

**Minutes of the
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
October 24, 2023**

Chair Mueller called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the pledge of Allegiance.

Stephanie Alvarez called roll.

Members Present: Ms. Medearis, Ms. Mueller, Ms. Palmer, Ms. Pettway and
Superintendent Stenvik

Members absent: Ms. Granlund, Ms. Houle

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

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

Community member addressed the Board with questions stemming from the October 10, 2024 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Pettway, seconded by Palmer, to approve the action required for implementation of the items on the consent agenda. Personnel Report of October 24, 2023, Legislative Policy changes: 419-Tobacco Free Environment, 424- License Status, 425- Staff Development, 504- Student Dress and Appearance- Graduation Ceremonies and Treasurer Reports for July 2023 - August 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS RESOLUTION:

Motioned by Palmer, seconded by Medearis

Whereas: Minnesota Statute 123B.02 permits school boards to "...receive, for the benefit of the district, bequests, donations, or gifts for any proper purpose and apply the same to the purpose designated. In that behalf, the board may act as trustee of any trust created for the benefit of the district, and for the benefit of pupils thereof."

Therefore: Be it resolved by the School Board of Columbia Heights Public Schools, Independent School District No. 13 that the School Board accepts with appreciation the contributions, detailed in the background, in the amount of \$8,761.40

DETAILED BACKGROUND:

MONETARY

- A donation of \$3,178.00 was made to North Park from The Columbia Heights Athletic Boosters (CHAB) for a GaGa Pit.
- A donation of \$2,600 was made to Activities at CHHS Boys Basketball Program for Shooting shirts for Middle school/ High School Athletes and snacks for High School Season.

Value in Kind

- A donation from Camp Digital For digital and online access to the internet for the Columbia Heights Public Schools Transitions Students Value of \$2,600

- A donation from Doner's choose of Hoki Stools for Student needs in the Art Room at Valley View valued at 384.40.

Total fiscal year 2023-2024 monetary contributions to date: \$\$28,194.07

The following voted in favor thereof:

Medearis-Aye

Mueller-Aye

Palmer-Aye

Pettway-Aye

Resolution and Motion carried

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Ms. Palmer, attended the Pride fest, Work Study Session 916 School Board, 916 Board Meeting, 916 Superintendent Meeting, the best ever Student School Board Leadership Conference at Shakopee High School, and Teacher Tenure Reception.

Ms. Pettway attended the Columbia Heights Fire Station Open House, school conferences at Valley View, October 17th Work Session, The Subcommittee on Community Engagement, Adult Coffee, Heights Next Spooktacular event at Kordiak park, the Levy information session and the Tenured Teacher Reception.

Ms. Medearis attended Work Session, Subcommittee on Community Engagement, MSBA phase 4 training on representing your community through policy and engagement. Highland PTO meeting, the Tenured Teacher Reception and the Districts Levy information meeting.

Ms. Mueller Attended the Chair meeting, the Work Session, held conversations member Granlund, attended the Levy information meeting and the Tenured Teacher Reception and had numerous conversations with Superintendent Stenvik.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Since last meeting Exec. Director Nyembwe and I met with local clergy discuss Levy questions and ways we can collaborate to support students. Joined Vice Chair Palmer and our two Student School Board representatives at Student School Board Leadership Conference at Shakopee High School, Dir. Hennekens and I hosted an informational public presentation on the levy questions, I attended the Tenured Teacher Reception. Conversations with Member Granlund, Member Medearis, Vice Chair Palmer and Chair Mueller.

TENURE RECOGNITION

Lindsey Bennett, Dir. of Human Resources recognized the Tenured Teachers as of July 1 2023 fourteen staff members were recognized: Jacqueline Bayless, Emma Benson, Angela Brown, Betsy Hatt, Tracy Huerta, Megan Hughs, Shannon Keenan, Alix Kramme, Casey Metcalfe, Laura Potopa, Sandra Westmoreland, Tessa Williams, and Mikayla Woebke.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION ON A- IMPROVING OUR STUDENTS' EXPERIENCE AND SCHOOL CLIMATE: Exec. Dir. of Educational Services Bondo Nyembwe and Dir. of Human Resources Lindsey Bennett presented information on Strategic Direction A - Improve our students' experience and school climate. This is an informational item only.

ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION: Exec. Dir. of Educational Services Bondo Nyembwe and Dir. of Human Resources Lindsey Bennett presented information on the Assurance of Compliance with State and Federal Law Prohibiting Discrimination. This is an informational item only.

POLICY FIRST READING: 518, 533, 535, 540.

MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE FOUNDATION FORM A APPLICATION

Motion by Medearis, seconded by Palmer, to approve the attached resolution for the support of the MSHSL Form A grant as presented. Roll call vote: Medearis-Aye, Mueller-Aye, Palmer-Aye, Pettway-Aye Resolution and Motion carried

MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE FOUNDATION FORM B APPLICATION

Motion by Palmer, seconded by Medearis, to approve the attached resolution for the support of the MSHSL Form B grant as presented. Roll call vote: Medearis-Aye, Mueller-Aye, Palmer-Aye, Pettway-Aye Resolution and Motion carried

AUTHORIZATION OF BID PUBLICATION – HIGHLAND ROOF

Presented by Director Hennekens, Columbia Heights Highland Elementary Roof Bid Authorization to Post.

Motion by Pettway, seconded by Medearis, to authorize the publishing of legal notice of solicitation of bids for the replacement of sections of roof on Highland Elementary.

Motion carried unanimously

BOARD TOPICS

Member Pettway highlight the Columbia Heights Trunk or Treat event October 28th from 1-4, several board members will be in attendance.

Member Palmer shared Community engagement discussion: the group would like to have more meetings to be more engaged with the community. Looking to find events for Board Members to volunteer at, by bringing the Board outside the boardroom. Jessica will work on logistics for hosting a listening session in Spanish in the spring. Structuring more formal education on what we do as a district. Michelle, Question, does the district provide an experience to have students visit City Hall for a mock meeting, A way for our students to see themselves in the role of leadership while learning city procedures and functions of a board. Cool idea brings up a joint meeting with the City of Columbia Heights and the youth commission for older students. Opportunity to explore the spaces and making politics a little less intimidating.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed all of the items in the regular agenda, at 8:17 p.m. Chair Mueller adjourned the meeting

Date minutes approved

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

