

Columbia Heights Public Schools
Minutes of the
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

August 14, 2024

Chair Mueller called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Pettway called roll.

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

Members absent: None

AGENDA APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

B. Announcements

Aug. 20, 5:30 PM Work session, Community Room

Aug 27, 6:00 PM Regular School Board Meeting, Community Room

Sept. 3, First Day of School

Sept. 10, 4:45 PM Sub-Committee on Policy, Community Room

Sept. 10, 5:00 PM Sub-Committee on Community Engagement, Training Room

Sept. 10, 6:00 PM Regular School Board Meeting

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Houle, seconded by Palmer, to move to a closed session to discuss contract negotiation.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:02 PM

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD- None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Granlund, seconded by Pettway, to approve the action required to implement the items on the consent agenda. **Personal Report** of August 14, 2024. **BACKGROUND: Licensed Sarah Hanf:** Change to Building Substitute, HL, effective 8/26/24. **Kim Landry:** Change to Elective Teacher, VV, .75 FTE, effective 8/26/24. **Shelly Johnson:** Change to Special Education Teacher, VV, effective 8/26/24. **Shelly Vixayvong:** Change to Spanish Teacher, CHHS, 1.0 FTE, effective 8/26/24. **Dan Shuck:** Change to Math Teacher, CHHS, 1.0 FTE, effective 8/26/24. **Daniel Honigs:** Change to Math Teacher, CHHS, 1.0 FTE, effective 8/26/24. **Billy Depies:** Change to Math Teacher, CHHS, 1.0 FTE, effective 8/26/24. **Dan Ronchak:** Change to Math Teacher/AVID, CHHS, 1.0 FTE, effective 8/26/24. **Aimee Candella:** Change to Science Teacher, CHHS, 1.0 FTE, effective 8/26/24. **Emily Shields:** Change to Science Teacher, CHHS, 1.0 FTE, effective 8/26/24. **Tina Shaeffer:** Change to English Teacher, CHHS, 1.0 FTE, effective 8/26/24. **Scott Opatz:** Change to PE/Health Teacher, CA, 1.0 FTE, effective 8/26/24.

