

Columbia Heights Public Schools

Minutes of the REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING November 12, 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. Mueller, Ms. Palmer, Ms. Medearis, Ms. Pettway, and Superintendent Stenvik

Members absent: Ms. Houle

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

Announcements

Nov. 19, 5:30 p.m. School Board Work Session, Community Room

Nov. 26, 6:00 p.m. Regular School Board Meeting, Community Room

Nov 27, 28 & 29, No School

Nov 28 & 29, District Closed

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD- None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Pettway, seconded by Medearis to approve the consent agenda as listed: **Assurance of Compliance, Lane Change SEWICH, ALLYSON-BA+30-MA, Treasury Report-** September 24, **School Board Minutes** October 8, 15, and 22. **Personal Report: BACKGROUND: Support – Conditional Shawn Bourassa:** Medium Hour Cook, CHHS, new hire, \$18.66/hr, effective 11/1/24 (the conditional offer of employment is subject to successful completion of a criminal background check). **Support Sam Jursik:** Change to: Cook Manager, VV, 8/hrs, effective 10/16/24. **Teresa Hernandez:** Change to: Cook Manager, HL, 8/hrs, effective 10/16/24. **Mark Cramer:** Change to: Cook Manager, NPSfI, 8/hrs, effective 10/16/24. **Scott McMahon:** Change to: Medium Hour Cook, HL, 5/hrs, effective 10/16/24. **Blanca Fernandez:** Change to: Medium Hour Cook, VV, 5/hrs, effective 10/16/24. **Edward Robison:** Change to: Day Custodian, HL, effective 10/28/24. **Tony Davis:** Adv Club Asst, Comm Ed, current employee, \$15.52/hr, effective 11/4/24. **Emmanuele Gutierrez:** Change to: Education Assistant/LDM, VV/DW, effective 10/28/24. **Alicia Burgos de Pliego:** Change to: Medium Hour Cook, CA, 5/hrs, effective 10/14/24. **Valeria Panora:** Mini Adv Supv Sub, Comm Ed, current employee, \$21.91/hr, effective 10/31/24. **Licensed – Conditional Henry Kline:** Elementary Building Substitute, VV, new hire, step 1, lane 1 (BA), \$36,214.10 for 149 of 189 days for the 2024-2025 school year (the conditional offer of employment is subject to successful completion of a criminal background check). **Licensed:** Brad Boleman: Change to: PE Teacher, CA, Overage Day 2/Qtr. 2, effective 11/7/24.

Coach/Advisor/Additional Assignment Joey Heveron: Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, CA, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Ariel Orcutt:** Robotic Coach, CA/CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Mykala Woebke:** Head Soccer Coach, CA, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Lucas Toutge:** Girls Assistant Tennis Coach, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Jason Stockwell:** Assistant Football Coach, CHHS, rehire, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Mike Sorensen:** Assistant Volleyball Coach, CHHS, rehire, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Hussien Mohamed:** Assistant Adapted Soccer Coach, CHHS, rehire, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Scott Opatz:** Boys Soccer Head Coach, CA, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Faisal Abikar:** Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Dan Ronchak:** Sound Designer, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Verdell Sheets:** Assistant Football Coach, CA, rehire, effective 2024-2025 school year.

