

Columbia Heights Public Schools
Minutes of the
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Chair Mueller called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Granlund called roll.

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

Members absent: None

AGENDA APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE

A. Approval of Agenda motion by Pettway, seconded by Palmer, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Announcements

- Sept. 19 Tue. 5:30 p.m. School Board Work Session, Community Room
- Sept 19 Tues. 7:00 p.m. Sub Committee on Community Engagement
- Sept 26 Tue. 7:00 p.m. Regular School Board Meeting, Community Room
- Oct. 3 Tue. 7:00 p.m. Local 710 hosting School Board Candidate Forum, Community Room
- Oct. 10 Tue. 7:00 p.m. Regular School Board Meeting, Community Room

C. Correspondence- None

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD -None

CONSENT AGENDA

Medearis requested to remove Policy 425 from the Consent agenda, for it was listed in error.

Motion by Palmer, seconded by Granlund, to approve the consent agenda as amended for implementation of the items on the consent agenda. School Board Minutes August 22 Regular School Board Meeting. The Personnel Report. The 2023-2024 Employee Handbook. Legislative Policy changes: These policies appeared at the Policy Sub- committee meeting on August 22, 2023. 506-Student Discipline: 507-Corporal Punishment: 514- Bullying Prohibition: 516.5-Overdose Medication: 534 School Meals: 709-Transportation Safety: 806-Crisis Management: 807-Health and Safety. All Ayes, motion carries.

Motion by Medearis, seconded Granlund to table approval for Policy 425- Staff Development and Mentoring till time uncertain. All Ayes, motion carries.

DISCUSSION, REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS

Reports from Members of the Board

Discussion: Pettway: Attended: Convocation great energy informative, Special called meeting, BIPOC leaders meeting, United States Representative Omar's Town Hall at CHHS.

Houle: Attended Last week's meeting, new staff luncheon where she sat at a table with North Park's new teachers

Palmer: Attended Convocation, staff band was a highlight. The New employee lunch and sat at the Family center group, 916 monthly meeting, Chair meeting for the Special Called Meeting and the Special Called Meeting.

Medearis: Attended the new staff Luncheon, highlight hearing about the bus tour. MDE education session non-inclusionary policy meeting, Convocation Highlight was students gathering to perform and lead the new teachers in the School Rouser, attended open houses at CA and HL and CA PTO meeting.

Granlund: Attended Convocation and picnic, Special Called Meeting, Columbia Heights Robotics Team at the State Fair. United States Representative Ilhan Omar Town hall meeting at CHHS, AMSD legislative update, and a Columbia Heights City council Work Session.

Mueller: Attended the new employee lunch and co-host the bus tour of Columbia Heights with her highlight being getting to know the new staff and the theater tour. The new employee Luncheon, sitting with the new High School employees, highlight meeting computer science teacher. Convocation Highlight was the attendees group Flashlight during the Band performance. United States Representative Ilhan Omar Town hall meeting at CHHS, Highlight seeing fellow Board members and community members.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND CORRISPONDENCE:

Discussion: Superintendent Stenvik: Meeting with the Bussing company, Congratulating Director Thukral on her continued efforts in acquiring new grants for the district: Advanced Placement STEM Grant for \$75,000 and a Concurrent Enrollment Introduction to Teaching Grant for \$106,042. All her efforts writing the grant applications and tracking and recording the data. The School districts relationship with the Police department changing due to legislative changes.

DREAMLINE PROGRAM UPDATE

Presenter: Executive Director of Education Services Bondo Nyembwe, presented information on the Dreamline Program and data from the 2022-2023 school year. This was an informational item only.

CONSTITUTION WEEK 2023

Dir. of Teaching and Learning, Tara Thukral presented The Resolution on Constitution Week. Motion by Houle, seconded by Pettway to approve the as read resolution approving September 17-23, 2023 as Constitution Week.

Roll call vote: Granlund- Aye

Houle- Aye

Medearis- Aye

Mueller- Aye

Palmer- Aye

Pettway- Aye

Resolution and motion carried

BOARD TOPICS

Pettway: School start times: Elementary to start later. Stenvik referenced studies that conclude adolescents need more sleep and Columbia Heights Public Schools runs a three teared bus system put into place during the 2006-2007 school year. Parents to be aware that after school adventure club is available to families.

ADJOURNMENT: Having completed all of the items on the regular agenda, at 8:09 p.m. Chair Mueller adjourned the meeting.

Date minutes approved

Mary Granlund, Clerk, Board of Education
Independent School District 13