REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

BOARD OF EDUCATION

COLUMBUS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monday, January 27, 2025

The Board of Directors of Columbus Community School District convened its regular monthly board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2025, at the Administration Building in Columbus Junction, Iowa.

Present were President Carol Zuniga, Vice-President Todd Heck (via teams) and directors Dan Heindel, Stacy Storm, and Andy White.

In addition, Superintendent Dr. Michael Volk and Business Manager and Board Secretary Neil Mills were present.

**Board Meeting**

**Agenda**

Stacy Storm moved to approve the agenda.

Seconded by Dan Heindel.

Ayes: five Nays: none. Carried.

**Public Hearing**

President Carol Zuniga open the public hearing for the Proposed COLUMBUS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOOTBALL TRACK AND SOCCER FIELD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT at 6:01 p.m. This hearing was for the presenting of the proposed drawings, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost for the construction of football, track and soccer field improvements located at 1208 Colton Street, Columbus Junction, Iowa.

Plans were placed in state and national plan rooms, resulting in 35 businesses reviewing the project details.

On January 23, 2025, a letting was held with one contractor submitting a sealed bid. The board has considered the bid and with the recommendations from Beck Engineering, Inc. the project will have an estimated cost with engineering cost of $428,833 for the base bid. And with an alternate available at a cost of $652,556.

Public comments were heard from Wayne Finke, Travis White, Keenan Todd, and Diana Billingsly. Jason Eygabroad with Beck Engineering, Inc. addressed some of the questions raised by the comments.

President Zuniga closed the hearing at 6:11 p.m.

Andy White moved to to introduce the following resolution entitled RESOLUTION ADOPTING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT, AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR THE COLUMBUS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOOTBALL, TRACK, AND SOCCER FIELD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT and moved that the same be adopted.

President Zuniga asked Neil Mills Board Secretary to read the resolution.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT, AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR THE COLUMBUS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOOTBALL, TRACK, AND SOCCER FIELD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, on the 27th day of January 2025, plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost were filed with the Board Secretary for the construction of certain public improvements described in general as the Columbus Community School District Football, Track, and Soccer Field Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, notice of hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the public improvement was published as required by law:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVE BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COLUMBUS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. The plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost are hereby approved as the plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the public improvements, as described in the preamble of this Resolution.

Dan Heindel seconded the motion to adopt.

A roll call vote was taken: Heindel yes, White yes, Heck yes, Storm yes, and Zuniga yes. The vote was 5-0. President Zuniga declared the resolution duly adopted.

**Citizen’s Comments**

There were no citizen’s comments for the remaining agenda items.

**Consent Agenda**

Andy White made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Seconded by Stacy Storm.

Ayes: five Nays: none. Carried.

Consent items were:

1. Financial Report

b. Minutes

c. Bills

d. Personnel

* Resignation/Retire – Karen Drinkall – Roundy 6th grade teacher.
* Resignation – Jamie Moeller – Roundy 1st grade teacher.
* Resignation – Jose Gomez – Secondary Art Teacher
* Resignation – Jeff Gilmore – JH Girls Basketball Coach
* Hire – Mackenzie Duncan – TAG Teacher
* Hire – Angee Pleggenkuhle – Elementary At-Risk Liaison
* Hire – Katie Anderson – At-Risk Counselor (FY25-26)
* Voluntary Transfer – Eileen Sanchez from SPED Para to Preschool Para
* Volunteer – Jake McCullough – Asst. HS Track Coach

e. Fundraisers

* FCCLA – Sell rubber ducks – Rachel Hahn
* FCCLA – Bake sale at conferences – Rachel Hahn
* Junior Class/Prom Sponsors – Sell hot meal at 2/4/25 home basketball game – Ashley Milder & Megan Buckman
* HS Golf – Sponsorships for golf bags – David Wittmann
* JH Softball – Sell T-shirts – David Wittmann
* Student Council – Sell carnations – Lizeth Vergara
* FFA – Pancake Supper – Kortney Orr

School use Fundraisers:

* After Prom Committee – Bake Sale, Pitch the Pig and 50/50 drawing - Danielle Woepking

**Reports**

Written administrative reports were submitted by Paul Kissell, Randy Phillips, Kristen Payne, Kristina Murphy, Mike Wolter and Dr. Volk.