Kristen Sinicariello: Head Girls Soccer Coach, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Shannon Keenen:** Assistant Girls Soccer Coach, CA, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Juan Mendoza:** Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, CHHS, rehire, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Kamryn Green:** Assistant Volleyball Coach, CA, rehire, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Sarah Slachow:** Head Volleyball Coach, CA, rehire, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Hector Leon:** Head Boys Soccer Coach, CHHS, rehire, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Pete Heryla:** Assistant Football Coach, CHHS, rehire, effective 2024-2025 school year. **John Rockwell:** Assistant Football Coach, CHHS, rehire, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Howard Rogotzke:** Assistant Football Coach, CHHS, rehire, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Michael Ims:** Assistant Football Coach, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Terry Hill:** Assistant Football Coach, CHHS, rehire, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Mike Howe:** Head Football Coach, CA, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Brad Boleman:** Assistant Football Coach, CA, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Zach Awsumb:** Head Volleyball Coach, CHHS, rehire, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Liz Brubakken:** Assistant Volleyball Coach, CHHS, rehire, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Pashia Scott:** Assistant Volleyball Coach, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Lauren Driste:** Assistant Girls Soccer Coach, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Julio Reyes:** Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, CHHS, rehire, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Kevin Centeno:** Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Elaine Graham:** Head Cheer Coach, CHHS, rehire, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Alex Giles:** Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, CHHS, rehire, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Aaron Goff:** Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, CHHS, rehire, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Kelsey Asjes:** Assistant Girls Swimming Coach, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Victor Alvarez:** Assistant Girls Soccer Coach, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Jonathan Heras:** Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, CHHS, rehire, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Blair Eckstrom:** Head Girls Swimming Coach, CHHS, rehire, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Blair Eckstrom:** Diving Coach, CHHS, rehire, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Hailey Jensen:** Choreographer, CA/CHHS, rehire, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Patrick Vital-Schwartz:** Set Designer, CA/CHHS, rehire, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Zach Johnson:** Head Cross Country Coach, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Matt Townsend:** Head Football Coach, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Jacob Endres:** Head Girls Tennis Coach, CHHS, rehire, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Rachel Mann:** Co-Head Speech Coach, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Nick Hollerman:** Co-Head Speech Coach, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Lexie Handley:** Assistant Speech Coach, CHHS, rehire, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Caitlin Disalvi:** Pep Band, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Caitlin Disalvi:** Drumline, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Aimee Candella:** Science Bowl, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Aimee Candella:** Envirothon, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Dan Ronchak:** Lighting Director, CA/CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Jennie Bradd:** Costumer, CA/CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Molly Tengwall:** Vocal Coach, CA, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Andre Nelson:** Co-Musical Director, CA, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Haley Jensen:** Co-Musical Director, CA, rehire, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Emily Shields:** Co-Play Director, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Jessica Bolles:** Co-Play Director, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Nick Hollerman:** Musical Director/Vocal Coach, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Rachel Mann:** Assistant Musical Director, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Maddie Kuehn:** Co-Math Team Advisor, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Daniel Honigs:** Co-Math Team Advisor, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Eli Forsline:** Student Support ENCORE, VV, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Kim Sobon:** ENCORE Teacher, NPSfI, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Ted Ngeh:** ENCORE Teacher, VV, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Peg Nelson:** ENCORE Teacher, VV, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Heidi Ostrander:** ENCORE Teacher, VV, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Danielle Ketchum:** ENCORE Teacher, VV, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Maureen Reilly:** ENCORE Teacher, VV, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Stan Mraz:** ENCORE Teacher, NPSfI, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Stephanie Anderson:** ENCORE Teacher, VV, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Natalie Johnson:** ENCORE Teacher, VV, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Marti Tschida:** ENCORE Teacher, VV, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Vicki Denzer:** ENCORE Teacher, NPSfI, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Karissa Ouren:** ENCORE Teacher, VV, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Lorien Stewart:** ENCORE Teacher, HL, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Abby Olson:** ENCORE Teacher, CA, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Danyell Christensen:** ENCORE Teacher, HL, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year.

