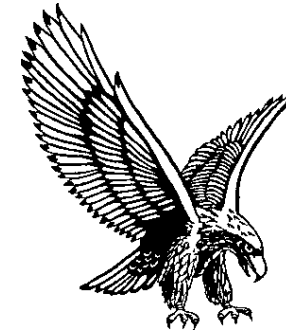


WELCOME



**USD 315
COLBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
COLBY, KANSAS**

*The mission of Colby Public Schools is to prepare all students
to be life-long learners and responsible citizens.*

BOARD OF EDUCATION

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL

Kirk Nielsen, Superintendent of Schools
Diana Wieland, Curriculum Director/TCA Principal
Terrel Harrison, Grade School Principal
Robb Ross, Middle School Principal
Rocky Robbins, High School Principal
Larry Gabel, Activities Director/Assistant High School Principal

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WELCOME TO THE USD 315 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

What is the USD 315 Board of Education?

Patrons of the Colby Public School district are represented by seven elected board members. All members are currently elected at-large. Board members hold office for four-year terms and serve without salary or other compensation.

When and where are meetings held?

Regular Board of Education meetings are typically scheduled the third Monday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. unless announced otherwise. The regular business of the Board of Education includes such matters as curriculum and instruction, policies, personnel and finance.

The Board of Education meetings are held in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 600 West Third Street, Colby, Kansas.

What is the purpose of a board meeting?

While the administration and day-to-day operation of the school is left to its professional staff, the Board of Education determines policy and set guidelines that direct the school. In all matters, the Board of Education serves in a legislative function. The design of the Board of Education stipulates that it only has authority while in session as a Board, and individual board members are not permitted to speak for the Board.

The Board of Education must give approval to such matters as personnel contracts, major purchases, annual budgets, and curriculum.

Are meetings open to the public?

Yes, meetings of the Board of Education are open to all citizens. All action of the Board of Education takes place in open session. Executive sessions are held to deal with matters provided for under Kansas law. Such closed sessions are limited to personnel, preliminary discussions on the acquisition of property, negotiations, matters relating to actions that might adversely or positively affect a student, and matters covered by attorney-client privilege. The Board of Education may not take action in an executive session.

Is the public able to participate in Board of Education meetings?

The public is encouraged to attend and observe the activities of the Board of Education. The Board of Education may invite public participation of patrons on issues; however, the agenda is established by the Board of Education and the Board may limit public participation. The sessions are open to the public; however, they are not public meetings.

How does a patron bring a matter to the attention of the Board of Education?

A patron interested in bringing a matter to the attention of the Board of Education or interested in placing an item on the agenda is requested to contact the Superintendent of Schools no later than the Tuesday preceding the board meeting. Patron requests for items to be placed on the agenda are given due consideration in developing the items to be discussed at the meeting. A patron may also request that the Board of Education amend the published agenda through a written request at the meeting. The Board will then determine if it wishes to amend the agenda.

Patrons desiring to make a statement to the Board of Education may do so by notifying the Superintendent of Schools or the president of the Board of Education in advance, or by filling out the "request to address the board" form prior to the meeting. The Board of Education members appreciate patron involvement in the affairs of the district. Patrons are encouraged to contact board members at times other than at official meetings to discuss issues and concerns.

To whom do I go if I have other concerns?

Patrons are encouraged to go directly to the professional staff member who is responsible for the general area of concern. Patrons having questions and concerns regarding classroom policies and practices should be directed to building principals. Concerns regarding the district as a whole should be directed to the Superintendent of Schools. If unsure, patrons are encouraged to contact the Superintendent of Schools with issues and concerns. The Superintendent of Schools may direct patrons to the appropriate professional staff member according to the issue of concern raised.