

BOARD OF EDUCATION

COLUMBIA, CONNECTICUT



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

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Lisa Napolitano
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Laurence Fearon, Superintendent

Motions

Board of Education Regular Meeting April 3, 2017

Horace W. Porter School Cafetorium

Board Members Present: Christopher Lent-Chairman, James Chakulski, Linette Dooley, David Crim, Karin Vertefeuille, Kathy Tolsdorf

Board Members Absent: Lisa Napolitano

Others Present: Lol Fearon-Superintendent, Barbara Wilson-Director of Student Services, Alyssa Gwinnell- Principal, Michael Kenyon - Assistant Principal, Mark Walter (Town Administrator), Steve Piro, Adam Teff, Ryan Linares, Steven Liu, Peter Swenson, Neil Swenson, George Chakulski

I. **Call to Order** – Chairman C. Lent called the regular meeting to order at 7:36 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.
No comments were received.

IV. **Special Recognition**

Columbia students are encouraged to explore their creativity and the District values their individual contributions and commitment to excellence.

The Board of Education and Administration would like to recognize the following students:

- **Peter Swenson**, Eastern Regional Middle School Band
 - **Aidan Merrill**, Eastern Regional Middle School Band
 - **George Chakulski**, Eastern Regional Middle School Chorus
- and their music teacher: **Emily Breither**

V. **Action Items (Consent)**

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 March 6, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes*
- b) *Approval of Payment of Bills*
- c) *Approval of Spring Sports Appointments – Track, Softball and Baseball*

K. Tolsdorf MOVED, K. Vertefeuille SECONDED to approve the consent agenda items a-c. MOTION CARRIES 6:0.

VI. **Action Items – Discuss and Act Upon**

- a) *Solar Energy Project*

D. Crim MOVED, J. Chakulski SECONDED, to approve Greenskies to pursue the CT ZREC grant application process. MOTION CARRIES 6:0.

b) *Budget 2017/2018*

K. Vertefeuille MOVED, J. Chakulski SECONDED that the Board of Education approve a revised budget of \$12,929,369 for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.

Discussion: This motion reflects a request for an additional appropriation of \$235,000 to cover increased special education outplacement costs.

MOTION CARRIES 6:0.

VII. Report of the Future needs Committee

- Demographics
- Finance/Budget
- State Law and Regulations
- Survey and Open Forums

VIII. Reports of Board Committee

- Policy
- Budget
- Teaching and Learning
- Ad hoc Committee on Future Needs

IX. Correspondence/Communications

- a) AHM Program Bring Local Seniors, Youth Together
- b) Enrollment Update
- c) Connecticut Technology Student Association, State Conference

X. Board of Education Upcoming Meetings

- *Future Meeting Dates:*
 - April 17, 2017 – Regional Collaboration Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Eastconn
 - April 19, 2017 – Budget Public Hearing, 7:00 p.m., Yeoman’s Hall
 - May 1, 2017 – Policy Subcommittee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., HWP Library Media Center
 - May 1, 2017 – Regular BOE Meeting, 7:30 p.m., HWP Cafetorium
 - May 16, 2017 – Annual Town Budget Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Yeoman’s Hall

XI. Superintendent’s Report

- CMT and SBAC Testing

XI. Future Regular and Subcommittee Agenda Items (Tentative)

- a) *Future Needs Committee*

XII. Columbia Board of Education Member Remarks

XIII. Adjournment

K. Vertefeuille MOVED, D. Crim SECONDED to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m. The MOTION CARRIES 6:0