

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Independent School District 13
Columbia Heights, Minnesota
Community Room
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
August 26, 2025

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

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Pettway called the roll.

Members present: Ms. Granlund, Ms. Medearis, Ms. Houle, Ms. Palmer, Ms. Pettway, Ms. Smith

Members absent: None

Approval of Agenda motion by Houle, seconded by Pettway, to approve the agenda as presented. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Announcements

- September 2, First day of school
- September 9, 6:00 School Board Meeting, Community Room
- September 16, 5:30 School Board Work Session, Community Room
- September 23, 6:00 School Board Meeting, Community Room

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD – None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Palmer, seconded by Houle, to approve the action required to implement the items on the consent agenda: Personal Report, Board Meeting Minutes from August 12, 2025, and August 19, 2025. Motion Carried.

Personal Report: Licensed Kim Landry: Change to PreK 4 Teacher, VV, 1.0 FTE, effective 8/25/25. **Licensed – Conditional Anna Johnston:** 2nd Grade Teacher, VV, new hire, step 2, lane 1 (BA), for 189 days for the 2025-2026 school year (the conditional offer of employment is subject to successful completion of a criminal background check). **Kelli Silva:** EL Instructional Coach, DW, new hire, step 17, lane 10 (MA+60), for 189 days for the 2025-2026 school year (the conditional offer of employment is subject to successful completion of a criminal background check). **Kelsey Bryngelson:** Kindergarten Teacher, VV, new hire, step 2, lane 2 (BA+15), for 189 days for the 2025-2026 school year (the conditional offer of employment is subject to successful completion of a criminal background check). **Support – Conditional Jenny Thompson:** EC Screener, ECFE, effective 8/11/25 (the conditional offer of employment is subject to successful completion of a criminal background check). **Anthony Schneider:** Night Custodian, CHHS, effective 8/11/25 (the conditional offer of employment is subject to successful completion of a criminal background check). **Vangmee Chang:** PreK 3 Assistant, ECFE, effective 8/25/25 (the conditional offer of employment is subject to successful completion of a criminal background check). **Kwan Washington:** Education Assistant, CHHS, effective 9/1/25 (the conditional offer of employment is subject to Board Report

successful completion of a criminal background check). **Adrien Ristola:** Education Assistant, CHHS, effective 9/1/25 (the conditional offer of employment is subject to successful completion of a criminal background check). **Adela Secic:** Adventure Club Supervisor, NP, effective 8/25/25 (the conditional offer of employment is subject to successful completion of a criminal background check). **Support Enma Celleri:** Change to Education Assistant, ECSE, effective 9/1/25. **Kim Mickelson:** Change to Education Assistant, CHHS, effective 9/1/25. **Tony Davis:** Change to LDM/Adventure Club Assistant, NPSfl, effective 8/25/25.

