

COLEBROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting – April 6, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Rebecca Roy, Sarah Robichaud,
Michael Morus, Denise McLaughlin,
John Mudano, Alison Jassen

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Andrew Bakulski

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Robert Gilbert

ADMINISTRATION ABSENT: Beth Driscoll

OTHERS PRESENT: Ernest Marmer (Colebrook Selectman),
Lauren O'Connor (3rd Grade Teacher)

1. Meeting Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Sarah Robichaud.

Pledge to the Flag: The Board recited the pledge.

A motion was made by Becky Roy and seconded by Michael Morus to move agenda item 7a, "Curriculum Focus: Illustrative Math Presented by Lauren O'Connor to present in the beginning of tonight's meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Consideration of the Minutes:

- a. March 2, 2022 Regular Meeting- The minutes were edited to remove agenda item 2 "Pledge to the Flag". The motion was made by Michael Morus and seconded by Becky Roy to approve the edited Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting on March 2, 2022. The motion was unanimously approved.
- b. March 22, 2022 Special Meeting- The motion was made by Michael Morus and seconded by Becky Roy to approve the Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting on March 22, 2022. The motion was unanimously approved.
- c. March 28, 2022 Special Meeting- The motion was made by Becky Roy and seconded by Alison Jassen to approve the Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting on March 28, 2022. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Public Comment: None.

4. Correspondence: None.

5. Budget:
 - a. 2021-2022 Quarterly Budget Report- Robert Gilbert shared the quarterly budget report which indicates that we will end the year with a surplus.
 - b. 2022-2023 Budget Update: Robert Gilbert reviewed the outcome of the Board of Finance meeting. Bob shared a 3.5% budget with the Board of Finance and they voted to restore a 4% increase. Bob shared the Superintendent's recommended 4% budget with the Board of Education. The motion was made by Michael Morus and seconded by John Mudano to approve the 4% 2022-2023 budget. Bob will be presenting this budget at the Town Meeting on April 7th at 7PM.
6. Unfinished Business:
 - a. Security Project Update: This project continues to progress forward. Construx CO will be doing another walk thru soon.
 - b. COVID-19 Update: CCS has had minimal covid cases recently.
7. New Business
 - a. Curriculum Focus: Illustrative Math Presented by Lauren O'Connor: Lauren O'Connor shared information about the Illustrative Math Curriculum. This program has digital access, provides conceptual learning and use of strategies. She provided time with the Board for questions and answers.
8. School Update:
 - a. Principal Report: Bob Gilbert presented the principal report on behalf of Beth Driscoll.
 - All students and staff went on a field trip to the Gilson and saw Sing 2 provided by the PTO. Everyone really enjoyed the outing.
 - 4th Grade put on a fundraiser for the Families and Children of Ukraine. CCS raised \$300 and it was donated to UNICEF.
 - The 6th Grade families had a fundraiser at Norbrook Brewery on April 2nd. It went very well with the class raising over \$2,000.
 - The 6th Grade Ellis Island Simulation was on April 5th with presenter Peter Grove. Parents were invited to attend as well.
 - Christopher Valerio, the CCS Band teacher has had NWR#7 high school students come in and mentor our band students. CCS students have really enjoyed this learning opportunity.
 - April 11-14th the 6th grade class will be going on their Nature Classroom trip in Ivoryton, CT.
 - b. Superintendent Updates:
 - CCS was the recipient of the NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant. 82 schools applied and 19 schools received funding. CCS will be awarded \$12,263.
 - U.S Department of Agriculture's (USDA) is providing funds to assist schools experiencing supply chain disruptions. CCS will be provided with \$6,359 from the Supply Chain Assistance Funds.

9. Committee Reports:
- a. Building & Grounds: Meeting last held on March 28th.
 - b. CABE: None.
 - c. Capital Improvement: Alison Jassen shared the Town Budget for Capital Improvement. Approximately \$80,000 for the roof and \$10,000 for technology replacement.
 - d. Communications: None.
 - e. Curriculum: None.
 - f. EdAdvance: Next meeting is on Thursday, May 5th regarding budget.
 - g. Personnel: None.
 - h. Policy: None.
 - i. Shared Services: None.
 - j. Transportation: None.
10. Adjournment: Alison Jassen moved and Michael Morus seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise McLaughlin, Secretary