Administrative Summary Reports - information

Paul Kissell - Activity Director

Summary: Kissell discussed State Qualifying events this month and the rationale behind scheduling/rescheduling of events, many times due to opposing teams injuries. Kissell rounded out his report to include details about a job shadow where he is working with a student who is interested in sports journalism/broadcasting while also devoting a little bit of job shadow to helping restock the district’s pop machines.

Kristen Payne - Director of Instruction

Summary: Payne discussed how the majority of work this past month has been focused around planning for upcoming district assessments and how there is a large amount of work behind the scenes with training, student rosters, assigning accommodations, schedules, etc. Payne also addressed how she has been completing LETRS coursework on both the administrative and teacher side and how the support of new teachers continues to be a priority.

Randy Phillips - Operations Director

Summary: Phillips reported that work in the IT world this past month included setting up the new GWAEA Network Technician, getting E-Rate filed for Cat1 and Cat2 funding, licensing renewals, progressing with the camera project, and finalizing the phone upgrade bids. Phillips contends that there is still more work to do in the coming months on the tie-ins if the board moves forward with the new fire alarm system upgrade at Roundy, and when the district decides to move forward with an updated security alarm system. Maintenance, Transportation and Nutrition has been fairly steady with completing routine tasks along with working through proposals for upcoming summer projects.

Kristina Murphy - Elem Principal

Summary: Murphy discussed that Columbus CSD will no longer offer Wildcat Learning Lab this summer because the district will no longer receive ESSER funding to support it. It is the hope of the district that Champions, the new before and after school program coming to Roundy, will offer families summer programming options. Murphy addressed that Roundy staff will continue to make progress through the LETRS professional development and commented that it is awesome to observe all certified staff learning, making connections, and having ah-ha moments.

Mike Wolter - Secondary Principal

Summary: Wolter reported that the district underwent active shooter and emergency response training with the Louisa County Sheriff's Department which is leading to plans for procedural updates. Wolter discussed how the Power Hour initiative at the secondary building has resulted in reduced absences, and how the recent tardy reward event and quarterly attendance assembly celebrated students' commitment to punctuality and consistent attendance. Wolter contends that these efforts continue to enhance student engagement, safety, and accountability.

Michael Volk - Superintendent

Summary: Volk discussed how Governor Reynolds presented her Condition of the State, which addressed the following priorities: 2.0% increase in SSA, which sets the state cost per pupil at $7,983, appropriation of $14 million for hourly staff pay, grants for PK/childcare partnerships, Math PD and support (and still continuing to support literacy), and a mandated cell phone policy in schools where use is prohibited during instructional hours. Volk indicates much work and progress has been accomplished on the School Improvement Survey Report, SIAC Committee work, review of all new Board Policies, work on the At-Risk Program / MTSS System, and audit/rewrite of TLC Plan for fiscal year 2025-26.

Carol Zuniga gave a board report. The 5-year budget plan has been sent to ISFIS for review.

**Unfinished Business**

Dan Heindel moved to approve Karen Drinkall as a participant in the Fiscal Year 2025 Columbus Community School District’s Early Retirement Plan.

Seconded by Stacy Storm.

Ayes: five Nays: none. Carried.

Andy White moved to approve the final reading to replace Current policy 504.12 with new updated IASB policy (507.09) as our 504.12 Student Wellness Policy and replace current Regulation 504.12R1 Wellness Policy – Nutrition Guidelines with IASB policy regulation 507.09-R(1) as our 504.12R1 Wellness Policy – Nutritional Guidelines. Rescind current policies: 504.12R2 Wellness Policy – Physical Activity & 504.12R3 Student Wellness Plan – Other Activities to Promote Wellness. And adopt new policy exhibit 504.12E1 from Simbi 507.09-E(1) Wellness – Smart Snack List.

Seconded by Stacy Storm.

Ayes: five Nays: none. Carried.

**New Business**

Andy White moved to approve full route pay for second SPED route.

Seconded by Dan Heindel.

Ayes: five Nays: none. Carried.