Brad Boleman: Change to PE Teacher, CA, 1.0 FTE, effective 8/26/24. **Abby Olson:** Change to EL Teacher, CA, 1.0 FTE, effective 8/26/24. **Caitlin Storm Disalvi:** Change to Band/Music Teacher, CHHS, 1.0 FTE, effective 8/26/24. **Nicholas Hollerman:** Change to Choir/Music Teacher, CHHS, 1.0 FTE, effective 8/26/24. **Marcela San Martin Manquez :** Change to EL Teacher, CHHS, 1.0 FTE, effective 8/26/24. **Ross Radtke:** Change to Math Teacher, CA, 1.0 FTE, effective 8/26/24. **Jennifer Rodriguez Martinez:** Change to EL Teacher, CA, .95 FTE, effective 8/26/24. **Doran Schoepach:** Change to Special Education Teacher, NP, effective 8/26/24. **Nancy Kenevan:** Change to Special Education Teacher, CA, .83 FTE, effective 8/26/24. **Jennifer Bradd:** Change to Teacher AVID/Social Studies, CA, effective 8/26/24. **Colleen Graf:** Change to Elementary Teacher/Building Substitute, NP, effective 8/26/24. **Katelyn Smith:** Change to 5th Grade Teacher, VV, effective 8/26/24. **Teegan Johnson:** Change to 4th Grade Teacher, VV, effective 8/26/24. **Heather Kopp:** Change to Elementary Teacher/Building Substitute, VV, effective 8/26/24. **Licensed – Conditional Amany Elaraby:** MTSS Coord, DW, new hire, \$92,500 for 228 days for the 2024-2025 school year (the conditional offer of employment is subject to successful completion of a criminal background check). **Kristen Ellingboe:** English Teacher, CA, rehire, step 9, lane 10 (MA+60), \$85,852 for 189 days for the 2024-2025 school year (the conditional offer of employment is subject to successful completion of a criminal background check). **James Landsberger:** OT, DW, new hire, step 10, lane 6 (MA), \$79,574 for 189 days for the 2024-2025 school year (the conditional offer of employment is subject to successful completion of a criminal background check). **Rachel Spawn-Lee:** Elementary Teacher, NPSfl, new hire, step 5, lane 6 (MA), \$63,824 for 189 days for the 2024-2025 school year (the conditional offer of employment is subject to successful completion of a criminal background check). **Support – Conditional Edward Robison:** Custodian, CHHS, new hire, Step 5/\$27.67 (23-24 rate) for 241 of 261 days (the conditional offer of employment is subject to successful completion of a criminal background check). **Support Nasra Farah:** Summer Student Tutor, VV, new hire, 7/9/24-7/29/24. **Jacqueline Rios de Santiago:** Summer Student Tutor, VV, new hire, 7/9/24-7/29/24. **Luly Ochoa Robles:** Change to PreK4 Asst, VV, effective 9/3/24. **Ana Heras:** Change to Building Monitor, NP, effective 9/2/24. **Theresa Swendra:** ECFE Asst, FC, current employee, effective 8/26/24. **Blanca Inamagua:** Change to Medium Hour Cook, VV, .56 FTE, effective 24-25 school year. **Fanny Palchizaca:** Change to EL Educ Asst, VV, .81 FTE, effective 24-25 school year. **Hannah Lara Cruz:** Change to Educ Asst, VV, .81 FTE, effective 24-25 school year. **Joan Stepaniak:** Lunch Duty Monitor, HL, current employee, effective 24-25 school year. **Kevin Moore:** Change to Mini Adv Asst, Comm Ed, 1.0 FTE, effective 9/3/24. **Coach/Advisor/Additional Assignment Juan Mendoza:** Youth Soccer Camp Summer Coach, CHHS, summer 2024. **Kevin Centeno:** Youth Soccer Camp Summer Coach, CHHS, summer 2024. **Dedrick Jenkins:** Head Boys Basketball Coach, CHHS, fall 2024. **Alex Mack:** Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, CA, fall 2024. **Chloe Bluth:** Head Adaptive Soccer Coach, CHHS, fall 2024. **Resignations/Terminations Alex Winn:** Manager of Buildings and Grounds, DW, effective 7/19/24. Reason: Resignation. **Martin Lohman:** Teacher, CHHS, effective 6/7/24. Reason: Resignation. **Lizbeth Cando Sacta:** Prek4 Asst Sub, VV, effective 6/6/24. Reason: Temporary Assignment. **Thea Costello:** Educ Asst, NP, effective 6/6/24. Reason: Resignation. **Brenda Pliego-Geniz:** Clerical Admin Specialist, CA, effective 6/18/24. Reason: Resignation. **Tim Randle:** Head Girls Basketball Coach, CHHS, effective 3/27/24. Reason: Resignation. **Linda Linder:** Principal's Secretary, HL, effective 6/18/24. Reason: Retirement. **Kevin Tillman:** Custodian, CHHS, effective 7/24/24. Reason: Termination. **Casey Metcalfe:** Teacher, CA, effective 6/7/24. Reason: Resignation. **Hanna Abikar:** LDM, HL, effective 6/6/24. Reason: Resignation. **Stephanie Vang:** Teacher, CA, effective 6/7/24. Reason: Resignation. **Nancy Wallerius:** Adv Club Asst and Supv Sub, Comm Ed, effective 8/1/24. Reason: Retirement. **Andrea Nicklow:** Medium Hour Cook, HL, effective 6/6/24. Reason: Resignation. **Revision to 5/28/24: Lindsay Wooten:** Special Education Teacher,

CHHS, new hire, step 3, lane 2 (BA+15), \$50,458 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). **Revision to 6/25/24: Dannesia Rubio-Gonzalez:** Mini Adv Asst, Comm Ed, effective 7/12/24. Reason: Resignation. **Addition to 7/9/24: Cathy Springhorn:** Social Worker, CHHS, new hire, step 4, lane 6 (MA), \$61,393 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). **Minutes** of the July 9 2024 School Board Meeting. **Treasurer Report** June 2024, the READ Act. READ Act Memorandum of Understanding.

In Favor: Palmer, Granlund, Mueller, Houle, Pettway. Abstained: Medearis. Motion carries

ACKNOWLEDGE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Motion by Medearis: 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. On 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, for \$7,575.

