – the NHMBB released the Bond Bank 2018 series A bond sales results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rates 5 year – 2.00% ▪ Rates 20 year – 2.86% ● Request for overnight field trip <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Last year the Board was informed that Gina Dagesse was recognized by the Tillotson Fellowship Committee for her work at Colebrook Elementary School. ○ As part of the award, the School District received \$2,500 to be spent at her discretion ○ Gina would like to take a group of students on an overnight trip for team-building activities and participation in educational programs provided by the AMC/Pinkham Notch. ○ If additional funds are needed, she will hold fundraising events. ○ Early June is an approximate time for this trip 	
8.	<p>NH School Board Association Business – John Falconer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None 	

<p>9.</p>	<p>Unfinished Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018-2019 Add severance benefit balance on the budget footnotes • Graduation Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ M. Fiorentino suggested changes to the High School Graduation Policy, IKF ○ Two-tier diploma system ○ Academic diploma <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 22 credits – 17-18 school year ▪ 23.75 credits – 18-19 school year ▪ 26.00 credits – 19-20 school year ○ Other requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Senior project ▪ 50 hours of community service starting with the graduating class of 2019 ○ Alternate diploma (ED 306.27 (q)(4) and ESSA Section 8101 (a)(23) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Colebrook will require 20.5 credits and 50 hours of community service ○ Discussed the Tillotson senior project requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Based on proposed policy the Tillotson project would be required this school year. ▪ Suggest requirement start the beginning of FY19 ○ M. Fiorentino will present the final policy at the next Board meeting • Planning Board update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ D. Gales represented the School Board at the Planning Board meeting to discuss the entrance/exit of the proposed Dunkin Donuts • Selectmen’s meeting update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ C. Hamelin summarized meeting discussion ○ J. Falconer reviewed the budget ○ Additional discussions included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dunkin Donuts proposal ▪ Future of Colebrook Schools ▪ Forming a committee to include selectmen regarding Colebrook Academy future use ▪ Keno funding – how it would work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will be a warrant article before the voters ▪ Drainage work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B. LaPerle and G. Placey will walk property in the spring 	
<p>10.</p>	<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing update and changes for the next school year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SAU-wide Associate School Psychologist ○ Two Music positions ○ Physical Education and Health ○ FY 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Two Business teachers ▪ Elementary position • Support staff evaluation form <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ B. Beasley reviewed the new Support Staff Evaluation form <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrators are responsible for completing an evaluation on all support staff • Feedback can be solicited from staff who work closely with the staff member being evaluated 	

	<p>New Business continued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration next steps – Brian LaPerle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A list of Community Forum common threads was distributed for review ○ Board members worked in teams to discuss each common thread item to determine if Colebrook would increase educational opportunities if the Academy moved to the Elementary School. • Building Committee will meet on March 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. 	
11.	<p>Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
12.	<p>Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B. Beasley discussed HB 1749 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If this bill passes, it will allow people to bring firearms in the school during events 	
13.	<p><u>J. Falconer / D. Greene:</u> Motion to extend the School Board meeting up to 15 minutes.</p> <p>D. Gorham left the meeting at 9:52 p.m.</p> <p>B. LaPerle made a motion to go into a nonpublic session per RSA 91-A,II, (c) – student issue at 9:53 p.m.</p> <p>Roll call vote: M. Pearson – yes; D. Gales – yes; D. Greene – yes; J. Falconer – yes; C. Hamelin – yes; D. Thatcher – yes, B. LaPerle – yes.</p> <p>Cheryl Covill left the meeting at 9:53 p.m.</p> <p><u>J. Falconer / D. Thatcher:</u> To return to public session at 10:13 p.m.</p> <p>Roll call vote: M. Pearson – yes; D. Gales – yes; D. Greene – yes; J. Falconer – yes; C. Hamelin – yes; D. Thatcher – yes, B. LaPerle – yes.</p> <p><u>M. Pearson / D. Greene:</u> Motion to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session.</p> <p><u>J. Falconer / D. Gales:</u> Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 p.m.</p>	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
<p>Respectfully submitted:</p> <p>Cheryl Covill Bruce Beasley</p>		