

Columbia Heights Public Schools
Minutes of the
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
October 22, 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 Granlund called roll.

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

Members absent: Ms. Palmer

HYLANDER HIGHLIGHT: The Board honored Cassidy Wise and Skylar Haden for their national recognition from the College Board in 2024 -The First-Generation National Recognition.

Member Palmer arrived at 6:05.

AGENDA APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

B. Announcements

Nov 4, Flex Learning Day

Nov 5, No School, Election Day

Nov 12, 4:45 p.m. Subcommittee on Policy, Training Room

Nov 12 5:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Community Engagement, Community Room

Nov 12, 6:00 p.m. Regular School Board Meeting, Community Room

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

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COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD – None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Palmer, seconded by Houle, to approve the action required to implement the items on the consent agenda.

August 2024 Treasurer Report, Lane Change Board Report

<u>Employee Name</u>	<u>From Lane</u>	<u>To Lane</u>
BENSON, EMMA	BA	BA+15
BIALKE, MORGAN	MA+15	MA+30
CHAO, JONATHAN	BA	BA+15
DIETZ, MICHELLE	MA+45	MA+60
DORJEE, NAMGYAL	MA+45	MA+60
GESKE, ALICIA	MA	MA+15
HARNACK, LINDSEY	MA+30	MA+45
HERBERS, BRETT	MA+30	MA+60
HOLLERMANN, NICHOLAS	BA+45	MA
HONEYWELL, SARAH	MA	MA+15
HORSTMAN, BRANDY	MA+15	MA+30

HUERTA, TRACY	MA+30	MA+45
HUMPAL, ALISON	MA	MA+15
JERUE, MARC	MA+15	MA+30
JIANG, TIFFANY	MA+15	MA+30
JOHNSON, NATALIE	MA+15	MA+30
KEENAN, SHANNON	BA	BA+15
KUEHN, MADELINE	BA+15	BA+45
MACDONALD , MOLLY	MA	MA+15
MACK, ALEXANDRA	BA+15	BA+30
MALDEIS, KATHRYN	MA+45	MA+60
MANN, RACHEL	BA+45	MA
MARR, JEANETTE	MA+15	MA+30
MATTHEWS, MADELINE	BA	BA+15
MCNAUGHTON, GENEVIEVE	MA	MA+15
NELSON, JESSICA	BA	BA+15
NGEH, THEODORE	MA	MA+15
OLSON, ABIGAIL	MA+15	MA+30
OLUBAJO, NATASHA	MA+45	MA+60
ORCUTT, ARIEL	MA+15	MA+30
PERILLO, BROOKE	MA+15	MA+45
POTOPA, LAURA	MA	MA+30

Employee Name	From Lane	To Lane
PRELLWITZ, MICHAEL	MA+45	MA+60
RAY, LIA	BA	BA+15
REILLY, MAUREEN	MA+15	MA+45
RONCHAK, DANIEL	MA+30	MA+45
ROSEMEYER, AMANDA	BA	BA+30
SCHAUST, ZOEY	BA	BA+15
SEWICH, ALLYSON	BA+30	BA+45
STEWART, LORIEN	MA	MA+15
STROM, ARIANE	MA+15	MA+30
WELLS, LEANN	MA	MA+30
WILLIAMS, TESSA	MA	MA+30

All in Favor. Motion Carried unanimously.

