

Columbia Heights Public Schools
Minutes of the
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
November 28, 2023

Vice Chair Mueller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Granlund called roll.

Members present: Ms. Granlund, Ms. Houle, Ms. Medearis, Ms. Mueller, Ms. Palmer, Ms. Pettway and Superintendent Stenvik

Members absent: None

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBER

Chair Mueller read the Oath of Office and Michelle Pettway was sworn in.

AGENDA APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Approval of Agenda motion by Palmer, seconded by Medearis, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carries unanimously.

B. Announcements

Dec. 4 No School

Dec. 12 5:00 p.m. School Board Sub-committee on Community Engagement, Community Room

Dec. 12 7:00 p.m. Regular School Board Meeting, Community Room

Dec. 25- Jan 2 No School, District closed 25,26,1,2

Jan. 9 5:30 p.m. School Board Organization Meeting, Community Room

Jan. 9 7:00 p.m. Regular School Board Meeting, Community Room

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD – None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Houle, seconded by Granlund, to approve the action required for implementation of the items on the consent agenda: Personal Report for November 28, 2023. Approve the employment of **Licensed** Angela Noll: Change to Kindergarten Teacher, VV, effective 11/13/23. Kevin Arnold: Change to EL Teacher, NP, effective 11/15/23. **Support – Conditional** Pang Lo: Education Assistant (EL), CA, new hire, effective 11/13/23 (the conditional offer of employment is subject to successful completion of a criminal background check). **Support** Norma Inagua Pena: Change to Long Hour Cook, VV, 7 hrs/day, effective 11/6/23. **Coach/Advisor/Additional Assignment** Melissa Deloach: After School EA Support Substitute, CA, current employee, effective 2023-2024 school year. Matt Townsend: ENCORE Strength and Conditioning Coach, CHHS, current employee, effective 2023-2024 school year. Billy Depies: Co-Head Wrestling Coach, CHHS, current employee, effective 2023-2024 school year. Troy Scott: Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, CHHS, current employee, effective 2023-2024 school year. Colton Williams: Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, CHHS, current employee, effective 2023-2024 school year. Dedrick Jenkins: Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, CHHS, rehire, effective 2023-2024 school year. Willie Braziel: Head Boys Basketball Coach, CHHS, rehire, effective 2023-2024 school year. Ernie McNeal: Co-Head Wrestling Coach, CHHS, rehire, effective 2023-2024 school year. Basil Muhammed: Assistant Wrestling Coach, CHHS, rehire, effective 2023-2024 school year. Jennifer Bradley: Building Leadership Team, CHHS, current employee, effective 2023-2024 school year. Cheryl Bolitho: After School EA Support Substitute, CA, current employee, effective 2023-2024 school year. Derrick Callender: Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, CHHS, rehire, effective 2023-2024 school year. Tim Randle: Head Girls Basketball Coach, CHHS, rehire, effective 2023-2024 school year. **Leave Requests** Lynn Lindberg: Long Hour Cook, HL, requests FMLA from 11/3/23 for up to 10 weeks. Manita Lama: PreK4 Asst, VV, requests FMLA from 11/16/23 for up to 12 weeks. Marc Jerue: Teacher, CHHS, requests

military leave from 4/18/24-4/19/24. **Resignations/Terminations** Nancy Sibri: Education Assistant (EL), HL, effective 11/17/23. Reason: Resignation. Matt Kourouma: Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, CHHS, effective 11/14/23. Reason: Resignation. Dave Larson: Education Assistant, CHHS, effective 1/3/24. Reason: Retirement. Revision to 9/12/23: Lauren Driste: Kindergarten Teacher, VV, rehire, step 1, lane 1 (BA), for 128 of 189 days, \$29,255.11 (22-23 salary schedule) for the 2023-2024 school year (the conditional offer of employment is subject to obtaining the appropriate license). Treasurer Report for September 2023 and October 2023. Motion Carried unanimously.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Ms. Granlund attended the Columbia Academy choir concert at the PAC. Work Session, held conversations with Members Medearis, Pettway, Chair Mueller, Superintendent Stenvik, School Board members in other districts, staff and community members and Representative Feist

Ms. Houle attended the Work Session, reviewed the July and August expense reports

Ms. Medearis preparing to serve as a delegate at the Minnesota School Board delegate assembly with Member Palmer, attended Highland Turkey BINGO had a great turn out and raised approximately \$4,000 attended the Work Session and a couple of Chair meetings.

Ms. Mueller Toured Valley View with Representative Koegel, Chair meeting, Work session, held conversations with Member Medearis, Member Granlund, Superintendent Stenvik and many community members and parents.

Ms. Palmer attended the Work Session and the Chair Meetings.

Ms. Pettway attended Turkey BINGO at Highland, the Work Session, BIPOC family planning meeting, North Park family engineering meeting and Columbia Heights City Council Meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Stenvik – Defer report this week.

SECONDARY BUILDING VISION CARDS

Bondo Nyembwe, Exec. Director of Educational Services; Principals Berkas and Wynne presented the Board with the secondary buildings vision cards. This is an informational item only.

NEW/SUSPENDED/DELETED COURSES

Director Thukral; Principal Todd Wynne and Jacqueline Bayless, Columbia Heights High School Teacher presented information on new/deleted/suspended courses. This will be brought forward at a future meeting for approval.

World's Best Workforce Annual Report

Director Thukral and Exec. Director Nyembwe presented information on the World's Best Workforce. This will be brought forward at a future meeting for approval.

Highland Roof Bid

Director Hennekens presented information on the Highland roof bid proposals.

Policy First Reading

503-Student Attendance, 505- Distribution of Non-School Sponsored Materials on school premises by students and employees 510 School Activities 522 Title IX 526 Hazing Prohibition 531 Pledge of Allegiance

School Board Goals

Motion by Pettway seconded by Granlund, to approve the School Board Goals for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Strategic Plan

Motion by Pettway seconded by Palmer, to select CESO for the 2024 Strategic plan consultant firm. Motion Carried unanimously

BOARD TOPICS

Mueller –The auditing firm will present the Audit no earlier than December 12, 2023, proposed special session is not required at this time. The Auditors will present the Audit at the December 12 meeting as an informational item and move it to action item at a January meeting. This adjustment is a new timeline for our District.

Pettway: Date correction, Family Engineering event at North Park is Wednesday from 5-6:30. District Resource fair in the Family Center on Thursday from 5-8 P.M.

Granlund: Robotics meet on Friday and is still looking for volunteers to help with the team. Columbia Academy will be holding auditions for Sponge Bob the Musical.

Medearis: Highland is having a fundraiser at Noodles and Company December 6 from 4-8 the proceeds will go to Highland PTO.

Mueller: The musical performances of Cinderella will be held at Columbia Heights High School in the PAC December 7- 10

Palmer: The Musicals in our district are a great time and well done.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed all of the items on the regular agenda, at 9:11p.m. Chair Mueller adjourned the meeting.

Date minutes approved

Mary Granlund, Clerk, Board of Education
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