Monetary

Donations by the following to the Columbia Heights High School Scholarship Fund for Ranjana Thukral Memorial Scholarship

- Cathy Skrip and Ann Haglund for \$100
- Kristen Stuenkel, Rhonda Baskfield, and Valley View Sunshine for \$50
- Regina Shih for \$200.00
- Carrie Trnjanin for \$25.00

The Columbia Heights Athletic Boosters donated \$3,500 to support the Boys Soccer Program.

The Columbia Heights Basketball Association donated \$3,500 for the Columbia Academy Scoreboard.

In-Kind

Jim and Susan Conklin donated a Framed team picture of the 1927 Columbia Heights Boys Basketball Team

The total fiscal year 2024-2025 monetary contributions to date: \$7,575

Member Houle duly seconded the motion for the adoption of the preceding resolution, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Granlund – Aye, Houle-Aye, Medearis-Aye, Mueller-Aye, Palmer-Aye, Pettway-Aye

Thereupon, the said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Ms. Houle attended the MSBA Title 9 meeting, Shared school updates, and Fridley community scholarship appreciation during a Fridley City Council meeting,

Ms. Pettway attended the Little Shop of Horrors play, the Golden Nuts grand opening, the Medtronic bike-building event, the Columbia Heights police meet and greet, and the BIPOC family advisory meeting. MSBA Title 9 meeting, National Night Out events, Leadership Summer Social. Monarch Festival and the Community Engagement Meeting. Participated in the LEAD Conference in a panel discussion focusing on the Black Men Teach Program at North Park.

Ms. Medearis attended the MSBA Title 9 meeting in July. Her family members are participating in the Park and Rec and School District summer programming and enjoying the experience.

Ms. Granlund- attended the Subcommittee meeting on Community Engagement and Bike Building at Medtronic, the student-led Blooming Heights Farmers Market, Blooming Sunshine end-of-year picnic, and National Night Out events. I met and held numerous conversations with members of the community, including Pettway, Medearis, and Superintendent Stenvik.

Ms. Palmer- attended the Subcommittee on Community Engagement and the 916 Board Meeting.

Ms. Mueller attended the Chair Meeting and Subcommittee on Policy and held conversations with Superintendent Stenvik and Member Palmer.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

There is a lot of activity around the district this week, with many staff returning and activities starting up. Earlier this week, Assistant Superintendent Bondo Nyembwe and I testified at a Legislative Study Group on Absenteeism meeting. We have also met with the other districts named in the statute for the statewide attendance pilot project. We are grateful to receive funding for this project over the next three years since attendance at school impacts academic growth. District 916 is also working on the issue of chronic absenteeism, and last week, we met with various county attorneys, the commissioner of education, and the 916 superintendents to begin discussing ways our organizations can better collaborate to support chronically absent students. A district team has been meeting with the non-licensed union groups in contract negotiations. I have been able to attend local conferences this summer, including the LEAD conference and the MDE back-to-school conference. Member Pettway and the North Park team did an amazing job as panel presenters at the LEAD conference. I have had conversations with Member Pettway, Member Houle, Vice Chair Granlund, and Chair Mueller

BUILDING CAPACITY

Motion by Palmer, seconded by Houle, to approve the closure to open enrolment of Valley View Elementary Grades Kindergarten and 2, during the 2024-2025 school year or until those grades are no longer beyond capacity. All in favor motion carriers.

BOARD TOPICS

Ms. Granlund, The Subcommittee on Community Engagement is busy planning involvement opportunities within the district during the school year. Look to the district calendars for dates and times for school open houses.

Pettway: Looking to explore collaboration between the schools and the assisted living facilities in Columbia Heights. Movie in the Park events in Fridley and Columbia Heights.

Ms. Mueller will not be at the work session next week. A head, heart, and hands T-shirt is available for all district staff. Reminders: There will be a new staff luncheon at Murzyn Hall, a Convocation, and an all-staff Luncheon.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed all the items on the regular agenda at 7:37 PM, Chair Mueller adjourned the meeting.

Date minutes approved

Michelle Pettway, Clerk, Board of Education
Independent School District 13