Chair Lee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present:   Ms. Lee, Mr. Bardell, Mr. Sturdevant, Ms. Olson, Mr. Murzyn, Mr. Roberts and Superintendent Kaldor

Members absent:   None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

HEIGHTS LITES
- The School Board recognized Kaolee Yang, grade 5, Highland Elementary, who was selected to display her invention, *Tissue Sweatshirt*, at the 2007 Young Inventors Fair at the Landmark Center in St. Paul on April 14. Kaolee modeled her invention for the School Board.
- The School Board also recognized the CHHS Destination Imagination (DI) Team who placed 2nd in their division at the regional competition and 2nd at State, and will now move on to the DI global competition in Knoxville, TN. The Board viewed a video of the DI Team in action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE
- May 21, Mon., School Board Work Session, District Community Room
- May 28, Mon., MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY, No school students/staff
- May 29, Tues., 6 p.m., Reception for Retiring District Employees, Family Center
- May 29, Tues., 7 p.m., Regular School Board Meeting, District Community Room
- June 4, Mon., 6:30 p.m., Special called meeting of the Board, District Community Room (*Board work session to follow*)
- June 7, Thurs., 7 p.m., CHHS Graduation Ceremony
- June 7, Thurs., Last day of school
- June 8, Friday, Last day for teachers
- June 11, Mon., 7 p.m., Regular School Board Meeting, District Community Room
- June 25, Mon., 7 p.m., Regular School Board Meeting, District Community Room

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD
Keith Niemi, President/Contract Organizer for SEIU Local 284, spoke to the School Board on behalf of the District’s paraprofessional employees with regard to contract negotiations. He invited Board members to negotiate at the table, and said the paraprofessionals would like to go back into mediation.

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Roberts, seconded by Sturdevant, to approve the action required for implementation of the items on the consent agenda.

Ms. Olson requested to have the personnel report removed from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Olson, to table the consent agenda until the end of the meeting, at which time the Board will adjourn to closed session to further discuss items on the personnel report before reconvening to take action.

Motion carried unanimously.
REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
Board members participated in a work session on May 7, and have been involved in interviewing for the Superintendent position. In addition, Ms. Olson attended the Highland DARE graduation, the Annual Community Prayer Breakfast, and introduced US Congressman Keith Ellison when he spoke at the High School. Mr. Roberts attended the CHHS baseball game and the all-class reunion. Mr. Sturdevant attended the DARE graduation and the Annual Community Prayer Breakfast. Ms. Lee participated in a 916 board meeting, and the 2007 CMS Band & Choir Tour.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
Dr. Kaldor reported she attended/participated in the following: The final Finance Committee meeting for 2006-2007, Board work session, Annual Community Prayer Breakfast, WMEP Joint Powers Board meeting, meeting on Community Education, Level II grievance hearing, and K-12 Principals meeting.

ENROLLMENT REPORT
Cultural Liaison Cristina Dobon-Claveau provided the Board with a report on the current District enrollment figures, indicating a total District enrollment of 2898. Currently, enrollment is down nine students at the elementary level, down two at CMS, and down eight at CHHS. In comparison with the report last year at this time, however, Ms. Dobon-Claveau said the District total enrollment is up by 67 students.

ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT UPDATE
Mark Corless provided the Board with a report of current happenings in the Activities Department. He noted that congratulations were in order for CHHS students who placed in the MSHSL (MN State High School League) Art show, Section 4AA, held at the Perpich Center for Arts Education on April 21. Mr. Corless said that this is the first year that CHHS has participated in the show.

SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES—1ST READING
The following new and/or modified policies were presented to the Board for first reading: 412-Expense Reimbursement, 414-Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect, Physical or Sexual Abuse, 509-Enrollment of Non-Resident Students, 529-Staff Notification of Violent Behavior by Students, 801-Equal Access to School Facilities, and 906-Community Notification of Predatory Offenders. These policies will appear on a future agenda for Board approval.

NEVIN HUESTED FOUNDATION GRANT AWARD
Due Process Facilitator Joy Majsterski informed the Board that the Nevin N. Huested Foundation awarded the Columbia Heights School District a grant of $2,434.00. Ms. Majsterski said the grant will facilitate the training of licensed and non-licensed staff who work with children served in our district under the Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Bardell, to accept the Nevin N. Huested Foundation grant of $2,434.00 awarded to the Columbia Heights School District.

Motion carried unanimously.

BARBARA BUSH GRANT AWARD
The Barbara Bush Grant in the amount of $65,000 was awarded to Columbia Heights ISD #13 and Fridley ISD #14. This grant was one of only 10 awarded across the nation. The two districts will work collaboratively to develop a family literacy program.

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Bardell, to approve acceptance of the Barbara Bush Grant for Family Literacy awarded to the Columbia Heights and Fridley School Districts in the amount of $65,000.00.

