

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET HEARING AND MEETING  
COLLINS-MAXWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
APRIL 13, 2015**

**BUDGET HEARING FOR 2015-16** The public budget hearing for the 2015-16 school year was called to order by President Lowell Crouse at 7:01 p.m.

- A. **ROLL CALL** Roll call was answered by board members Bryce Caple, Lowell Crouse, Justin Boege, Mark Huntrods, Brad Plunkett  
Administrators present: Supt. Jason Ellingson, Board Sec/Treas/SBO Bonnie Mitchell, Elem. Principal Chad Grandon, MS/HS Principal Kevin Williams  
Visitors present: Kristen West, Sue Philpot, Kris Corbin, Jordon Nelson
- B. **DISCUSSION OF BUDGET** Superintendent Jason Ellingson gave an overview of next year's budget. With declining enrollment, 0% supplemental aid (unless the legislature acts soon), and higher tax valuations, our levy rate for the next fiscal year may increase from the 15.23118 of last year. The "Proposed Budget" document is for our spending authority, and it is not the official line item budget of the district. It is important to also know that the rate is not determined from the Proposed Budget. The rate is actually calculated from the Aid and Levy Worksheet.
- C. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** Sue Philpot commented on how important it was to keep our tax rate down to bring families into our town.

**1. CALL TO ORDER** The Board of Education met in regular session with President Lowell Crouse calling the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. in the Maxwell school library with board members Bryce Caple, Lowell Crouse, Mark Huntrods, Brad Plunkett and Justin Boege present. Administrators and visitors are listed above.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Moved by Huntrods, seconded by Caple, to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 5y-0n.

**3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS** Plunkett made a motion, seconded by Boege, to approve the consent items that consist of:

- ?? Minutes of the March 16, 2015 board meeting
- ?? Financial reports
- ?? General Fund and Schoolhouse fund bills totaling \$157,305.13
- ?? Approval of Resignations, Transfers and Contracts
  - o Jill Bjorklund has resigned from her 6-12 vocal teacher to take a position at Ankeny. The board wishes to thank her for her service and dedication.
  - o Rachel Meckley has resigned from her MS language arts position to take a MS guidance counselor position in Marshalltown. The board wishes to thank her for her service and dedication.
  - o Jordon Nelson has agreed to be our 6-12 principal. His starting salary will be \$76,000.

Motion carried 5y-0n.

**4. PUBLIC FORUM** Sue Philpot commented that the board needs more transparency and full disclosure.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:** Written reports from the three administrators were given to the board in the board packet.

**6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A APPROVE BUDGET GUARANTEE RESOLUTION** Board member Plunkett "Resolved, that the Board of Directors of Collins-Maxwell Community School District, will levy property tax for fiscal year 2015-16 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa." It was seconded by Caple. Motion carried 5y-0n.

**A. APPROVAL OF INCOME SURTAX RESOLUTION** Motion by Plunkett, second by Caple, to set the Instructional Support Program's income surtax rate at 7% for next year's budget. This tax is to be imposed upon the state individual income tax of each individual income taxpayer resident in the school district. Motion carried 3y-2n. Plunkett-aye, Caple-aye, Boege-aye, Huntrods-nay, Crouse-nay.

**B. APPROVAL OF PUBLISHED 2015-16 BUDGET** Caple moved, and Boege seconded, the motion to approve the published budget for next year with a roll call vote. Huntrods-aye, Boege-aye, Crouse-aye, Caple-aye, Plunkett-aye. Motion carried 5y-0n. Because of a misunderstanding and the adjustments to the Income Surtax and Supplemental Aid a second vote was taken on a revised budget of 15.31887 from the published budget of 16.60911 with a motion from Caple, second by Boege. Motion carried 5y-0n by a roll call vote. Huntrods-aye, Boege-aye, Crouse-aye, Caple-aye, Plunkett-aye.

**E. APPROVAL OF GRADUATION LIST FOR THE CLASS OF 2015** Mrs. Allen, guidance counselor, and Mr. Williams, HS principal, have submitted the graduation list for the class of 2015. Motion by Huntrods, seconded by Caple, to approve the graduation list, if the students have met the requirements as stated in board policy and the student handbook. Motion carried 5y-0n.

**F. APPROVAL OF 2014 AUDIT** By a motion from Boege, second from Huntrods, the 2014 Audit, prepared by Nolte, Cornman & Johnson, P.C., was approved. Motion carried 5y-0n. The audit will be posted on the Collins-Maxwell School website and can also be found on the State Auditors website.

**G. APPROVAL OF COMPUTER PURCHASE** Technology Director Kris Corbin, presented his proposal for computer purchases for the next three years of our 1:1 initiative, as well as ongoing technology support. With a motion by Caple, second by Huntrods, the board approved the purchases of 165 laptop computers with cases for the high school, 5 HP Laserjet Pro's, 5 MacBook Airs for teachers, and 16 Apple TV units for a total cost of \$146,925.22. The high school laptops will replace iPads, which will move to elementary classrooms so that each classroom has an iPad for each student to use, some to the Pre-K, Music, art and resource rooms at the elementary and for needed areas in the MS/HS. Motion carried 5y-0n.

**8. ADJOURNMENT** A motion by Huntrods and seconded by Boege, to adjourn the board meeting at 9:21 p.m. Motion carried 5y-0n.

**NEXT MEETING** The next regular meeting will be held May 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library at Maxwell.

Bonnie Mitchell  
Board Secretary