Andy White made a motion to award Triple B Construction Corporation the contract for the base bid (for the athletic field improvement project) in the amount of $352,333 and not include the alternate plan.

Seconded by Stacy Storm.

Ayes: five Nays: none. Carried.

Stacy Storm moved that the district’s administration is authorized to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for a modified supplemental amount of $226,758 related to At-Risk/Dropout.

Seconded by Dan Heindel.

Ayes: five Nays: none. Carried.

Andy White moved to approve Lucas Communications Inc. (phone system) quote for $25,660.02.

Seconded by Stacy Storm.

Ayes: five Nays: none. Carried.

Andy White moved to approve the Window World (of Davenport) quote for $29,225 (for replacement windows in the Pre-K wing of Roundy Elementary School).

Seconded by Dan Heindel.

Ayes: five Nays: none. Carried.

Andy White moved to approve the TLC plan for FY26.

Seconded by Stacy Storm.

Ayes: five Nays: none. Carried.

New Business information item discusses:

Emily Crow addressed the board regarding the new school logo.

Andy White moved to adjourn.

Seconded by Dan Heindel.

Ayes: five Nays: none. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

The next meeting will be on February 24, 2025, at 6:00pm.

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Carol S. Zuniga, School Board President

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Neil A. Mills, School Board Secretary

Approved Bills:

