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Board of Education
Non Meeting Meeting
September 14, 2020
6:00 p.m.

A Private Zoom Link to be provided to attendees

1. Administrative Contract Negotiations



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Board of Education Special Meeting Agenda September 14, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

Topic: Board of Education 9-14-2020 Meeting
Time: Sep 14, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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I. Call to Order

II. Executive Session

Executive Session for the Purpose of discussion concerning an attorney client communication related to the board's roles and responsibilities with respect to COVID-19

All audience members will be placed in a waiting room.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Comments from the Audience

Time allotted for public participation is twenty (20) minutes; time allotted for an individual speaker is three (3) minutes.

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function feature located at the bottom of your screen on the tool ribbon to let the host know you would like to speak. Please identify yourself by providing your name and address .

V. Special Recognition (Formal Recognition will occur at a later date)

- a) Teacher of the Year, Kristen Maltese
- b) Para of the Year, Kathy Edenburn

VI. 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 Special Meeting Minutes, August 17, 2020
- b) Payment of Bills

VII. Action Items (Discussion & Action)

- a) Non Lapsing Account
- b) Tuition Discussion
- c) Discussion and Approval of Changes Made to Superintendent Maria Geyrk's Contract
- d) Discussion concerning invoking Policy 9002 (Formulation, Adoption, Amendment or Deletion of Policies) for the limited purpose of adopting proposed temporary COVID 19 policies which shall serve as addendums to existing Board policies
- e) Possible action concerning invoking Policy 9002 (Formulation, Adoption, Amendment or Deletion of Policies) for the limited purpose of adopting proposed temporary COVID 19 policies which shall serve as addendums to existing Board policies

Motion: *Given the unprecedented nature of the COVID-19 health crisis and the critical need for these temporary policies to ensure the health and safety of our staff and students as we plan for school to reopen, the Board moves to adopt the proposed temporary policies and regulations related to the COVID 19 health crisis, as prepared by Board counsel, Shipman & Goodwin.*

VIII. Correspondence/Communications

- a) Thank you Note, Grade 1 Team
- b) BOE Goals 2020-2021
- c) Chronicle Article
- d) Library Brochure

IX. Board of Education Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, October 5, 2020, 6:30 p.m., BOE Subcommittee Meeting
- Monday, October 5, 2020, 7:30 p.m., BOE Regular Meeting

X. Superintendent's Report

- a) Legislative Update
- b) Return to School Update

XI. Comments from the Audience

Time allotted for public participation is twenty (20) minutes; time allotted for an individual speaker is three (3) minutes.

XII. Columbia Board of Education Member Remarks

XIII. Adjournment

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Minutes
Board of Education Special Meeting
August 17, 2020
7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: James Chakulski, Jr., Linette Dooley, Chairman Christopher Lent, Michael Maziarz, Joseph Napolitano and Christine Sposito

Board Members Absent: David Crim

Mr. Chakulski, Jr., left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Others Present, as listed on Zoom:

Amanda Bill, Karen Butzgy, Karen Caputo, Jenna Cooke, Ann Marie Drury, Superintendent Maria Geryk, Alyssa Gwinnell, Gina Jarvis, Julie, Amy Lapsis, Karen Martin, Brenda Morey, Karen Piro, Ashley O'Connell, Jessica R, Fayne Sears and Barbara Wilson

I. Call to Order

Chairman Lent called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Comments from the Audience

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Principal Alyssa Gwinnell said she would like to again thank everyone for their incredible work. She complimented all that the administrative team, staff, and families have been doing. She said Facebook comments are helpful. Everyone's patience and understanding is greatly appreciated during this difficult time.

IV. Action Items

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- a) Approval of Special Meeting Minutes, July 20, 2020
- b) Payment of Bills
- c) Approval of the appointment of Willow Therrien, Library Media Specialist

Ms. Dooley MOVED and Mr. Maziarz SECONDED to approve a) Approval of Special Meeting Minutes, July 20, 2020; b) Payment of Bills; and c) Approval of the appointment of Willow Therrien, Library Media Specialist.

MOTION CARRIES 6:0

V. Action Items (Discussion and Action)

a) Administrators Association Contract Negotiations (7/1/18-6/30/21)

Chairman Lent said the current contract runs July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021. The Board met earlier with our attorney to talk about potential dates. The union will be represented in negotiations by Alyssa Gwinnell, Barbara Wilson and Karen Caputo. The Board will be represented by Chairman Lent, Michael Maziarz and Christine Sposito. Superintendent Geryk said we are ready to move forward and be sure we meet our deadlines. She is looking forward to the process.

b) Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, June 1, 2020

Chairman Lent said approval of these minutes was previously tabled to double-check who had made a motion. Three corrections are to be made:

1. On page 1, in Others Present, correct the spelling of Karen Caputo's name.
2. On page 3, in Action Items, correct the first motion to be made by Mr. Chakulski, Jr.
3. On page 3, in Action Items, correct the second motion to be made by *Mr. Chakulski, Jr.* in place of Mr. Crim, who was not present at that meeting.

Mr. Napolitano MOVED, Ms. Sposito SECONDED to amend the June 1, 2020 minutes as follows: page 1, Others Present – correct spelling of Karen Caputo; page 3, Action Items – correct Mr. Chakulski, Jr. made the first motion; and page 3, Action Items – correct *Mr. Chakulski, Jr.* made the second motion, and approve as amended.

MOTION CARRIES 6:0

VI. Correspondence/Communications

There were no correspondence/communications to share.

VII. Board of Education Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, September 1, 2020, 6:30 p.m., BOE Subcommittee Meeting
- Tuesday, September 1, 2020, 7:30 p.m., BOE Regular Meeting

Superintendent Geryk suggested topics to be discussed at next month's meeting include the non-lapsing account, tuition for non-Columbia families to attend Porter and COVID policies. She said Jessica Ritter could join them at 6:30 to meet with the policy subcommittee. These meetings are anticipated to be in-person, not remote.

There was brief discussion about tuition being discussed at a previous meeting. We have a policy that parent will provide transportation and if there were special education costs, that would be reviewed. The tuition previously agreed upon is more than the per pupil expenditure, which is why it will be reviewed again.

Superintendent Geryk also raised the fact that the September meeting has historically been when the Board recognizes staff who have achieved tenure, new staff, paraprofessional of the year, teacher of

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the year as well as do a walk-through. She said we will find a way for this to be done so it is memorable for all who are being honored while adhering to social distancing.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

a) Legislative Update

Superintendent Geryk said we have had information about teacher evaluations and licensure. A lot is happening very quickly. We received \$22,000 from the CARES Act funds, which will be applied to offset expenditures related to COVID. Examples include personal protective equipment, staffing and cleaning supplies. Funds must be expended by December and then we may reapply for additional funds. There are also temporary COVID policies.

b) Return to School Update

Superintendent Geryk gave her presentation, which was also given to approximately 100 people last week. It outlined the hybrid model to be used for school opening. On October 1 we will reassess the model to be followed. All students K-8 will be divided into two groups, all of whom will participate in remote learning. Each group will attend in-person two days per week and remote learning the three remaining days.

Preschool students will have the option to attend four days per week (Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays). Parents may opt to send their preschooler two days per week, similar to students in grades K-8. Unless Porter is mandating full remote learning for grades K-8, preschool students will not have the ability to "opt out" to participate in preschool from home.

Ms. Gwinnell and Ms. Caputo explained the school week for elementary and middle school students in both the hybrid and remote learning models. It included information about staff who are designated for in-school instruction as well as those for remote teaching. This will assist in continuity for students and staff.

All students K-8 will be assigned a device. Students in grades K-2 will receive iPads and those in 3-8 will receive Chromebooks. These are to go home and come back to school daily. A charger will be sent home and can stay there. Families are asked to charge the device overnight.

