

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION
COLLINS-MAXWELL AND BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS
APRIL 15, 2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER The Boards of Education from Baxter and Collins-Maxwell met with C-M Superintendent Ellingson calling the work session to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Maxwell School Gym.
C-M Board members present: Brad Plunkett, Bryce Caple, Justin Boege, Mark Huntrods, with Lowell Crouse arriving later

Baxter Board members present: Curt Hansen, Colette Kunkel, Debbie Meyer, Cory Robinson, Jon Northrup
Administrators present: C-M Superintendent Jason Ellingson, Baxter Superintendent Todd Martin, C-M Secondary Principal Kevin Williams, Baxter Secondary Principal Rob Luther, Baxter SBO/Board Secretary Julie McWhirter, C-M Board Sec/Treas/SBO Bonnie Mitchell, C-M Elementary Principal Chad Grandon, Baxter Elementary Principal Josh Russell

Visitors: Several patrons from both C-M and Baxter school districts

SHORT HISTORY OF CMB SHARING AGREEMENT Superintendents Ellingson and Martin shared facts about the CMB Sharing Agreement. One fact is that Collins-Maxwell and Baxter share the costs and revenue of ALL athletics, regardless of their location. All CMB accounts are reconciled at the end of the fiscal year and split evenly between the two districts.

CURRENT STATUS/FUTURE PLANS FOR CMB SHARING AGREEMENT The CMB Communications Committee is comprised of two members from each of the Collins-Maxwell and Baxter school boards, administration from both schools and the Athletic Directors from both schools. They were meeting twice a year and are now meeting 4 times a year. Meetings have been tentatively scheduled for the first Wednesday of August, October, January and March of each year. They have worked diligently to respond to community inquiries, comments, and/or editorials regarding the sharing agreement and working to improve communication structures in efforts to move toward a more unified partnership; hence healthy relations to better serve our stakeholders (students, parent, and communities). When the CMB Communications Committee began exploring options for one-site facilities, there are many factors to take into consideration. These considerations included: safety, cost, playing conditions, state requirements and conference by-laws/mandates. For some sports they continue to utilize a 3-year rolling average of participants from each school to determine the number of games at C-M and Baxter (volleyball and football). While for other sports, sites designated as one-site playing venue due to factors mentioned above. Finally, other mitigating factors come in the form of conference by-laws or mandates, i.e. Mega-Nights. Benefits of Mega-Nights include: more options for making up games without cancelling FR/JV, less travel time, more team practice time, and allows families with multiple athletes to attend child's events. The boards would like you to keep all these factors in mind as you reflect on our CMB Athletic Sharing Agreement.

BOOSTER CLUB UPDATES No one from the Booster Club was able to attend so the AD's Lori Fricke and Henry Hauptert gave an update. They are trying to come up with new ideas for raising money. There will be no jersey auction this year but there will be a Raiderfest on August 29th from 9-1 in Collins. If you have a fundraising idea and want to be become an active part of the Booster Club please contact one of the current officers or show up at the next meeting.

PARTICIPATION NUMBERS The AD's recapped participation numbers and locations. All of the information presented has been put on the websites of each district.

HALL OF FAME UPDATES Rob Luther informed the boards that this will be year three and will be at Maxwell. More details will come later about the event, fundraising and the golf tournament.

GOLF FOR 2016 Because of combining with Colo-Nesco, golf has been moved to 3-A this year and it is hard to compete with athletes who golf twice a year. Participation numbers in golf has been dropping and with ongoing transportation and coaching concerns the boards will be discussing the issue of whether to continue this sport at the next board meeting.

CLOSING COMMENTS BY BOARD PRESIDENTS Both board presidents thanked everyone for coming. This last year has been a challenging year and they would like everyone to know that they try hard to do what is best for kids and after 27 years they can only improve and get better. The work session adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Collins-Maxwell Board Secretary
Bonnie Mitchell