Abby Caballero: ENCORE Teacher, HL, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Colleen Graf:** ENCORE Teacher, NPSfI, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Katie Johansen:** ENCORE Teacher, VV, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Sarah Clayton:** ENCORE Teacher, CA, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Jonny Chao:** ENCORE Teacher, VV, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Namgyal Dorjee:** ENCORE Teacher, NPSfI, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Trisha Johnson:** ENCORE Teacher, NPSfI, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Michael Welch:** ENCORE Teacher, NPSfI, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Ben Hanson:** ENCORE Teacher, VV/NPSfI, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Kathleen Kerber:** ENCORE Teacher, HL, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Tracy Huerta:** ENCORE Teacher, VV, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Alaina Larson:** ENCORE Teacher, VV, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Katelyn Smith:** ENCORE Teacher, VV, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Allison Coleman:** ENCORE Teacher, NPSfI, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Scott Opatz:** ENCORE Teacher, CA, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Cristian Pillajo:** ENCORE Teacher, CA, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Rosa Marquez:** ENCORE EA, HL, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Wendy Tocachi:** ENCORE EA, CA, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Jessica Bolles:** One Act Play Director, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Colton Williams:** Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, CHHS, rehire, effective 2024-2025 school year. **Leaves Marc Jerue:** Teacher, CHHS, requests military leave on 11/4/24-11/5/24 and 11/14/24-11/15/24. **Wenwu Gumisiriza:** Teacher, NPSfI, requests medical leave from 10/21/24 for up to 12 weeks. **Wenwu Gumisiriza:** Teacher, NPSfI, requests parental leave from approx. 12/9/24 for up to 12 weeks. **Bertha Ortega:** PreK4 Asst, NPSfI, requests FMLA from 10/28/24 for up to 6 weeks. **Melissa Trent:** Agricultural Specialist, Comm Ed, requests FMLA (intermittent) from 10/31/24 for up to 12 weeks. Resignations/Terminations: **Shawn Lawrence:** Custodian, DW, effective 10/31/24. Reason: Resignation. **Jess Gunner:** Teacher, HL, effective 10/25/24. Reason: Resignation. **Isabella Rardin:** Coach, CHHS, effective 3/13/24. Reason: Seasonal. **Courtney Smith:** Coach, CA, effective 3/13/24. Reason: Seasonal. **Madelyn Nolen:** Coach, CHHS, effective 3/27/24. Reason: Seasonal. **Derrick Callender:** Coach, CHHS, effective 3/27/24. Reason: Seasonal. **Rachel Aug:** Coach, CHHS, effective 6/5/24. Reason: Seasonal. **Gloria Panora:** Mini Adv and Adv Club Asst and Supv Sub/ECFE Asst Sub, Comm Ed, effective 5/8/24. Reason: Resignation. **Beatrice Carter:** Lifeguard, Comm Ed, effective 1/31/24. Reason: Resignation. **Teresa Bailey:** Food Service Sub, DW, effective 11/8/23. Reason: Resignation. **Mary Croft:** EL Summer Read Teacher, DW, effective 7/19/23. Reason: Seasonal. **Cassandra Pugh:** Homework Tutor, CHHS, effective 6/21/23. Reason: Resignation. **Scott Larson:** Teacher Mentor, DW, effective 11/9/22. Reason: Temporary. **Angela Montero Gonzalez:** Encore Teacher, DW, effective 6/7/23. Reason: Seasonal. **Stacey Hornsby:** Summer Encore Teacher, DW, effective 8/18/21. Reason: Seasonal. **Sharlene King:** Encore Program Asst, DW, effective 8/2/23. Reason: Seasonal.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS RESOLUTION:

Member Palmer introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

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, the School Board of Columbia Heights Public Schools, Independent School District No. 13, resolves to accept with appreciation the \$contributions detailed in the background.

Monetary

- The Columbia Heights Athletic Boosters Donated \$2,000 to Track and Field, \$2,500 to Boys Basketball, \$300 to CHHS, and \$1,500 to Valley View.
- The CHHS Class of 1984 Donated \$750 to CHHS for Non-Instructional Support.

In-Kind

- Jane Wanczycki donated 2 backpacks with school supplies valued at \$80 to the District Office.
- Halima Ahmed donated a Stander valued at \$5,000 to Columbia Heights Public Schools.
- Columbia Heights Lions Club donated Feminine and Personal Hygiene Products valued at \$500 to Columbia Heights High School.
- Pilgrim Dry Cleaners - Laura Dizon donated approximately 340 Coats, Hats, Mittens and Winter Things valued at \$7,000 to Columbia Heights Public Schools
- Plastic Book Bins valued at \$235.87 were anonymously donated to a Valley View Classroom.