Before- and after-school care was discussed. Morning care requires pre-registration. Registration will begin once groupings are assigned. Current maximum is 30 students per grouped day (AA, BB). A lottery system will be used if more than 30 students register. Drop off times are 7:30-7:55. No drop offs after 7:55. YWCA after-school program is in the works. Their final inspection is underway. Columbia Rec is exploring options for off-days and Wednesdays. Information will be provided when available.

Meals will be available at school every day it is in session. Breakfast is free for ALL students. It will be delivered to elementary classrooms. Grades K-4 parents will pre-order breakfast. Middle school students will pick up breakfast in the cafeteria. There is no need to pre-order. All students eat in their classrooms. A monthly menu is on the website. If a parent forgets to order breakfast, there will be additional breakfasts for students. Lunch will be delivered and eaten in the classroom for all grade levels. Students can purchase lunch or bring a lunch from home. Lunches

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will be eaten with plexiglass barriers on desks with masks removed. All lunches will be pre-packaged. The menu is posted on the website.

Mask breaks are built into the schedule. Outdoor classes are encouraged, which allows more mask breaks. We are setting up tents for shade. Cohorts will be provided with recess equipment. Individual games, i.e., Simon says, hopscotch, etc., are encouraged.

School starts on Wednesday, September 2. This first week only, Group A will attend on Wednesday. Group B will attend on Thursday. Friday, September 4 will be a "Wednesday," meaning all will remote learn. This first week will be an opportunity for learning tech, building community and social emotional learning and welcoming kids back. This first week is the only time the schedule will have been altered.

Superintendent Geryk said they have purchased PPE, signage and hand sanitation stations to support students and staff. We will be hiring an additional third grade teacher who will be our remote teacher. We will also hire a facilities tech and part-time employees to help with cleaning bathrooms and high-touch areas throughout the day. There will also be additional coverage in the nursing office.

Ms. Dooley asked clarifying questions about a student's typical day in school, which were answered by Superintendent Geryk and Ms. Gwinnell. Ms. Dooley asked the status of technology purchases. Amplification systems are in place, which will be very helpful hearing over masks. Ten swivel robots were purchased, to be used by staff who wish to utilize the technology for students to watch a lesson remotely.

The barriers are not plexiglass, but other material. They can be put on the desk and taken off. Same desk shield as Bolton and E.O.

Ms. Dooley asked if it is determined we will go fully remote, will teachers be in the building during remote teaching. Superintendent Geryk said right now staff are in the building on Wednesdays. If the governor says everyone is to be home, then it would probably be from home.

Using multiple entrances was discussed. All entrances used will be monitored by staff and they will have hand sanitizer there. Ms. Caputo reiterated these same entrances have always been used for exiting. Now they will also be used for entering at the start of the school day.

Ms. Dooley attended a virtual house call session, which was a panel of different doctors, including a pulmonologist. They answered questions about going back to school. There are useful links. CCMC is one of the links talking about wearing masks. Both Superintendent Geryk and Fayne Sears thanked Ms. Dooley for providing this, which families will be able to reference.

Ms. Sears confirmed she has a working relationship with area pediatricians. She also said that if a child is sent home for fever or coughing, we may need a note saying the child may return. Superintendent Geryk said EHHD would be responsible for contact tracing. Ms. Sears said she will be meeting with them on Friday, anticipating more guidance will be provided at that time.

Superintendent Geryk and Ms. Gwinnell answered Ms. Sposito's questions about the middle school model. The schedule will come out in a week or so, as well as be posted on the website.

There will not be a supply list for families this year because the district is purchasing supplies for all students. The PTO's school supply drive this year will help when more supplies are needed as the year progresses.

Mr. Chakulski, Jr. confirmed Bolton and E.O. is following the same A-B groups as Porter. This is appreciated because it will allow older siblings to be home on the same remote learning days as the younger siblings. Additionally there is collaboration with area districts including Ashford and Willington. We will probably have the same delays during bad weather. Superintendent Geryk said there is a great partnership with these area superintendents. They have been sharing resources.

Karen Piro thanked all administrators and Board members for their hard work.

Karen Martin agreed.

Mr. Napolitano believes things will change as we go. It will be easier if we keep communicating.

Superintendent Geryk agreed with Ms. Dooley's suggestion to take pictures and video for parents to see how the school is set up. Ms. Caputo said she will do this by the end of next week, which should ease some anxieties families are feeling. Superintendent Geryk said they will also reach out to kindergarten and new-to-Porter students.

Mr. Chakulski, Jr. asked about coverage if we have unexpected retirements or resignations. Superintendent Geryk said she is working on building substitutes. One has been secured and we continue to work on a second. She sees this as vital, especially if someone has symptoms and needs to be out of work. It could be extremely challenging without multiple adults to count on for substitute coverage.

IX. Comments from the Audience

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Jessica R said thank you.

X. Columbia Board of Education Member Remarks

Mr. Napolitano thanked administrators, staff and parents for their continued flexibility.

Ms. Sposito also thanked everyone. There has been a lot to juggle at home with kids. Their hard work is appreciated.

Ms. Dooley thanked everyone for all the work with not a lot of guidance.

Mr. Chakulski, Jr., said the presentation was very informative.

Chairman Lent gave kudos to everyone for their hard work. They have been going above and beyond, and it has not gone unnoticed. Everyone has stepped up.

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Chairman Lent then shared that Mr. Crim has resigned from the Board. His professional schedule made it a challenge for him for some time. He has been on the board almost seven years. He said the Board will invite him and Kathy Tolsdorf to a meeting to recognize them at a live meeting.

Chairman Lent said the Board is now going into executive session for the purpose of the superintendent's end of the year evaluation and contract negotiations.

The Board went into executive session at 8:37 p.m.

XI. Adjournment

Mr. Napolitano **MOVED** and Ms. Sposito **SECONDED** to adjourn.
MOTION CARRIES 5:0

The Board adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Lent, Chairman

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Payment of Bills
Meeting
September 14, 2020

8/12/2020	\$66,876.67
8/19/2020 12:52	\$255,901.15
8/27/2020	\$4,536.58
9/2/2020 14:52	\$65,220.36
9/9/2020 12:19	\$13,424.94
Meeting Total	\$405,959.70

