



BOARD OF EDUCATION
COLUMBIA, CONNECTICUT

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David Crim
Linette Dooley
Christopher Lent
Lisa Napolitano
Kathy Tolsdorf
Laurence Fearon, Superintendent

The Columbia School District is a community of learners providing rigorous programs to ensure that each student can excel as an individual.

October 5, 2015
Regular Meeting Minutes
7:30 p.m.
Horace W. Porter School Cafeteria

Board Members Present: Kerry Hoffman-Chairman, Lisa Napolitano, David Crim, Linette Dooley, Christopher Lent, Kathy Tolsdorf, Karin Vertefeuille-Vice Chairperson

Others Present: Lol Fearon-Superintendent, Alyssa Gwinnell-Principal, Mike Kenyon-Assistant Principal, Mary-Kate Farley-Director of Special Services, James Chakulski, Carmen Vance, and Todd Shepard.

I. Call to Order

Kerry Hoffman called the October 5, 2015, Regular Meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Comments from the Audience (Bylaws of the Board #9300)

Time allotted for public participation is twenty (20) minutes; time allotted for an individual speaker is three (3) minutes.
None.

IV. Presentations

a) Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC) – Mr. Fearon, Mrs. Gwinnell & Mr. Kenyon

Lol Fearon gave a PowerPoint presentation on SBAC. Handouts were given to guests. Karin Vertefeuille suggested that information regarding SBAC scoring and the PowerPoint presentation be put on the website before mailing goes out on Wednesday to parents with student SBAC results. STAR testing and SBAC testing were discussed in depth. Mr. Kenyon spoke to his discussion with Andover who did well on the SBAC testing.

V. Action Items (Consent)

To be read by Board of Education Chairperson prior to taking action:

A consent agenda is presented by the Chairman at the beginning of a meeting. Items may be removed from the consent agenda on the request of any one member. Items not removed may be adopted by general consent without debate. Removed items may be taken up either immediately after the consent agenda or placed later on the agenda at the discretion of the assembly.

a) Approval of September 8, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

b) Approval of Payment of Bills

c) Approval of 2014/15 Expenditure Report as of 09/30/2015 Including Line Item Transfers

d) 2015/16 Quarterly Budget Report

K. Tolsdorf **MOVED**, l. Napolitano **SECONDED** to approve action items a-d as presented above.
MOTION CARRIES 7:0

VI. Action Items – Discuss and Act Upon

a) First Reading - Policy 1300.1 – Community Relations/ Community Engagement

VII. Correspondence/Communications

a) CABE/CAPSS Convention November 20th and 21st at the Mystic Marriott

K. Hoffman recommended that that board members and potential board members attend. Lol Fearon stated to contact Karen Johnson and she will register for you.

VIII. Board of Education Subcommittees

- Future Meeting Dates:
 - October 26, 2015 – Policy Subcommittee Meeting, 6:00 p.m. H.W.P. LMC Conference Room
 - November 2, 2015 – Budget Subcommittee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. H.W.P. LMC Conference Room
 - November 2, 2015 – Regular Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m. H.W.P. Cafeteria
 - December 7, 2015 – Budget Subcommittee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. H.W.P. LMC Conference Room
 - December 7, 2015 – Regular Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m. H.W.P. Cafeteria
 - June 6, 2016 Meeting Date Change

Lol Fearon stated that there is a conflict between the BOE June 6 meeting date and a school music program. The BOE regular meeting will change to Tuesday, June 7, 2015.

IX. Superintendent's Report

a) Notice of Tenure – Congratulations to Karen Caputo, School Social Worker

K. Hoffman congratulated Mrs. Caputo.

X. Future Regular and Subcommittee Agenda Items (Tentative)

- Technology Update – November 2, 2015

The board discussed how it would like to see Kindergarten students using the tables.

XI. Columbia Board of Education Member Remarks

K. Vertefeuille stated that she would like to see something similar to the E.O. Smith Communications Survey from the District. Also welcomed back Alyssa Gwinnell and a thank you to Mr. Kenyon and everyone who stepped up in her absence.

XII. Adjournment

K. Vertefeuille **MOVED**, L. Napolitano **SECONDED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.
MOTION CARRIES 7:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karin Vertefeuille,
Columbia Board of Education Vice Chairperson