The total fiscal year 2024-2025 monetary contributions to date: \$33,180

The motion for the adoption of the preceding resolution was duly seconded by Member Palmer, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

Granlund – Aye, Houle- Medearis-Aye, Mueller-Aye, Palmer- Aye, Pettway-Aye

The following voted against the same:

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

Reports from Members of the Board

Granlund- Truck or treat, Robotics meet 0, School law conference, Phone calls Members, Pettway, Chair Mueller and Superintendent Stenvik

Medearis Attended the Alumni Foundation dinner, Truck or Treat, and National Honor Society induction night; welcomed NHS volunteers at Highland, who are volunteering at conferences and will be supporting the Turkey BINGO and Dia de los Muertos Event at CHHS. School law conference virtually. Policy sub-committee

Mueller-Attended Truck or Treat, Alumni Foundation Event, conversations with Member Granlund, Superintendent Stenvik, Sub-Committee on policy, and Chair meeting.

Palmer- Attended the 916 monthly meeting and the school law conference.

Pettway-Attended the North Park event at the city library, Truck or Treat, Conferences at North Park, the School Law Conference, the Veterans Day celebration, and Sub-Committee on Community Engagement.

Superintendent's Report

We are now in quarter 2 of the school year and off to a busy start.

The class size committee met - which is a joint meeting with Local #710 members and administration. We will meet quarterly to discuss class sizes and collaboratively come up with solutions. I appreciated hearing from the teachers and principals at our quarter 1 meeting.

I was invited to speak to our Intro to Education classes. This college course is offered here at Columbia Heights High School for students to explore a career in education.

I also participated in the National Honor Society Induction ceremony at the high school during which 54 students qualified to be part of NHS.

I participated in the MN Association of School Administrators Annual Meeting as a Region 9 representative.

I attended the Ratwik law conference with Board members and Admin team members.

I am looking forward to Turkey Bingo this Friday.

New/Suspended/Deleted Courses 2025-2026

Tara Thukral, Dir. of Teaching and Learning. Todd Wynne, Principal, Emily Gartner, Teaching and Learning Coordinator, information to the Board on the new/Suspended/ Deleted Courses for the 2025-2026 school year.

No recommendations for Columbia Academy. CHHS RCE suite of 11th and 12 grade English language arts classes. One of the classes is currently offered as an elective. The new classes will provide more English choices for students.

Canvas Returns of School District's School Board Election Resolution

Member Palmer introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO CANVASS SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District 13, State of Minnesota, that it is hereby found, determined, and declared that the annual election of the voters of this District held on November 5, 2024, was, in all respects, duly and legally called and as specified in the attached Abstract of Votes Cast, voters of the District voted on the question of electing three directors to the Board of Education, each for a four-year term, of which

4964 voted for Mary Granlund
4203 voted for Corenia Smith

4825 voted for Michelle Pettway
4050 voted for Adam Davis
3550 voted for Cheri Ekstrand

There were 127 write-in ballots.

Mary Granlund, Michelle Pettway, and Corenia Smith, having received the majority of such votes, are hereby declared elected.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Medearis, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

Granlund- Aye, Medearis-Aye, Mueller-Aye Palmer-Aye, Pettway-Aye Houle-

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Board Topics

Granlund-The Robotics Meet Thursday at Columbia Academy doors at 4 PM and meet at 5 PM. Admission is free.

Medearis-2024 Highland Turkey BINGO is Friday the 15th; doors open at 5:30, the first game at 6:00, silent auction and food for sale.

Palmer Will provide the Lasagna dinner before the Work Session on November 19.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed all of the items on the regular agenda, Chair Mueller adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Date minutes approved

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