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041919	PREV.MAINT.HVAC PYMT 1/3	NEWMEC	ENCOR SERVICES NEW ENGLAND	1110017086	R		212050	07/31/20	2,095.66
041920	ELECTR.BUS YARD 7/1-8/3	EVERSO	EVERSOURCE	5134180401	R			08/03/20	20.11
041921	ELECTRICITY 7/1-7/31	GREENS	GREENSKIES RENEWABLE ENERGY	080	R			08/04/20	1,614.36
041922	PAINTER'S PLASTIC,CAULK, FOAM	HOMEDE	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	8020413	R			09/06/20	52.12
041923	COPIER LEASE	LEAF	LEAF	10790759	R		212054	08/07/20	1,193.24
041924	COPIER LEASE	LEAF	LEAF	10891881	R		212054	07/31/20	1,193.24
041925	SUPPLIES HEALTH RM	MCKESS	MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL	17001878	R		212035	07/31/20	67.90
041926	SUPPLIES HEALTH RM	MCKESS	MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL	17001998	R		212035	07/22/20	7.28
041927	SUPPLIES HEALTH RM	MCKESS	MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL	17001952	R		212035	07/22/20	1.35
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041934	PRIMER	WILLAR	THE O.L. WILLARD COMPANY, INC.	855235	R			08/06/20	297.40
041935	FIRE FOAM	WILLAR	THE O.L. WILLARD COMPANY, INC.	855303	R			08/07/20	50.85
041936	FIRE FOAM	WILLAR	THE O.L. WILLARD COMPANY, INC.	855274	R			08/07/20	16.95
041937	BULKY WASTE	WILLIM	Willimantic Waste Paper Inc.	2733902	R*S			08/07/20	68.00
041938	SINGLESTREAM, EXTRA PU	WILLIM	Willimantic Waste Paper Inc.	2734857	R			08/06/20	424.80
041939	RENTAL	WILLIM	Willimantic Waste Paper Inc.	2723264	R			08/06/20	50.00
041940	TRANSP. HIGH SCHOOL SEPT.	M & J	M & J BUS, INC.	52100	R			09/01/20	25,563.08
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041944	IPAD CASES		APPLCO APPLE, INC.	AC37994413	R		212055	08/13/20	4,194.00
041945	DIGITAL RECEIVERS 7/16-8/15		CHART CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	0590207162	R			08/13/20	23.68
041946	VIRTUAL PROF.DEV.		GREATM GREAT MINDS PBC	INV052926	R		212051	08/12/20	2,500.00
041947	REPAIR AUTOSCRUBBER	ROVIC	HILLYARD-NEW ENGLAND	700433371	R			08/12/20	634.25
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041951	SPEC.ED.LAW MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTI	LRP	LRP PUBLICATIONS	4488922	R			08/13/20	239.50
041953	HOOKS	MASON	W.B. MASON COMPANY	212412657	R			08/12/20	50.25
041954	SNAP ANNUAL SUPPORT CONTRACT	PROF	PSNI	202100547	R			07/30/20	334.00
041955	PRIOR YR PO #211311 SWINGS	SOUTHE	SOUTHERN CT SPORT COURT	1136	R			08/03/20	3,800.00
041956	FUNNEL, FIRE FOAM, WALL ANGLE	WILLAR	THE O.L. WILLARD COMPANY, INC.	855534	R			08/13/20	74.08
041958	PRIOR YR PO#211361 SOAP	ROVIC	HILLYARD-NEW ENGLAND	603994854	R			08/11/20	357.20
041959	MISC.BOLTS,ANCHORS,BITS	HOMED	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	7012672	R			09/17/20	279.70
041960	JULY SPEC. ED	LINDAM	LINDAMOOD-BELL	SIN218888	R			08/18/20	6,380.00
041961	PHONES 7/10-8/9	VERIZN	VERIZON WIRELESS	9860407087	R			08/19/20	231.99
041962	BOE JULY MONTHLY CIGNA PREMIUM	CTCHIP	CT-CHIP	JULY2020	R			08/19/20	91,187.51
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041964	CT-CHIP MONTHLY ADMIN FEE JULY	CTCHIP	CT-CHIP	JULY2020	R			07/31/20	234.00
041965	MONTHLY LRI BROKER FEE JULY	CTCHIP	CT-CHIP	JULY2020	R			07/31/20	243.00
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041979	GYM FLOOR REFINISHING	DALENE	DALENE HARDWOOD FLG CO., INC	RD622	R		212034	07/31/20	4,760.00
041980	GOGUARDIAN	LIMINE	LIMINEX, INC.	INV25319	R			08/12/20	2,475.00
041981	PRIOR YR PO#211371 PAINTING	HANSHA	HANS HACKNER & CO INC.	17218	R			08/17/20	2,750.00
041982	PRIOR YR PO#211374 PAINTING	HANSHA	HANS HACKNER & CO INC.	17223	R			08/24/20	4,680.00
041983	THERAPY JULY 2020	HOGAN	Susan Hogan	JULY 2020	R			08/24/20	180.00
041984	HEP B SHOT	MANSFA	MANSFIELD FAMILY PRACTICE LLC	6855	R			08/21/20	117.00
041985	REIMB.WIT & WISDOM BOOKS	MUNOCH	CHERYL MUNOZ	WIT/WISDOM	R			08/21/20	19.90
041986	LIFE/ADD AUGUST 2020	NATIAD	NATIONAL INS. CO. OF WI, INC.	1402450	R			08/20/20	524.07
041987	MANAGED SUPPORT AUGUST	CONNCE	NOVUS INSIGHT, INC.	6911	R		212079	08/18/20	6,710.00
041988	MUSIC CURRICULUM K-8	QUAVER	QUAVERED, INC.	24145-1	R			08/21/20	2,520.00
041989	SCOPE MAGAZINE	SCHOLA	SCHOLASTIC INC	M6943210	R			08/21/20	329.67
041990	PAINT	WILLAR	THE O.L. WILLARD COMPANY, INC.	855847	R			08/20/20	39.24
041998	SECT 125 MONTHLY EE FEE JULY	ABS	ADVANCED BENEFIT STRATEGIES	2020P45120	R			08/27/20	51.75
041999	SECT 105 MONTHLY EE FEE JULY	ABS	ADVANCED BENEFIT STRATEGIES	2020P45120	R			08/01/20	45.72
042000	SMART-E LOAN	EVERSO	EVERSOURCE	5112185802	R			08/21/20	4,821.75
042001	LUNCH FOR TEACHERS	FARMER	FARMER'S COW CALFE & CREAMERY		R			08/25/20	748.94
042002	FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	FIRECO	FIRE CONTROL SERVICE CO., INC.	103743	R			08/25/20	254.00
042003	PRIOR YR PO#211310 SWINGS	GAMETI	GAME TIME	PJ10141080	R			08/24/20	5,202.22
042004	PRIOR YR PO#211361 BOTTLES	ROVIC	HILLYARD-NEW ENGLAND	604006875	R			08/19/20	90.00
042005	CHALK	KAPLAN	KAPLAN EARLY LEARNING COMPANY	0005562089	R		212065	08/19/20	11.54
042006	COPIER USAGE 7/26-8/25	THEOFF	THE OFFICE WORKS, INC	202778	R			08/26/20	117.04
042007	KEYS	PROFES	PROFESSIONAL LOCK & SAFE CO.	14656	R			08/27/20	42.00
042008	SUPPLIES	SCHOLL	SCHOOL SPECIALTY, INC.	2081258989	R		212063	08/27/20	14.14
042009	PRIOR YR PO#211346 BOOKS	STEPS	STEPS TO LITERACY	195807	R			08/20/20	1,892.88
042010	PRIOR YR PO#211344 BOOKS	STEPS	STEPS TO LITERACY	195813	R			08/20/20	1,478.49

Register Totals:

Number of Vouchers = 26

Total of Vouchers = 39,982.90

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Period: June 2020

Vcr#	Voucher Description	Vnd#	Vendor Name	Invoice#	Type	Ref#	PO#	Due Date	Vcr Total
041976	HRA\105 7/19-6/20	ABST	ADVANCED BENEFIT STRATEGIES	DB0837	R			08/26/20	80.50
041977	SPEC ED OUTPLACEMENT 19/20	CREC	CREC	203185	R			07/31/20	1,909.38
041991	SECT 125 EE MONTHLY FEE JUNE	ABS	ADVANCED BENEFIT STRATEGIES	2020P45120	R			08/27/20	51.75
041992	SECT 105 EE MONTHLY FEE JUNE	ABS	ADVANCED BENEFIT STRATEGIES	2020P45120	R			08/01/20	45.72
041996	UNEMPLOYMENT MAY 2020	ADMIN	ADMINISTRATOR, UNEMPLY. COMP.	00-001-81	R			08/27/20	1,054.23
041997	UNEMPLOYMENT JUNE 2020	ADMIN	ADMINISTRATOR, UNEMPLY. COMP.	00-001-81	R			08/17/20	1,395.00

Register Totals:

