

Columbia Heights Public Schools
Minutes of the
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
September 26, 2023

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. Mueller, Ms. Houle, Ms. Pettway and Superintendent Stenvik

Members absent: Ms. Medearis, Ms. Palmer.

HYLANDER HIGHLIGHT The board honored Columbia Academy 8th grade student Kieran Curruthers for being selected for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Young Scholars Program.

AGENDA APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Approval of Agenda Motion by Granlund, seconded by Houle to amend the agenda to remove the Community engagement item from the agenda. Motion by Granlund, seconded by Houle, to approve the now amended Agenda. Motion carried unanimously

B. Announcements

Sept. 29 6:00 Homecoming Football Game and Fireworks

Oct. 3, Tue. 7:00 p.m. Local # 710 School Board Candidate Forum, Community Room

Oct. 5 Flex Learning Day (Online learning day)

Oct. 6 Fri. No School

Oct. 10, Tue. 5:00 p.m. School Board Sub-Committee on Policy, Community Room

Oct. 10, Tue. 7:00 p.m. Regular School Board Meeting, Community Room

Oct. 17, Tue. 5:30 p.m. School Board Work Session, Community Room

Oct 17, Tue. 7:00 p.m. School Board Sub-Committee on Community Engagement, Community Room

Oct. 19 and 20 No School

Oct.24, Tue. (before the Board Meeting) Tenure Teacher Reception, Family Center

Oct 24, Tue. 7:00 p.m. Regular School Board Meeting, Community Room

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD – None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Houle, seconded by Pettway, to approve the action required for implementation of the items on the consent agenda. Personnel Report of September 26, 2023, The Policies with Legislative Changes for the 2023-2024 school year presented to the Sub-Committee on policy September 12, 2023:102 Athletic Program, 509 Enrollment, 513 Student Promotion, 602 E- learning Negotiations, 603 Curriculum Development, 604 Instructional Curriculum 620 PSEO, 621 Literacy and the READ Act, 624 Online Instruction. Motion Carried unanimously.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Motioned by Granlund, seconded by Pettway: 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 \$3,620.

DETAILED BACKGROUND:

Monetary

- Donation of \$50 to purchase hats and mittens for students needing them at North Park School of Innovation. By John Doe from the Columbia Heights Lions Club.

Value in Kind

- Donation of QuickTalker Freestyle with Proloquo2Go for Early Childhood Special Education by Jessica Changthoralek, Valued at \$3,495.00
- Donation of school supplies was made to Columbia Academy by Jane Doe for Encore student needs. Estimated value of \$75.00.

Roll call vote: Granlund..... AYE
 Mueller AYE
 Houle AYE
 Pettway AYE

Resolution and Motion carried

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Ms. Granlund fielded questions from the community, volunteered at Columbia Academy, participated in several phone calls to board members and superintendent Stenvik and attended the Board Work session.

Ms. Houle attended the Patriot picnic for the Republican Party to talk levy, and the Fridley City Council Meeting with Superintendent to provide clarity on the levy.

Ms. Mueller attended the chair meeting prior to this meeting, the Board Work Session, Columbia Heights Pride, and Booster hot dog wagon where it was fun interacting with students while providing a free meal.

Ms. Pettway attended a family meeting at North Park School for Innovation and the Columbia Heights Pride.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Stenvik attended the American Indian community picnic, participated on a planning team for student school board members that Shakopee High school will be hosting later this year. Toured Highland with Exec. Dir. Nyembwe and Jane Mc Donald Black from The Jab Foundation. Presented with Principle Berkas the Levy to the Columbia Heights Lions club. Attended a

Attended a Think Tank session for Black Men Teach. Planning the honoring of the Staska's Flag at the Homecoming game and was in Communication with each board member

ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE The district has received the Association of School Business Officials International's (ASBO) Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting. This award represents a significant achievement and reflects the district's commitment to the highest standards of school system financial reporting. This is the fifteenth year running that the district has achieved this award.

ELECTION JUDGE REPORT AND RESOLUTION Chair Mueller presented on the process of the Election Judge for the upcoming election, the resolutions will be presented at the October 10th Regular Board Meeting

ACTION ITEMS:

INSURANCE RENEWAL

Motion by Houle, seconded by Pettway, for the renewal for the Property and Liability Insurance coverage package from Liberty Mutual and Travelers Insurance as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

PAY 2024 PRELIMINARY LEVY Director Hennekens presented an update to the board on the preliminary levy. Motion by Pettway seconded by Granlund, to approve the 2023, payable 2024 preliminary school levy at maximum. Motion carried unanimously

BOARD TOPICS Ms. Houle is looking forward to learning more details on the Curriculum cycle. Ms. Mueller wished staff and students and returning Alumni a safe Homecoming

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed all of the items on the regular agenda, at 7:47 p.m. Chair Mueller adjourned the meeting.

Date minutes approved

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