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| 4-M Plumbing & Heating | Purchase Service | 340.00 |
| Ace - N - More | Supplies | 80.97 |
| Agriland FS, INC. | Fuel Purchases | 4,202.45 |
| Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. | Legal Services | 1,208.00 |
| All American Pest Control | Pest Control Services | 600.00 |
| Alliant Energy | Utilities | 23,064.45 |
| Anderson Erickson Dairy | Milk Purchases | 5,139.30 |
| Annen, David | Official | 239.82 |
| Avant Assessment, LLC. | Assessment Fees | 522.90 |
| Beck Engineering, Inc. | Purchase Service | 34,865.00 |
| Beenen, Lori | Reimbursement | 1,170.60 |
| Belz, Gene | Official | 257.54 |
| BMO Harris Bank N.A. | Supplies | 15,031.47 |
| BPA Iowa Association | Registration Fees | 2,610.00 |
| BSN Sports | Supplies | 2,392.90 |
| Butler, Steve | Official | 150.42 |
| Carlson, Jim | Official | 87.02 |
| Carquest of Muscatine | Repairs/Supplies | 422.73 |
| Carstens Chiropractic | DOT Physical | 160.00 |
| CDW Government Inc | Technology | 1,277.08 |
| Centerville High School | Entry Fees | 275.00 |
| Central Iowa Distributing | Supplies | 1,117.00 |
| City Of Columbus Junction | Utilities/Purchase Service | 2,958.08 |
| Columbus Gazette | Publications | 1,284.00 |
| Columbus Jct. Auto Supply | Repairs/Supplies | 799.65 |
| Computer Information Concepts, Inc. | Technology | 1,000.00 |
| Doerring, Brad | Official | 110.24 |
| Doors Inc | Purchase Service | 7,600.00 |
| Earthgrains Baking Co's Inc. | Bread Purchases | 451.95 |
| Eastern Iowa Tire- Burlington | Tire Purchases | 540.56 |
| Economart | Supplies | 341.37 |
| eGoldFax | District Fax | 5.10 |
| Electric Motors Of Iowa City | Purchase Service | 204.93 |
| Electronic Engineering | Purchase Service | 18,071.43 |
| FBG Service Corporation | Janitorial Services | 23,632.00 |
| Flinn Scientific Inc | Supplies | 489.28 |
| General Binding Corporation | Supplies | 184.18 |
| Gilliam, Josh | Official | 254.30 |
| Gopher Sport SDS 12-1069 | Supplies | 2,223.70 |
| Grainger | Supplies | 1,541.00 |
| Hall, Kim | Official | 122.18 |
| Hands Up Communication | Purchase Service | 14,772.50 |
| Hawkeye Fire & Safety | Purchase Service | 209.00 |
| Highland CSD | Entry Fees | 100.00 |
| Hollan, Steve | Official | 305.92 |
| ICAOA | Official Fees | 200.00 |
| Iowa Assoc. Of School Boards | Purchase Service | 1,800.00 |
| Iowa High School Speech Assoc. | Entry Fees | 56.00 |
| Iowa River Sanitation | Garbage Services | 575.00 |
| Iowa River Tree Service | Tree Removal Services | 1,150.00 |
| IP Pathways | Technology | 75.00 |
| ISU Extension & Outreach, Louisa Co. | Purchase Service | 800.00 |
| IXL Learning, Inc. | Curriculum | 2,000.00 |
| J.W. Pepper and Son, Inc | Supplies | 734.19 |
| James, Boyd | Official | 133.68 |
| Kauffman, Adam | Official | 150.26 |
| Klinefelter, Blair | Official | 159.76 |
| Kustom Karaoke & DJ | Purchase Service | 350.00 |
| L & M School District | Open Enrollment | 113,967.06 |
| L.J. Roth | Purchase Service | 256.01 |
| Lexia Learning Systems, LLC | Professional Development | 399.00 |
| Lone Tree CSD | Open Enrollment | 172,179.20 |
| Long, Clint | Official | 272.66 |
| Longtin, Jeff | Official | 157.82 |
| Louisa County Sheriff | 28E Agreement- SRO | 20,153.53 |
| Marco | Copier Leases | 4,113.26 |
| Marco Technologies LLC | Supplies/Purchase Service | 1,172.83 |
| Martin Bros. Distributing CO Inc | Commodities | 83.50 |
| Medicom | District Telephone | 417.11 |
| Mid-Prairie CSD | Open Enrollment | 12,543.78 |
| Midwest Alarm Services | Purchase Service | 1,612.50 |
| Milder, Ashley | Reimbursement | 48.42 |
| Mills, Thomas | Official | 163.22 |
| Mincer Ford | Repairs | 136.80 |
| Mississippi Bend AEA 9 | Supplies | 234.99 |
| Muscatine Community College | 28E Agreements/Tuition/Scholarship | 83,414.70 |
| Muscatine CSD | Open Enrollment | 21,682.64 |
| Ottumwa High School | Entry Fees | 150.00 |
| Performance Foodservice | Food Purchases | 17,009.24 |
| Phonak Inc. | SPED Equipment | 534.27 |
| Poch, Bill | Official | 351.16 |
| PSC Distribution | Supplies | 186.72 |
| Quill Corp | Supplies | 397.06 |
| R.M. Boggs Co. | Purchase Service | 5,568.00 |
| Refreshment Services Pepsi | Pop Purchases | 2,244.04 |
| Reid, Casen | Official | 133.58 |
| Riverside Technologies Inc | Technology | 1,043.00 |
| Robinson- Batteries Plus | Supplies | 46.86 |
| Rock Valley Physical Therapy | Athletic Training Services | 660.00 |
| School Bus Sales | Repairs | 2,929.53 |
| Schwab Electric | Purchase Service | 557.81 |
| Sign Pro | Supplies | 855.00 |
| Sorrell Glass | Purchase Service | 292.57 |
| Stack Sports | Purchase Service | 840.39 |
| Sueppel, Ted | Official | 159.76 |
| Swenson, Tanner | Official | 158.36 |
| Symmetry Energy Solutions, LLC | Utilities | 2,615.57 |
| Two Rivers Market | Fuel Purchases | 476.50 |
| University of Northern Iowa | Scholarship | 4,000.00 |
| Valve Inspired Products & Service | Purchase Service | 2,590.00 |
| Vetter Culligan Water | Supplies | 315.55 |
| Walmart | Supplies | 348.00 |
| Wapello CSD | Open Enrollment | 16,725.04 |
| Washington CSD | Open Enrollment | 42,933.72 |
| West Liberty CSD | Open Enrollment | 9,184.25 |
| West Music Company | Supplies | 751.36 |
| Wieland, Chet | Official | 154.90 |
| Wilton Community Schools | Open Enrollment/Entry Fee | 8,437.52 |
| Winfield Builders | Supplies | 709.42 |
| Winfield-Mt. Union CSD | Open Enrollment | 20,906.30 |
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