Motion Palmer, seconded by Granlund, to approve the action required to implement the item in **Consent Agenda B. The Personal Report** for October 22, 2024. Background: Support – Evelyn Farez: Adv Club Asst, Comm Ed, new hire, \$15.52/hr, effective 10/10/24 (the conditional offer of employment is subject to successful completion of a criminal background check). Jazmin Glaser-Kelly: Head Girls Basketball Coach, CHHS, new hire, effective 2023-2024 school year (the conditional offer of employment is subject to successful completion of a criminal background check). Support: Kevin Centeno: Change to: Full-Service Community School Coordinator, VV, effective 10/8/24. Blanca Correa: Change to: Building Monitor, HL, 7.5 hours per day, effective 10/4/24. Julie Granning: Change to: Building Monitor, VVL, 7.5 hours per day, effective 10/4/24. Licensed: Melanie Kennedy: Change to: Science Teacher, CHHS, 1.167, effective 9/16/24. Coach/Advisor/Additional Assignment: Stephanie Lindholm: Building Leadership, NPSfI, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. Ben Hanson: Arts Coordinator, DW, current employee, effective 2023-2024 school year. Jen McCloskey: Co-Link Crew, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. Madeline Kuehn: Co-Link Crew, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. Brett Herbers: Diversity Club, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025

school year. Chris Polley: Newspaper, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. Michael Prellwitz: Ramp Up, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. Natasha Olubajo: Co-Key Club, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. Dan Tschida: Co-Key Club, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. Sarah Honeywell: Year Book Staff – Business Advisor, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. Michelle Dietz: Year Book Staff – Editorial Advisor, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. Michael Prellwitz: 12th Grade Advisor, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. Tina Schaefer: 11th Grade Advisor, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. Melanie Kennedy: National Honor Society Advisor, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. Melanie Kennedy: Building Leadership Team, CHHS, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. Tiffany Jiang: Co- Student Patrol Supervisor, VV, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. Logan Spears: Co- Student Patrol Supervisor, VV, current employee, effective 2024-2025 school year. Leaves: Larry Vera: Custodian, VV, requests FMLA from 10/21/24 for up to 12 weeks. Resignations/Terminations: David Jergenson: Art Teacher, HL, Reason: Passed away on October 1, 2024. Brian Fay: Science Teacher, CA, effective 10/4/24. Reason: Resignation. Kristel Pacheco: Adv Club Asst Sub and Mini Adv Asst Sub, Comm Ed, effective 10/11/24. Reason: Resignation. Kevin Moore: Mini Adv Club Asst and Mini Adv Club Supv Sub, Comm Ed, effective 10/11/24. Reason: Resignation. Shyja Perse: Adv Club Asst, Comm Ed, effective 10/25/24. Reason: Resignation.

Five in favor, Medearis Abstained, Motion carries

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Motioned by Pettway, seconded by Houle: 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, in the amount of \$8,555.

DETAILED BACKGROUND:

Monetary

The Italian American Club Foundation Inc. donated \$5,000 to the High School Donation Account.

The Following donated to the Columbia Heights Boys Swim Team Swim-a-Thon:

The Habecks, Tammy Smith, Sherry Green for \$20

LT, Cathy Carter, Jen Brady, Jeanne McGovern-Acuna for \$25

Linda Eroh, Thupten Dolkar, Micah Borrett, Greg & Cari Park for \$50

Grandma and Grandpa McGovern for \$60

Abebaw Yilma, Aster Awraris, Roza Awraris, Wagaye Abebe, Gloria Carter, Clay and Sunshine Carter for \$100.

Michelle Young for \$125

Meaza Gebremedhin, Michael & Judith Borrett for \$200.

For swimmers: Cole Young, Siloh McGovern, Daniel Abebaw, Oliver Carter, Simon Carter, and Norbu Lama.

The Following donated to the Columbia Heights Girls Swim Team Swim-a-Thon:

Sharon Nordquist for \$10.

