

Columbia Heights Public Schools
Minutes of the
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
July 9, 2024

Chair Mueller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Pettway called roll.

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

Members absent: Ms. Palmer

AGENDA APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE

A. Approval of Agenda motion by Houle, seconded by Granlund, to approve the amended agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

B. Announcements

- Aug. 14, Wed. 5:00 p.m. Sub- Committee on Policy, Community Room
- Aug. 14, Wed. 5:00 p.m. Sub-Committee on Community Engagement, Training Room
- Aug. 14, Wed. 6:00 p.m. Regular School Board Meeting, Community Room
- Aug 20, Tues 5:30 p.m. Work Session, Community Room
- Aug 27, Tues 6:00 p.m. Regular School Board Meeting, Community Room

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD – None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Medearis, seconded by Pettway, to approve the action required to implement the items on the consent agenda. Motion Carried.

Minutes: June 25

Treasurer Report: May 2024

MSBA Membership

Policy Second Reading: 414- Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect, 415- Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults

Personal Report

Licensed – Conditional

Bhasker Jakkula: EL Teacher, CHHS, new hire, step 12, lane 10 (MA+60), \$90,137 for 189 days for the 2024-2025 school year (the conditional offer of employment is subject to obtaining the appropriate license and successful completion of a criminal background check). **Jennifer Linderholm:** 1st Grade Teacher, HL, new hire, step 11, lane 1 (BA), \$67,492 for 189 days for the 2024-2025 school year (the conditional offer of employment is subject to successful completion of a criminal background check). **Evan Kohl:** Physics Teacher, CHHS, new hire, step 2, lane 3 (BA+30), \$50,458 for 189 days for the 2024-2025 school year (the conditional offer of employment is subject to successful completion of a criminal background check). **Molly Crotty:** Special Education Teacher, NPSfI, rehire for 186 days for the 2024-2025 school year (the conditional offer of employment is subject to obtaining the appropriate license). **Elaina Lucas:** EL Teacher, CHHS, rehire for 186 days for the 2024-2025 school year (the conditional offer of employment is subject to obtaining the appropriate license).

Support – Conditional Kaitlyn Wesbur: Deputy Director of Finance and Operations, DW, new hire for 261 days, effective 7/1/24 (the conditional offer of employment is subject to the successful completion of a criminal background check). **Support Valeria Panora:** Change to **Mini Adv Asst,** Comm Ed, **3.5 hrs/day,** effective 6/7/24. **Coach/Advisor/Additional Assignment Brooke Perillo:** Summer EL Reading Teacher, VV, Summer 2024.

Ali Farah: Special Education Teacher, CHHS, Summer 2024. **Jordan Rushton:** Special Education Teacher, CHHS, Summer 2024. **Deb Vera:** Kitchen Manager, HL, Summer 2024. **Lynn Lindberg:** Long Hour Cook, HL, Summer 2024. **Vilma Salas Faican:** Medium Hour Cook, HL, Summer 2024. **Angela Brown:** SLP, FC, Summer 2024. **Tara Fitzgerald:** School Psychologist, CHHS, Summer 2024.

Jack Difino: School Psychologist, DW, Summer 2024. **Leave Requests Mark Cramer:** Kitchen Manager, NP, requests FMLA from 5/13/24-5/24/24.

The following list of employees will receive a salary increase commensurate with what the teachers received for 2023-2024: 2.25% and 4% for 2024-2025.

Director of Teaching and Learning, Director of Finance and Operations, Director of Human Resources Director of Special Services, Director of Community Education and Communications, Executive Director of Educational Services **Resignations/Terminations Amber Bromley:** PE Teacher, HL, effective 6/7/24. Reason: Resignation. **Christina Cronen:** Elementary Teacher, VV, effective 6/7/24. Reason: Resignation. **Lydia Anderson:** Social Worker, CHHS, effective 6/7/24. Reason: Resignation. **Tara Fitzgerald:** School Psychologist, DW, effective 6/27/24. Reason: Resignation. **Alix Kramme:** OT, DW, effective 6/7/24. Reason: Resignation. **Eva Hubert:** Summer Encore Teacher, Comm Ed, effective 8/17/22. Reason: Seasonal. **Chloe Daher:** Youth Summer Sampler Coach, Comm Ed, effective 7/19/23. Reason: Seasonal. **Laura Karsjens:** Elementary Teacher, HL, effective 6/7/24. Reason: Resignation.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Houle met with Sup Stenvik about March and April expenses. Attended a meeting with community members. Medearis participated in the parent and child pasta-making experience community education event. Mueller had a conversation with a parent about the girls' basketball team. Walked in the Jamboree Parade. Pettway walked in the Jamboree Parade and attended several Jamboree events. Participated in a Panel of Elective officials at the CONvergence Convention.

Granlund-Parade, Jamboree fireworks, conversations with family and students

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE I attended the Regional Council of Mayors meeting with Mayor Marquez Simula yesterday. The council invites superintendents to join their mayors for networking and conversation each July. We had a robust discussion on various important topics, including Be SMART, a safe gun storage organization, the new cell phone policy requirement, artificial intelligence and screen time, budget shortfalls, and student absenteeism. It was helpful to hear how cities and school districts collaborate across the region to support youth within the community. I look forward to continued collaboration with the city. I met with Chair Mueller, Vice Chair Granlund, and Member Houle and talked with those who participated in the Jamboree Parade.

RADON TESTING

Bryan Hennekens, Director of Finance and Operations, presented information on Radon Testing in the Columbia Heights School buildings. This is informational only.

FUND BALANCE POLICY

The motion by Granlund, seconded by Pettway, to approve the Revised Policy 714 Fund Balances. All in Favor Motion Carries.

BOARD TOPICS –

Mueller -Happy Birthday Julie

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed all the items on the regular agenda, Chair Mueller adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Date minutes approved

Michelle Pettway, Clerk, Board of Education.
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