Number of Vouchers = 6

Total of Vouchers = 4,536.58

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE POSTING REGISTER

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Period: September 2020

Vcr#	Voucher Description	Vnd#	Vendor Name	Invoice#	Type	Ref#	PO#	Due Date	Vcr Total
042011	RODENT SERVICE	BRAMAN	BRAMAN TERMITE & PEST ELIM.	1950852	R			09/02/20	178.23
042012	MEMBERSHIP	CONNCA	ConnCASE	MEMBERSHIP	R			09/02/20	250.00
042014	SUPPLIES	DISCOU	DISCOUNT SCHOOL SUPPLY	3973184010	R		212064	09/02/20	312.43
042015	SUPPLIES	DISCOU	DISCOUNT SCHOOL SUPPLY	3971156010	R		212056	08/17/20	461.63
042016	PLAYSCAPE MULCH	DUNNPL	DUNNING INDUSTRIES INC	2202535	R		212066	08/23/20	1,353.60
042017	MEMBERSHIP FEES 20/21	EASTCO	EASTCONN	9210346	R			08/27/20	410.00
042018	ELECTRICITY 7/22-8/20	EVERSO	EVERSOURCE	5149690400	R			08/27/20	1,685.30
042019	ELECTR.FIRE PUMP 7/23-8/22	EVERSO	EVERSOURCE	5145862409	R			08/25/20	48.53
042020	PHONES 8/23-9/22	FRONTI	FRONTIER	8602280294	R			08/24/20	263.17
042021	MAILBOX,V-BELTS	GRAING	GRAINGER	9636455462	R			09/27/20	110.29
042022	WIT & WISDOM	GREATM	GREAT MINDS PBC	INV056337	R		212069	08/31/20	313.30
042023	PRIOR YR PO #211340 WIT&WISDOM	GREATM	GREAT MINDS PBC	INV056039	R			08/31/20	3,910.00
042024	PRIOR YR PO#211340 WIT&WISDOM	GREATM	GREAT MINDS PBC	INV056038	R			08/27/20	36,185.49
042025	TONER	HARTTO	HARTFORD TONER	70029	R			08/27/20	520.00
042026	PRIOR YR PO#211363 PLUMBING	LAFPL	LAFLAMME PLUMBING & HEATING	6591	R			09/02/20	9,950.00
042027	REIMB.TEACHERS PAY TEACHERS	LAPSAM	AMY LAPSIS	REIMB.	R			08/31/20	367.42
042028	COPIER LEASE	LEAF	LEAF	10991216	R		212054	08/31/20	1,193.24
042029	PROPERTY TAX 2020	LEAF	LEAF	10991216	R			08/31/20	914.66
042030	SUBSCRIPTIONS	MAKEMU	MAKENUSIC	5JCKK6Q7	R			08/31/20	680.00
042031	FLOWERS/PLANTS	MACKEY	MACKEY'S WILLIMANTIC	12128	R			08/29/20	48.42
042032	SUPPLIES	MASON	W.B. MASON COMPANY	213148421	R		212070	08/29/20	18.90
042033	SUPPLIES	MASON	W.B. MASON COMPANY	213106526	R		212070	08/25/20	33.57
042034	SUPPLIES	MASON	W.B. MASON COMPANY	213191918	R		212070	08/26/20	7.56
042035	REIMB.POSTAGE	MOREY	Brenda Morey	POSTAGE	R			08/27/20	6.55
042036	REIMB.SIDEWALK STENCILS	MOREY	Brenda Morey	STENCILS	R			08/31/20	21.22
042037	CHILD MASKS	PPEOUT	3AI, LLC	2020082810	R			08/31/20	1,440.00
042038	CLEANER COVID	PUREGR	PURE GREEN LLC	43864	R			08/31/20	3,999.20
042039	BINS	REALLY	Really Good Stuff, LLC	7384558	R		212075	08/31/20	268.76
042040	REIMB. ROPE, RING,EYE, HEX	SYLVMI	MICHAEL SYLVESTER	HOME DEPOT	R			08/31/20	32.19
042041	SINGLESTREAM	WILLIM	Willimantic Waste Paper Inc.	2748256	R			08/31/20	236.70

Register Totals:

Number of Vouchers = 30

Total of Vouchers = 65,220.36

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Period: September 2020

Vcr#	Voucher Description	Vnd#	Vendor Name	Invoice#	Type	Ref#	PO#	Due Date	Vcr Total
042042	SCHOOL ASSOCIATION FEE	CMEA	CMEA	000184201	R			09/09/20	140.00
042043	ADULT EDUCATION 20/21	EASTCO	EASTCONN	9210403	R			09/09/20	1,543.00
042044	SAFETY GLASSES	GRAING	GRAINGER	9640678331	R			10/02/20	55.00
042045	ELECTRICITY 8/1-8/31	GREENS	GREENSKIES RENEWABLE ENERGY	081	R			09/02/20	1,346.95
042046	CHAIR & CHAIR MAT	GWINAL	ALYSSA GWINNELL	REIMB	R			09/03/20	105.48
042047	PHONES SEPT.	IPITOM	IPITOMY	52818	R			09/03/20	182.24
042048	CLEANUP/PRUNING/MULCHING	MOUNVI	MOUNTAIN VIEW LANDSCAPES &	INV-30054	R		212047	09/01/20	7,725.00
042049	CLAY	RUSTY	Rusty Kiln, LLC	1423	R		212089	08/31/20	183.90
042050	JUNIOR SCHOLASTIC - HUNTINGTON	SCHOLA	SCHOLASTIC INC	M6944282	R			08/31/20	280.17
042051	SCHOOL PLAN	SCREEN	SCREENCASTIFY LLC	SC-288484	R			08/26/20	1,000.00
042052	EXTRA PU	WILLIM	willimantic Waste Paper Inc.	2735956	R			08/26/20	151.50
042053	REFUSE SERVICE	WILLIM	willimantic Waste Paper Inc.	2748617	R			08/29/20	111.10
042054	REFUSE SERVICE, RENTAL	WILLIM	willimantic Waste Paper Inc.	2737725	R			09/01/20	600.00

Register Totals:

Number of Vouchers = 13

Total of Vouchers = 13,424.94

Columbia District Board of Education
2020-2021 Goals

Short Term Goal 1 - To continue to ensure that the PK-8 curriculum is implemented with fidelity so students are prepared for high school.

Short Term Goal 2 - To develop and implement strategies that ensure a safe and positive learning environment.

Short Term Goal 3 - To develop and implement strategies that promote effective communication and the dissemination of information between the Board, faculty, staff, parents, and the community-at-large.

Short Term Goal 4 - To review the mission and vision statements to drive the Continuous Improvement Plan.

Strategic Plan Goal 1 – The BOE will review and refine its long-range plan to ensure it addresses future student and staffing needs, meets that challenges of the District, and supports the implementation of rigorous curriculum standards that fully align with the State Standards and the designated high schools.

~~Strategic Plan Goal 2 – The Board of Education will maintain the fiscal integrity of the District and develop an annual budget that supports the District's current programs and its efforts in long-range planning. [My notes reflect this second Strategic Goal being deleted]~~

COLUMBIA SCHOOL EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 as 06/30/2020 Updated 09/10/20