Alyssa Thompson for \$15

Sandy Zilka, Jenny Urbanski, Ms. Switalla for \$20

Kaelyn Larson, Molly Olson, Amy Fraser, Jamey Ihde for \$25

Judy Haeg, Abby DâSouza for \$30

Jairus Justus for \$35

Erin Maleska for \$37

Ben Johnson for \$40

Lillian Dickson, Jessica Edstrom, Patricia Koren, Nichelle Johnson, Alea & Jason Stevens, Paul Asjes, Julie Schellack, Theresa Connolly, Kimberly Muellerleile, Jennifer Kline, Carol Schellack, Evert Asjes, Garfield Fraser, Beth Florence, Scott Skaja for \$50

Josh Phillips for \$63
Ruth Lemire for \$75
Cynthia Hendricks, Jacqueline Francis, Anna Chalmers for \$100
Julie Marciano for \$125
Lauren Asjes for \$320
For Swimmers: Allison Dickson, Kelsey Asjes, Lupita Aguilar, Emilia Martinez-Schellack,
Elizabeth Schoenbauer, Simone Edstrom

In-Kind

- Books for SEL groups valued at \$300 were anonymously donated to the school district.
- The Falldin American Legion Post 555 donated \$300 worth of notebooks, folders, markers, erasers, glue, and scissors to Highland Elementary.
- Hope Community Church donated \$800 worth of binders, pens, pencils, notebooks, scissors, glue, glue sticks, Markers, colored pencils, crayons, and colored construction paper to Highland Elementary.

The total fiscal year 2024-2025 monetary contributions to date: \$26,130

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

Resolution and Motion carried

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Ms. Granlund – Held many conversations with students, families, and community Members. Attended the combined Columbia Academy and Valley View family event.

Ms. Houle- Attended the Work Session on Tuesday

Ms. Mueller – Attended the Chair meeting for the Work Session, the Work Session, and the chair meeting for this meeting.

Ms. Pettway attended the fall clean-up, CH fire open house, meet and greet at Legions, City Council Work Session, City Council Meeting, and equity committee at NP. Heights next event. BIPOC leader event.

Ms. Palmer- Work session, City Council Work Session.

Ms. Medearis Columbia Academy and Valley View Fall Festival, Work session MSBA webinar on elections.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

The Student School Board application is now live and is being advertised to Columbia Heights High School students. I did confirm that student school board members can earn a letter. The application closes on November 14. Principal Wynne, in collaboration with our finance department and me, has made the decision to move our graduation ceremony off campus. As much as we love the setting of our stadium, we need a facility with a larger capacity, ease of parking, more restrooms, and an increased ability to ensure safety. The location will be Aldrich Arena. The date is June 11. Families will receive communication this week.

Over MEA, I participated in our Native American Education Program trip to Mille Lacs. I want to express gratitude for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe for their hospitality in hosting our students and inviting us to participate in important cultural events.

Assurance of Compliance with State and Federal Law Prohibiting Discrimination.

Director of Human Resources Lindsey Bennet and Assistant Superintendent Nyembwe presented on Assurance of Compliance. Consent Agenda in November

Fall Season Activity Update

Athletic Director Jake Henderson presented an update on the Fall activities. Provided information on participation, updates, highlights of achievements, and a picture slide show.

ACTION ITEMS:**Minnesota State High School League Foundation Resolution Form A Application**

Athletic Director Jake Henderson presented resolutions A at the October 8 meeting.

Motion by Granlund, seconded by Houle. Roll call vote. All in Favor, Resolution Passes

Minnesota State High School League Foundation Resolution Form B Application

Athletic Director Jake Henderson presented resolution B at the October 8 meeting.

Motion by Houle, seconded by Medearis. Roll call vote. All in Favor, Resolution Passes

School Board Goals:

Motion by Pettway, seconded by Houle, to approve the School Board Goals for the 2024-2025 school year as presented at the October 15 work session. All in Favor. Motion carries.

BOARD TOPICS

Ms. Houle-JV swims conference meet at Columbia Heights this Saturday.

Ms. Mueller, Friday, November 15, Turkey BINGO and Silent Auction at Highland at 5:30.

Ms. Pettway- Truck or treat at Huset Park on Saturday the 26th from 1-4pm.

Ms. Granlund- Robotics Meet 0 is Thursday the 24th at 3:30. Hosted by Columbia Academy. Volunteers are needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed all of the items on the regular agenda, at 6:54 p.m. Chair Mueller adjourned the meeting.

Date minutes approved

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