Motion carried unanimously.
APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES
Motion by Olson, seconded by Bardell, to approve the following policies, as recommended: 211-Criminal or Civil Action Against School District, School Board Member, Employee or Student; 615-Basic Standards Testing, Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEP, Section 504 Accommodation, and LEP Students; 618-Assessment of Standard Achievement; 624-On-Line Learning Options; 701-Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget; and 702-Accounting.

Motion carried unanimously.

PARAPROFESSIONAL SENIORITY LIST
Motion by Murzyn, seconded by Sturdevant, to approve the Paraprofessional Seniority List, as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

GIRLS LACROSSE
At the May 7 work session, the Board discussed a proposal offered by Activities Director Mark Corless to add girls lacrosse to the athletic offerings for students at Columbia Heights ISD #13. The addition of this sport would further ensure that the District would remain in compliance with Title IX requirements.

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Bardell, to add Girls Lacrosse to the list of competitive athletic offerings for the 2007-2008 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM: EARTH SCIENCE
Principal Matt Schoen presented the Board with a proposal to change the High School course title from Earth Science to Environmental Earth Science. The curriculum, which includes the Minnesota Academic Standards, does not change.

Motion by Murzyn, seconded by Bardell, to approve the High School course title change from Earth Science to Environmental Earth Science, as recommended.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION AGREEMENT WITH BROOKLYN CENTER
At their work session on May 7, the Board discussed a proposed collaboration with Brooklyn Center School District for the delivery of Community Ed services.

Motion by Bardell, seconded by Murzyn, to approve the Agreement Between Brooklyn Center ISD #286 and Columbia Heights ISD #13 to collaborate on the delivery of Community Education services.

Motion carried unanimously.

DISCONTINUANCE OR REDUCTION OF PROGRAMS & POSITIONS FOR 2007-2008
Motion by Bardell, seconded by Roberts, to approve the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the School Board of Independent School District No. 13 adopted a resolution on January 8, 2007, directing the administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions, and
WHEREAS, said recommendations have been received and considered by the School Board,
BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 13 as follows:

The following programs and positions, or portions thereof, be discontinued due to declining enrollment and departmental efficiencies: 1 High School position.
TERMINATION OF PROBATIONARY TEACHER CONTRACTS

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Bardell, to approve the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the following person is a probationary teacher in Independent School District 13: Heidi Klukas;

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 13, that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, Subdivision 5, the teaching contract of the above-named person, probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 13, is hereby terminated and not renewed at the close of the current 2006-2007 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding termination and non-renewal of her contract as provided by law, and that said notice shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF TERMINATION
AND NON-RENEWAL

Mr./Ms. _________________________
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Dear Mr./Ms. _____________________:

You are hereby notified that at a regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 13 held on April 23, 2007, a resolution was adopted by a majority roll call vote to terminate your contract effective at the end of the current school year and not to renew your contract for the 2007-2008 school year. Said action of the Board is taken pursuant to M.S. 122A.40, Subd. 5.

You may officially request that the Board of Education give its reasons for the non-renewal of your teaching contract. For your information, however, this action is taken because of the lack of pupils, discontinuance of position and financial limitations.

Roll call vote:
Roberts ......................... Aye
Sturdevant ..................... Aye
Lee............................. Aye
Olson........................ Aye
Bardell........................ Aye
Murzyn....................... Aye

Motion carried and resolution adopted.

BOARD TOPICS

Ms. Lee inquired if Board members wished to participate in the Columbia Heights Jamboree Parade once again this year. It was agreed they would participate and would again place their half-page ad in the Jamboree booklet.

Ms. Lee shared with Board members an invitation to participate in NE Metro 916’s golf tournament. She said the tournament proceeds are used to fund scholarships.
CLOSED SESSION
In accordance with MINN. STAT. § 13D.05, Subd. 2 (b), the School Board adjourned to closed session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss items on the personnel report, which was removed from the consent agenda.

RECONVENE
The Board reconvened at 8:33 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Olson, seconded by Bardell, to remove the items on the personnel report listed under the heading, “Support.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Bardell, to approve the action required for implementation of the items on the consent agenda, as amended:

APPROVE the Minutes of the Regular School Board Meetings of April 9 and 23, 2007

APPROVE the Treasurer’s Report for the Month of March 2007.

APPROVE the employment of the following:

LICENSED
Jennifer Langeness: ESL Teacher, NP, 1.0 FTE, Step 1, Lane 5 (BA+60), $5,710.39 for 29 of 189 days for 2006-2007, effective 4/30/07.

COACH/ADVISOR/ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT
Brian Reynolds: Drama Set Advisor, CHS, new hire, effective 2006-2007 school year.

APPROVE the following request for leave:


APPROVE the following resignations:


Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT
Having completed all of the items on the regular agenda, Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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Date minutes approved   Joseph A. Sturdevant, Clerk, Board of Education
Independent School District 13