OBJECT CODE	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGETED GROSS EXPENDITURES	BUDGETED GRANT OFFSETS	ADD'L GRANT & TRANSFERS	NET GRANTS	BUDGETED TOWN ALLOCATION	BUDGET ALLOC. & ALL TRANSFERS	TOTAL BUDGETED TOWN ALLOCATION	GROSS EXPENDITURES TO DATE	ACTUAL GRANT EXP & ENC	TOWN EXPENDITURES TO DATE	ENCUMBR'S	ANTICIP'D ADDIT'L EXPENDS	ADD'L GRANT OFFSETS	YEAR END BALANCE REMAINING
111	CERTIFIED SALARIES:														
	STAFF SALARIES	4,595,888.00	110,000.00	5,171.00	115,171.00	4,485,888.00		4,485,888.00	4,499,033.27	115,171.00	4,383,862.27	-	-	-	102,025.73
	SUBSTITUTE SALARIES	40,000.00	-	-	-	40,000.00	-	40,000.00	76,487.72	-	76,487.72	-	-	-	(28,447.72)
112	NON-CERTIFIED SALARIES:														
	STAFF SALARIES	1,014,064.00	31,226.00	753.00	31,979.00	982,868.00		982,868.00	1,008,218.09	31,979.00	976,239.09	-	-	-	6,628.91
	SUBSTITUTE SALARIES	22,070.00	-	-	-	22,070.00	-	22,070.00	47,308.67	-	47,308.67	-	-	-	(25,238.67)
210	EMPL BENEFIT HOSP	1,100,964.00	-	-	-	1,100,964.00	-	1,100,964.00	1,042,304.75	-	1,042,304.75	-	-	-	58,659.25
211	EMPL BENEFIT LIFE	6,500.00	-	-	-	6,500.00	-	6,500.00	6,273.82	-	6,273.82	-	-	-	226.18
213	FICA	72,000.00	-	-	-	72,000.00	-	72,000.00	71,527.34	-	71,527.34	-	-	-	472.66
214	MEDI CARE	82,000.00	-	-	-	82,000.00	-	82,000.00	76,762.98	-	76,762.98	-	-	-	5,237.02
250	BENEFIT UNEMPL	5,000.00	-	-	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	4,658.44	-	4,658.44	-	-	-	341.56
260	WORKERS COMP INSURANCE	75,000.00	-	-	-	75,000.00	-	75,000.00	74,801.01	-	74,801.01	-	-	-	198.99
290	OTHER BENEFITS	93,629.00	-	-	-	93,629.00	-	93,629.00	93,629.87	-	93,629.87	-	-	-	36,989.13
310	BO OF ED SVCS:														
	BOARD OF ED LEGAL SVCS	30,000.00	-	(648.00)	8,934.00	30,000.00		30,000.00	46,787.75	-	46,787.75	-	-	-	(16,787.75)
	INSTR IMPROV STAFF	26,285.00	-	-	-	16,782.00	-	16,782.00	16,145.56	-	16,145.56	-	-	(0.70)	9,571.14
320	PROF SERV:														
	REGULAR EDUCATION	92,813.00	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	72,813.00		72,813.00	29,132.05	10,000.00	19,132.05	-	-	-	53,680.95
	SPECIAL SERVICES	97,780.00	-	-	-	97,780.00	-	97,780.00	72,989.45	-	72,989.45	-	-	-	24,810.55
340	TECH CONTRACT SERVICE	185,875.00	-	-	-	185,875.00	-	185,875.00	174,606.56	-	174,606.56	-	-	-	11,268.44
411	WATERSEWAGE	6,500.00	-	-	-	6,500.00	-	6,500.00	5,273.77	-	5,273.77	4,780.00	-	-	(3,563.77)
421	SANITARY REFUSE	9,200.00	-	-	-	9,200.00	-	9,200.00	8,241.22	-	8,241.22	-	-	-	958.78
422	SNOWFLOWING	24,000.00	-	-	-	24,000.00	-	24,000.00	24,000.00	-	24,000.00	-	-	-	-
430	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	41,705.00	-	-	-	41,705.00	-	41,705.00	105,145.53	-	105,145.53	56,926.45	-	-	(120,366.98)
440	RENTAL	33,300.00	-	-	-	33,300.00	-	33,300.00	25,514.37	-	25,514.37	-	-	-	7,785.63
510	PUPIL TRANSPORTATION:														
	REGULAR EDUCATION	520,480.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	520,480.00		520,480.00	449,808.40	-	449,808.40	-	-	-	70,681.60
	SPECIAL ED	289,000.00	-	-	-	289,000.00	-	289,000.00	156,056.50	2,000.00	154,056.50	-	-	-	144,943.50
520	INSURANCE	52,200.00	-	-	-	52,200.00	-	52,200.00	51,787.00	-	51,787.00	-	-	-	403.00
530	TELEPHONE	9,900.00	-	-	-	9,900.00	-	9,900.00	7,510.75	-	7,510.75	-	-	-	2,389.25
531	POSTAGE	6,000.00	-	-	-	6,000.00	-	6,000.00	4,282.10	-	4,282.10	-	-	-	1,707.90
540	ADVERTISING														
560	TUITION:														
	REGULAR ED	2,897,480.00	-	128.00	2,524.00	2,897,480.00		2,897,480.00	2,735,949.81	-	2,735,949.81	-	-	-	161,540.19
	SPECIAL ED	986,400.00	2,386.00	128.00	2,524.00	984,004.00		984,004.00	718,526.26	2,524.00	715,526.26	-	-	-	268,477.74
580	TRAVEL	5,900.00	-	-	-	5,900.00	-	5,900.00	1,598.58	-	1,598.58	-	-	-	4,301.42
610	SUPPLIES	112,307.00	200.00	675.00	775.00	112,107.00		112,107.00	98,361.22	774.30	98,361.22	6,681.52	-	0.70	2,064.26
613	MAINT SUPPLIES	18,000.00	-	-	-	18,000.00	-	18,000.00	15,222.73	-	15,222.73	5,184.64	-	-	2,568.63
622	ELECTRICITY	105,000.00	-	-	-	105,000.00	-	105,000.00	112,950.29	-	112,950.29	-	-	-	(7,950.29)
623	PROPANE GAS	5,000.00	-	-	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	5,268.49	-	5,268.49	-	-	-	(268.49)
624	HEATING OIL	61,000.00	-	-	-	61,000.00	-	61,000.00	61,517.69	-	61,517.69	-	-	-	(517.69)
628	DIESEL FUEL	44,000.00	-	-	-	44,000.00	-	44,000.00	31,048.83	-	31,048.83	-	-	-	12,951.17
640	SOFTWARE	18,751.00	-	-	-	18,751.00	-	18,751.00	38,940.52	-	38,940.52	-	-	-	(20,189.52)
641	TXTBKS/WKBS/ANCMAT	19,878.00	-	-	-	19,878.00	-	19,878.00	54,412.19	-	54,412.19	44,630.86	-	-	(79,165.05)
642	LIBRARY BOOKS	3,500.00	-	-	-	3,500.00	-	3,500.00	2,740.30	-	2,740.30	-	-	-	759.70
643	PERIODICALS	7,920.00	-	-	-	7,920.00	-	7,920.00	4,699.93	-	4,699.93	-	-	-	3,220.07
730	EQUIPMENT	110,975.00	54,082.00	(3,593.31)	50,488.69	56,893.00		56,893.00	94,748.12	38,433.19	56,314.83	62,521.97	-	-	(61,943.90)
810	DUES/FEES	17,869.00	-	-	-	17,869.00	-	17,869.00	9,637.23	-	9,637.23	-	-	-	8,231.77
	TOTAL	12,954,213.00	217,387.00	4,484.89	221,871.89	12,736,826.00		12,730,186.00	12,127,217.06	209,816.19	11,917,400.87	176,059.44		12,055.50	643,365.69

Available Budgeted Funds: 643,365.69
 Available Budgeted Funds Adjustments: 12,055.50
 Net available BOE funds: 643,365.69

Tuition: 430,017.93
 Non-Tuition: 213,347.76
 BOE Avail. Funds: 643,365.69

Notes:
 1. Staff changes at the beginning of the year:
 * One certified staff member on maternity leave until May; portion will be unpaid.
 * One certified staff member retiring as of 12/01/19; Replacement starting 6/10/20.
 * Replacement hired to replace certified staff; starting January 2, 2020.
 * One noncertified staff member was on paid medical leave.
 * One noncertified staff member retired in August 2019.

2. Received results of IT Security Assessment; unknown 19/20 budget impact as of 02/03/20.
 3. IT resigned in February, pending replacement as of 02/21/20

4. Unemployment is anticipated to increase due to subs not working due to COVID closure.
 5. Salaries are all encumbered but there will be additional pay for extra hours due to COVID closure.

6. Tuition and Transportation (Apr to Jun) pending due to COVID closure.
 7. Sub lines include long term subs and building subs still being used during COVID closure.

8. Projection includes estimate cost of truck, sink replacement, security cameras, swings, wall construction, carpet replacement, painting, carpet extractor, as well as science, ELA and health curriculum.