Coach/Advisor/Additional Assignments Michael Ims: Assistant Football Coach, CHHS, Current employee, effective school year 2025-2026. **Jason Stockwell:** Assistant Football Coach, CHHS, Rehire, effective school year 2025-2026. **Terry Hill:** Assistant Football Coach, CHHS, Rehire, effective school year 2025-2026. **Mike Howe:** Head Football Coach, CA, Current employee, effective the 2025-2026 school year. **Verdell Sheets:** Assistant Football Coach, CA, Rehire, effective school year 2025-2026. **Brad Boleman:** Assistant Football Coach, CA, Current employee, effective for the 2025-2026 school year. **Sarah Salchow:** Head Girls Volleyball Coach, CA, Rehire, effective school year 2025-2026. **Kamryn Green:** Assistant Girls' Volleyball Coach, CA, Rehire, effective the 2025-2026 school year. **Zach Johnson:** Head Cross Country Coach, CHHS, Current employee, effective school year 2025-2026. **Hussein Mohamed:** Assistant Adapted Soccer Coach, CHHS, Rehire, effective school year 2025-2026. **Chloe Bluth:** Head Adaptive Soccer Coach, CHHS, Current employee, effective school year 2025-2026. **Sam Alexon:** Girls Diving Coach, CHHS, Current employee, effective school year 2025-2026. **Shannon Keenan:** Girls' Head Soccer Coach, CA, Current Employee, Effective School Year 2025-2026. **Maddie Gilbertson:** Assistant Girls Volleyball Coach, CHHS, Rehire, effective school year 2025-2026. **Pashia Scott:** Assistant Girls' Volleyball Coach, CHHS, Current Employee, Effective School Year 2025-2026. **Liz Brubakken:** Assistant Girls Volleyball Coach, CHHS, Rehire, effective school year 2025-2026. **Zach Awsumb:** Head Girls Volleyball Coach, CHHS, Rehire, effective school year 2025-2026. **Lucas Toutge:** Co-Head Girls Tennis Coach, CHHS, Current employee, effective school year 2025-2026. **Jacob Endres:** Co-Head Girls Tennis Coach, CHHS, Rehire, effective school year 2025-2026. **Lauren Driste:** Assistant Girls Soccer Coach, CHHS, Current employee, effective school year 2025-2026. **Victor Alvarez:** Co-Head Girls Soccer Coach, CHHS, Current employee, effective school year 2025-2026. **Kristen Sinicariello:** Co-Head Girls Soccer Coach, CHHS, Current employee, effective school year 2025-2026. **Elaine Wilson:** Cheer Coach, CHHS, Rehire, effective school year 2025-2026. **Danielle Ketchum:** ENCORE Site Facilitator, VV, Current employee, effective school year 2025-2026. **Peg Nelson:** ENCORE Site Faciliator, VV, Current employee, effective school year 2025-2026. **Michelle Radermacher:** ENCORE Site facilitator, HL, Current employee, effective school year 2025-2026. **Faisal Abikar:** Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, CHHS, Current Employee, effective for the 2025-2026 school year. **Mark Agudo:** Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, CHHS, Rehire, effective school year 2025-2026. **Kevin Sanisaca:** Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, CHHS, Rehire, effective school year 2025-2026. **Kevin Centeno:** Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, CHHS, Current Employee, effective for the 2025-2026 school year. **Jonathan Heras:** Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, CHHS, Rehire, effective the 2025-2026 school year. **Juan Mendoza:** Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, CHHS, Rehire, effective for the 2025-2026 school year. **Alex Giles:** Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, CHHS, Rehire, effective for the 2025-2026 school year. **Julio Reyes:** Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, CHHS, Rehire, effective the 2025-2026 school year. **Aaron Goff:** Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, CHHS, Rehire, effective school year 2025-2026. **Hector Leon:** Head Boys Soccer Coach, CHHS, Rehire, effective school year 2025-2026. **Minutes** August 12, 2025, and August 19, 2025.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Granlund- Attended Scaling Heights; Chair Meeting last Tuesday and today, the work session. Held phone call with Member Pettway, district families, and Superintendent Stenvik.

Houle attended the Work Session and had communication with Chair Granlund.

Medearis- attended Scaling Heights, The Work Session, and a PTO meeting at Highland Elementary for orientation and preparing for the school year.

Palmer- attended Scaling Heights, two Chair Meetings, the Work Session, and the Executive Meeting at 916.

Pettway attended Scaling Heights and sat with the new staff at Columbia Academy, as well as a district-wide BIPOC affinity group meeting and The Work Session, to widen participation to all schools.

Smith- attended Scaling Heights and the Work Session

Superintendent Report

Staff return to campus this week for training. All staff attend Convocation & picnic tomorrow. Preparing to welcome students next week. Inviting School Board members to join me in welcoming students on Tuesday at 7:30 am at Valley View (Rep. Feist will join) and at 2:00 pm at Highland Elementary (Sen. Kunesh and Rep. Koegel will join).

Action Items

Motion by Palmer, seconded by Pettway, to approve the Youth Outreach Officer Agreement. This is an annual agreement. Changes in the law have been reflected in the agreement. All in favor, Motion carries

Motion by Palmer, seconded by Medearis, to approve the Superintendent Goals for 2025-2026.

Goal 1 aligned to MSBA Standard 3: Communication and Community Relations: To foster meaningful and reciprocal relationships with the community (students, staff, families, local organizations, Legislature, etc.) to build trust, enhance student learning opportunities, and promote a shared commitment to school success.

Goal 2 aligned to MSBA Standard 5 Human Resources: To cultivate a collaborative school district culture by providing all staff with regular, meaningful opportunities to share input, influence decisions, and engage in continuous school improvement efforts.

All in Favor. Motion Carries

Motion by Medearis, seconded by Pettway, to approve the closing of Highland Elementary Kindergarten, Valley View Elementary grade 3, and Columbia Heights High School grades 9, 10, and 12 to open enrollment for the 2025-26 school year or until the enrollment numbers decrease. All in favor, Motion carries

BOARD TOPICS

Medearis recommends that families sign up for the "Parent and Me" cooking class, featuring ravioli making in September.

Granlund is looking forward to Convocation tomorrow. Personal Highlight: "The Staff Band"

Motion by Pettway, seconded by Houle, to adjourn at 6:30 PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

September 9, 2025

Date minutes approved

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Pettway". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Michelle Pettway, Clerk, Board of Education.

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