Unbudgeted Grant:	37,195.00
REAP expires 12/31/2019	(18,053.81)
Balance spent in 18/19	19,061.69
Total	19,061.69
Carried forward from 18/19	19,081.69
New REAP	31,407.00
Total REAP	50,488.69
Less: 19/20 YTD spending	(38,433.19)
Net REAP balance	12,055.50
(Budgeted and unbudgeted)	Balance of the REAP grant award to be carried to 20/21

THE FINANCIAL PLANNING AND ALLOCATION COMMISSION FOR THE TOWN OF COLUMBIA hereby resolves that the rules for administering the Unexpended Education Funds Account shall be amended to be consistent with the terms of applicable statutes, as amended after adoption.

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2016 the Columbia Financial Planning and Allocation Commission, by resolution, established the Unexpended Education Funds Account to operate under terms specified in Connecticut General Statute § 10-248a.

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statute § 10-248a was amended effective July 1, 2018 to increase the limit for funds that may be added to the account.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Columbia Financial Planning and Allocation Commission hereby authorizes administration of the Unexpended Education Funds Account consistent with new funding limits set in the July 1, 2018 amendment to Connecticut General Statute § 10-248a and further specifies that in future years rules for administration of the fund shall automatically adjust as needed to remain in compliance with any future amendment to state laws applicable to the Unexpended Education Fund Account.

Approved by the Town of Columbia Financial Planning and Allocation Commission (FIPAC) at its Regular Monthly meeting on 06/17/2020.



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 71

January Session, 2019

House Bill No. 7112

House of Representatives, March 19, 2019

The Committee on Education reported through REP. SANCHEZ of the 25th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT A TOWN MAY DEPOSIT INTO A NONLAPSING ACCOUNT FOR UNEXPENDED EDUCATION FUNDS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-248a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

3 For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2011] 2020, and each fiscal year
4 thereafter, notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or
5 any special act, municipal charter, home rule ordinance or other
6 ordinance, the board of finance in each town having a board of finance,
7 the board of selectman in each town having no board of finance or the
8 authority making appropriations for the school district for each town
9 may deposit into a nonlapsing account any unexpended funds from
10 the prior fiscal year from the budgeted appropriation for education for
11 the town, provided (1) such deposited amount does not exceed [one]
12 two per cent of the total budgeted appropriation for education for such
13 prior fiscal year, (2) each expenditure from such account shall be made
14 only for educational purposes, and (3) each such expenditure shall be

15 authorized by the local board of education for such town.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2019	10-248a
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ED *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 20 -21 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Increased Carryforward	Up to 1% of a town's education appropriation

Explanation

The bill may result in increased carryforward funds, of up to an additional 1% of a town's education appropriation, for municipalities that have unspent education funds. The bill allows a school district to retain an additional 1% to be deposited into a nonlapsing account, and requires that the deposited funds be expended for education purposes. This could increase the carryforward funds available for a municipality, for education, from fiscal year to fiscal year.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the amount of a town's education appropriation that is carried forward.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 7112*****AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT A TOWN MAY DEPOSIT INTO A NONLAPSING ACCOUNT FOR UNEXPENDED EDUCATION FUNDS.*****SUMMARY**

Beginning with FY 20, this bill increases the maximum amount of unspent education funds that a town may deposit in a nonlapsing fund from 1% to 2% of the town's budgeted appropriation for education for the prior fiscal year. Existing law, unchanged by the bill, permits this deposit by a town board of finance, board of selectmen in a town with no board of finance, or other appropriating authority for a school district.

The bill also requires that the deposited funds be spent upon the board of education's authorization and only for educational purposes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable

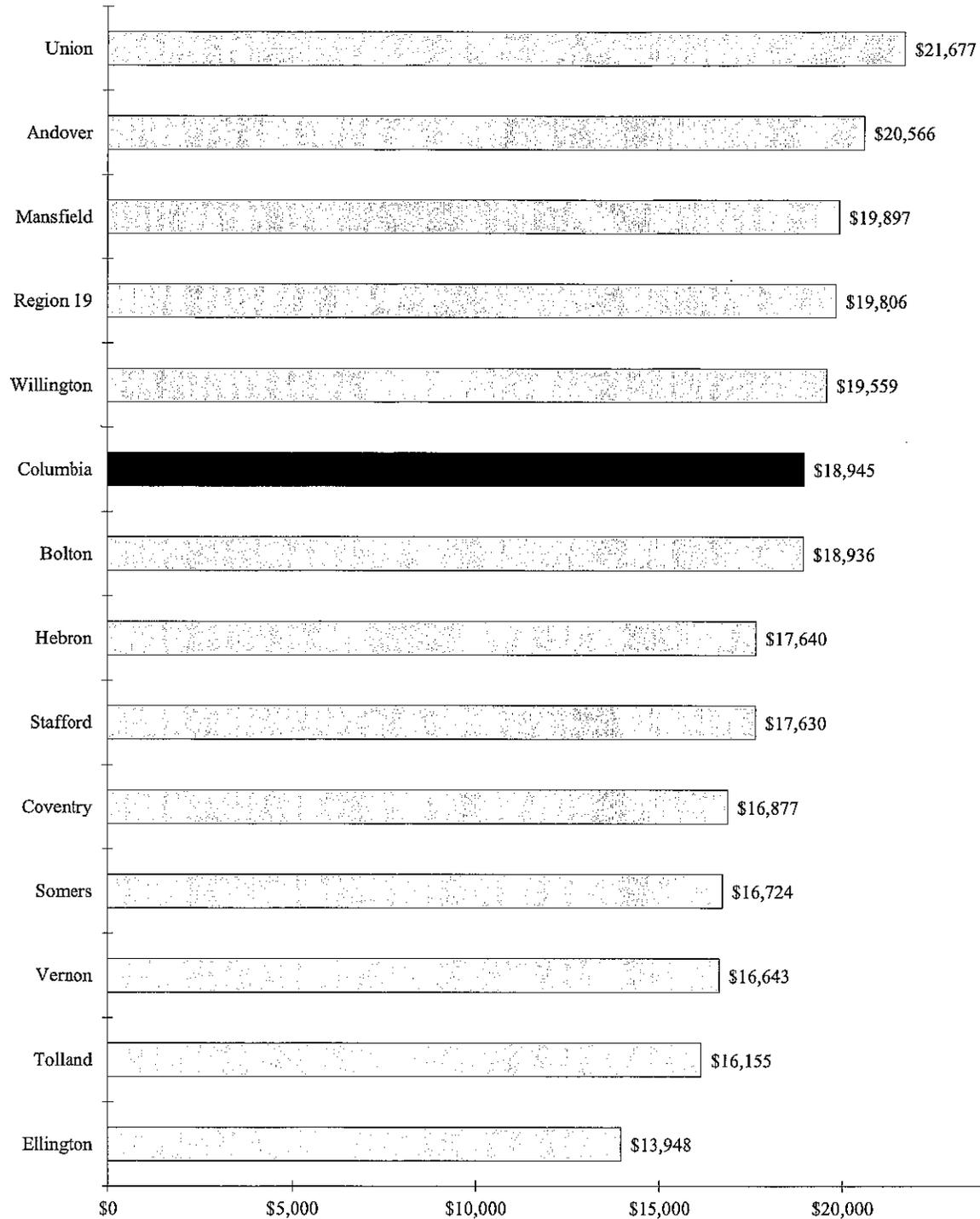
Yea 37 Nay 0 (03/06/2019)

memo

To: Board of Education
From: Maria Geryk
CC: Brenda Morey
Date: 9/11/2020
Re: Tuition

Attached you will find the average per pupil costs for Columbia and surrounding districts for 2018-2019, which is the most current data available. As you will see, the per pupil costs for Columbia is \$18,945. As a point of comparison, we current pay tuition for our students to attend E.O. Smith (\$13,285.63) and Bolton (\$12,646.66). I hope this information is helpful in the Board of Education's discussion regarding setting a tuition rate for potential requests to tuition into Porter School.

**NET CURRENT EDUCATION EXPENDITURES PER PUPIL
2018-19**



Note: Net Current Expenditures (NCE) are calculated as defined in Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-261(a)(3). NCE includes all current public elementary and secondary expenditures from all sources, excluding reimbursable regular education transportation, tuition revenue, capital expenditures for land, buildings and equipment, & debt service. Net Current Expenditures per Pupil (NCEP) represents Net Current Expenditures divided by Average Daily Membership.

Source: State of CT Dept. of Education Division of Grants Management (website) January 2020

Series 9000

POLICY 9002

Bylaws

FORMULATION, ADOPTION, AMENDMENT OR DELETION OF POLICIES

1. In the absence of any written policy, administrative regulations will be used to guide and administer the effective operation of the school district.

2. Suggestions for either new policies or policy changes would normally come to the Board of Education from any of the following:
 - A. Board of Education Members
 - B. Superintendent
 - C. Statute
 - D. Matters of law
 - E. Citizens
 - F. Students.

3. The Superintendent will prepare a draft policy statement for consideration and for the development by the Board of Education.

4. Policy proposals and suggested amendments to, revisions of, or deletions of existing policies shall normally be submitted to all members of the Board of Education by the Superintendent in writing prior to a regular Board of Education meeting in which such proposed policies, amendments, revisions or deletions thereof shall be read and discussed.

5. Policies that deal with matters of an emergency nature may be introduced at any regular or special Board meeting.

6. Policies that affect students shall become effective at the beginning of the next school year following adoption unless the policy provides otherwise.

7. Except for emergency situations, policies will be adopted, amended, or deleted after consideration at two regular meetings of the Board of Education. The agenda shall be marked to indicate such policy matters.

8. When a policy is placed on the agenda for the second consecutive meeting, a motion either to adopt or not to adopt the policy or the proposed policy changes is necessary for discussion. If the discussion results in a suggestion for change, such changes will be included in the second reading of the policy prior to adoption.

9. The formal adoption or deletion of policies and the adoption of policy changes shall be by majority vote of all members of the Board, and the action shall be recorded in the minutes of the Board.

10. Only those written statements so adopted as policy and so recorded shall be regarded as official policy of the Board.

ADOPTED: 4/1/2019

REVISED: _____

7/1/02

Summary of Temporary Policies and Policy Revisions Relating to COVID-19 Pandemic

New Policies

- **Policy Concerning Temporary Policies and Regulations Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic**
 - This new, temporary policy serves to explain the process of implementing and repealing temporary policies and identifies the requirement of the school district to comply with federal and state laws, regulations and guidance as related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **Policy Concerning Health and Safety Protocols Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic**
 - This new, temporary policy authorizes the administration to develop appropriate health and safety protocols to safeguard the community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Importantly, the policy requires the administration to provide appropriate and clear notice of these protocols to students and staff.

- **Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) - NEW**
 - This new policy tracks the requirements of the FFCRA concerning employee leave for reasons relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. This policy will sunset on December 31, 2020, in accordance with federal law.

Temporary Policy Revisions

1000 Series: Community

- **Green Cleaning Programs**
 - The temporary revision clarifies that disinfectants and sanitizer may be used by the schools in accordance with the green cleaning statute and a recent memorandum from the Department of Administrative Services.

- **Use of School Facilities**
 - In accordance with the recent state guidance, the temporary revisions provide flexibility to the administration to limit or restrict the use of school facilities by private and community organizations. These revisions also require compliance with health and safety protocols by any private or community organization that is permitted to use school facilities.

- **Visitors**
 - The temporary revisions allow the administration flexibility to limit or restrict non-essential visitors into the school buildings, and require any visitors to comply with the school's health and safety protocols.
- **Volunteers**
 - The temporary revisions allow the administration flexibility to limit or restrict non-essential volunteers into the school buildings, and require any volunteers to comply with the school's health and safety protocols.

2000 Series: Administration

- **NO CHANGES**

3000 Series: Business

- **Budget - NO CHANGES**
 - We reviewed this model policy to determine if temporary revisions were necessary in light of recent state guidance. We did not make any changes to this model policy because the policy already allows flexibility relative to a superintendent's ability to make line-item transfers. If your district has revised the model, please review your policy to determine if temporary flexibilities are required, in accordance with applicable law and guidance.
- **Purchasing - NO CHANGES**
 - We reviewed this model policy to determine if temporary revisions were necessary in light of recent state guidance. We did not make any changes to this model policy because the policy already allows flexibility relative to the bidding, quotation and proposal processes. If your district has revised the model, please review your policy to determine if temporary flexibilities are required, in accordance with applicable law and guidance.

4000 Series: Personnel

- **Employment Checks**
 - The policy was revised to indicate that timelines regarding state and national criminal record checks may be modified by the district in accordance with any executive order issued by the Governor or any order issued by the Commissioner of Education that is related to the COVID-19 pandemic or public health emergency.
- **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504)/Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) - NO CHANGES**

- o We reviewed this model policy to determine if temporary revisions were necessary in light of recent guidance from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). No revisions to this policy were made at this time. Boards that have revised the model policy should review their existing policy to determine if temporary revisions are needed. Schools should note, in any event, that Section 504/ADA may be implicated during the pandemic in a variety of ways, and thus the administration should be aware of these laws when implementing health and safety protocols.
- **Use of District Computer Systems**
 - o The policy and regulations were revised to clarify the board's responsibility relative to computer systems. Specifically, the revisions clarify that the board has installed computers and a computer network (including Internet access) on board premises and may provide other electronic devices that can access the network, but does not necessarily provide computers and Internet access in locations other than the board premises. The regulations and notice regarding electronic monitoring were also revised to specify that employees are expected to exercise appropriate judgment and may be monitored electronically when engaged in remote teaching or use of a digital teaching platform.

5000 Series: Students

- **Attendance, Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism**
 - o The temporary revisions to this policy require schools to actively monitor student absences and collect data concerning medical absences to allow the district to identify trends that would suggest the spread of illness, such as COVID-19, in accordance with state guidance. Note that we anticipate receiving additional guidance from the State Department of Education concerning attendance and students who do not attend school during the COVID-19 pandemic. We may revise this policy in accordance with that guidance. We further recommend that boards review any policies linking receipt of graduation credits to class attendance, in accordance with the impending state guidance.
- **Health Assessments**
 - o The Health Assessments policy has been temporarily revised to address recent Department of Public Health guidance. Specifically, the revisions implement flexibilities in the timing for required health assessments upon initial entry to school, in either 6th or 7th grade, and in either 9th or 10th grade. Of note, the Department of Public Health has not at this time relaxed or otherwise amended the immunization requirements for school attendance.
- **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504)/Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) - NO CHANGES**

o We reviewed this model policy to determine if temporary revisions were necessary in light of recent state guidance. No revisions to this policy were made at this time. Boards that have revised the model policy should review their existing policy to determine if temporary revisions are needed. Schools should note, in any event, that Section 504/ADA may be implicated during the pandemic in a variety of ways, and thus the administration should be aware of these statutes when implementing health and safety protocols.

● **Student Discipline**

o The temporary revisions to this policy clarify that students may be disciplined, including suspended or expelled, for failing to comply with the school's health and safety protocols developed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The revisions further provide that expulsion hearings may be held virtually if physical presence in school is limited or restricted.

● **Transportation**

o This policy was temporarily revised to provide that the district will request that parents volunteer to transport their children to school, in accordance with state guidance. The revisions further clarify that parents are responsible for the safety of their children while walking to and at the bus stop, which includes following health and safety rules.

● **Use of District Computer Systems**

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● **Use of Privately Owned Technological Devices by Students**

o The policy was revised to reflect that privately owned technological devices, including desktop computers, may be used during instructional time if specifically permitted by instructional staff or necessary to access a digital learning platform or remote learning. The policy was also revised to reflect that the improper use of such technology is prohibited when utilized for school or at a school-sponsored activity, that searches of privately owned devices can only occur if such devices are on school property, and that reports of theft, loss or damage to such devices can be

made if the suspected incident occurred on school property or at a school-sponsored activity.

6000 Series: Instruction

- **Credit for Online Courses - NO CHANGE**
 - We revised this policy in April 2020 to address the closure of schools and to allow students to earn credit through distance learning programs. We include this policy here only to bring the recent revision to your attention. The revised policy is not included in the Temporary Policy Revisions, as the change was broad and permanent. The policy can be accessed in the client portal in Series 6000.

9000 Series: Bylaws

- **Meeting Conduct**
 - This bylaw has been temporarily revised to permit a board of education to convene virtually and to limit or restrict public comment during virtual board meetings.
- **Public Meetings/Executive Sessions - NO CHANGES**
 - We reviewed this model bylaw to determine if temporary revisions were necessary in light of recent state guidance, and determined that changes are not required at this time. If your district has revised the model, we recommend review of your bylaw to determine if any temporary changes are required, in accordance with applicable law and guidance.
- **Time, Place and Notice of Meetings - NO CHANGES**
 - We reviewed this model bylaw to determine if temporary revisions were necessary in light of recent state guidance, and determined that changes are not required at this time. If your district has revised the model, we recommend review of your bylaw to determine if any temporary changes are required, in accordance with applicable law and guidance.

Model Annual Notifications

- The annual notifications document was revised to include temporary changes to the student discipline notice and the employee notice of electronic monitoring. The annual notification document was further revised to include the required employee notice under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFRCA) and to note that school districts should review their green cleaning program notification.

Columbia students head back to the classroom

Back to school

LISA MASSICOTTE
CHRONICLE STAFF WRITER

COLUMBIA — Horace W. Porter School, Columbia's only school, reopened today in its hybrid model with protocols to keep kids safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Children hopped off their buses at 8:15 a.m. with their masks on, ready to head into school and finally greet their teachers in-person after a long period of distance learning.

"It went remarkably well for day one. I'm thrilled," Columbia Superintendent of Schools Maria Geryk said this morning.

"We had a large number of staff out welcoming students from parent drop-off as well as from the busses and then we had staff in the hallway

to help students as they entered."

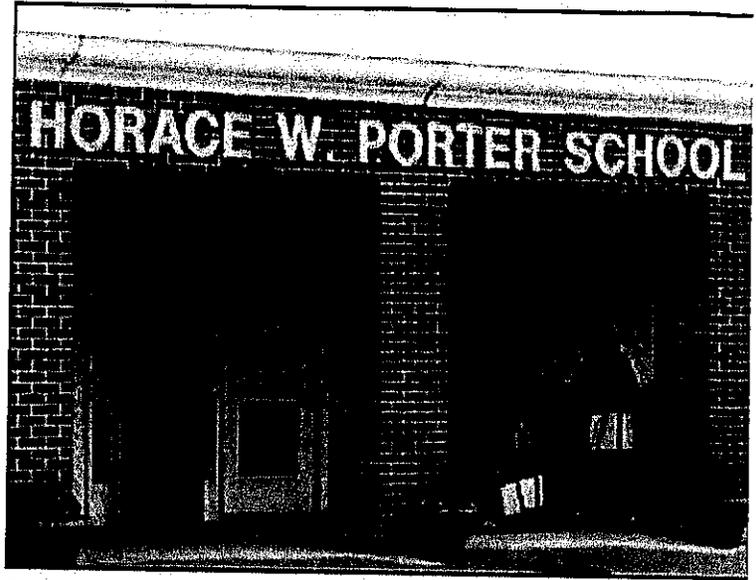
The district's hybrid model involves students with last names starting with letters A through K in group A and students with last names L to Z in group B.

Group A will attend school in person Mondays and Tuesdays while Group B will attend in person Thursdays and Fridays, according to the reopening plan.

Columbia Board of Education Chairman Chris Lent said the district is fortunate 100 percent of its teachers and staff were willing and able to return to school.

"We're very fortunate that all of our teachers and staff have committed to come start the new year," Lent

COLUMBIA, Page 4



Teachers enter Horace W. Porter School in Columbia this morning for the first day of classes. Roxanne Pandolfi | Staff

Columbia students head back to class

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said. "They all did a great job and they all worked hard to prepare."

Lent said he was able to tour Porter School Tuesday evening to see how classrooms and hallways were set up.

"The staff and teachers, the way they arranged the room. It's certainly set up to be safe, but still has a warm feel and a lot of bright colors. Everything looks great," Lent said.

Lent said he observed desks spread out in the classrooms with desk shields and there are "Porter paw prints" throughout the hallways to show a six-foot distance as students walk.

Geryk added hand-sanitizing stations are set up in the building and kids are washing and sanitizing their hands immediately as they enter the school.

Columbia resident Lydia

Gompper said, although she's a little frustrated with the school's scheduling, she's still excited for her son to see his friends again.

"Very excited my son will be seeing some of his friends again. I think the teachers are going to do a great job," Gompper said.

Lettie Diana and her family recently moved to Columbia, so she said she's a bit nervous about her son's first year.

"What a year to start at another new school. Hoping he likes his teacher and makes friends quickly," she said.

Geryk said the district will stay in its hybrid model until Oct. 1 and, at that point, a decision will be made to fully reopen, remain in the hybrid model or enter a fully remote model.

"The hybrid model has been incredible for us," Geryk said.

If changes to the model are



This school bus in Columbia is back in business as it takes pupils to Horace W. Porter School on the first day of hybrid classes this morning. Roxanne Pandolfi | Staff

made, the change would be made after Columbus Day weekend in order to give a two-week notice to families. Follow Lisa Massicotte on Twitter - @LMassicotteTC.

Let me help you connect!

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Destiny Catalog

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Book Request

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TrueFlix

FreedomFlix

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Horace W. Porter School

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- Padlet
- Online Reading Resources like Epic
- Book Talks
- and more!

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THE BIG SIX: Steps in the Research Cycle

Task Definition

- What is the problem to be solved?
- What types of information are needed to solve the problem?

Information-Seeking Strategies

- What are the possible sources of information?
- Which are the best of all the possibilities?

Location and Access

- Where are these sources?
- Where is the information in each source?

Use of Information

- What information does the source provide?
- How can you extract the information you need?

Synthesis

- How does the information from all the sources fit together?
- How is the information best presented?

Evaluation

- Was the information problem solved?
- If the problem had to be solved again, what would you do differently?

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- personal research consultation and searching tips
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- note sheets, organizers, and bibliography formats for preparing research projects
- books to supplement your classroom library
- books to highlight literary devices or books to use as mentor texts

I would love to collaborate with you on any unit that might have a research or technology component. I can support the notetaking during scheduled library time or via zoom in the morning and help students work with their resources. Let's work together!

Sept. 1, 2020

Dear BDE members,

Thank you for providing
lunch for us. It was
delicious! With appreciation,

Jessica Haul, Kim Dinger, Nicole Henry

**Columbia District Board of Education
2020-2021 Goals**

Short Term Goal 1 - To continue to ensure that the PK-8 curriculum is implemented with fidelity so students are prepared for high school.

Short Term Goal 2 - To develop and implement strategies that ensure a safe and positive learning environment.

Short Term Goal 3 - To develop and implement strategies that promote effective communication and the dissemination of information between the Board, faculty, staff, parents, and the community-at-large.

Short Term Goal 4 - To review the mission and vision statements to drive the Continuous Improvement Plan.

Strategic Plan Goal 1 – The BOE will review and refine its long-range plan to ensure it addresses future student and staffing needs, meets that challenges of the District, and supports the implementation of rigorous curriculum standards that fully align with the State Standards and the designated high schools.

~~Strategic Plan Goal 2 – The Board of Education will maintain the fiscal integrity of the District and develop an annual budget that supports the District's current programs and its efforts in long-range planning.~~ [My notes reflect this second Strategic Goal being deleted]