

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COLLINS-MAXWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
JANUARY 18, 2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER The Board of Education met in regular session with President Bryce Caple calling the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Maxwell media center.

Board members present: Bryce Caple, Justin Boege, Brad Plunkett, Jennifer Waters, Marcus Fricke

Administrators present: Superintendent Jason Ellingson, Board Sec/Treas/Business Manager Bonnie Mitchell, Elementary Principal Chad Grandon, MS/HS Principal Jordan Nelson

Visitors: Todd Martin, Kim Tichy, Colette Kunkel, Mary Jo Wilson, Becky Pointer, Jon Hand, Doug Miller, Tony Moses, Megan DeHaven, Mike and Shirley Coughenour, Joel and Tara Huntrods, Marlys Barker

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA Moved by Fricke, seconded by Boege, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried 5y-0n.

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS Fricke motioned, seconded by Boege, to approve the consent items that consist of:

- o Minutes of: Dec 21, 2015; January 6, 2016 CMB Joint
- o Financial reports: December
- o General fund and schoolhouse fund bills: \$205,880.74
- o Contracts approved: Jackie Mathis was offered an aide position for the preschool.
- o Resignations: Lori Wulf as an aide for the MS/HS. The board thanks her for her years of service.

Motion carried 5y-0n.

4. PUBLIC FORUM Becky Pointer asked why the pep band was required to go to Baxter and why Baxter was allowed to vote on our sharing a superintendent with Colo-Nesco. Mary Jo Wilson asked why the community wasn't informed about the superintendent's meeting with Colo-Nesco. Megan DeHaven asked about course offerings with WGS and whether Post-secondary classes are dual credits. She also asked about using The Cube to broadcast the board meetings. The board instructed the superintendent to check with the attorney to see about the legality of this issue.

5. COMMUNICATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS Written reports were given to the board from the three administrators and the business manager. The MS/HS principal was asked about the new Principal's Council and also about maybe having a couple of the middle school teachers give a presentation to the board at an upcoming meeting on Project Based Learning.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF LAWN TRACTOR/SNOW REMOVAL Head custodian, Tony Moses, was in attendance to answer any questions the board might have on the purchase of a new/used lawn tractor and snow blower. After discussion a motion was made by Plunkett, seconded by Fricke, to preapprove a purchase that will be decided by Moses and the superintendent for up to \$10,000 within the next 73 days. Motion carried 5y-0n.

B. APPROVAL OF HONOR BAND OVERNIGHT STAY The band teacher, Becky Pfeiler would like to take 3 students to Wartburg Honor Band on February 6th and 7th. The students will be chaperoned in the dorms by Wartburg students. Plunkett moved and Waters seconded the motion to approve the overnight stay. Motion carried 5y-0n.

C. HEARING ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION There were no public comments on the proposed Instructional Support Program.

D. RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

PROGRAM The Instructional Support Program allows for an additional 10% of our general fund budget to be used for general fund purposes, which is just over \$230,000 this year. It is funded through a combination of property taxes and income surtaxes. Our ISL is set to retire on June 30, 2016. Motion by Plunkett, second by Boege, to approve the Instructional Support Program for the next five years. Motion carried 5y-0n by a roll call vote. Waters-aye, Boege-aye, Fricke-aye, Caple-aye, Plunkett-aye

E. CMB FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION Discussion followed on working through the timeline for looking into the possibility of WGS with Baxter. Discussed were facilities assignment, possible surveys (community, staff, students) and how to communicate to the community and students before the surveys are sent so they can make informed decisions. They also talked about who would do the survey and it was decided to have the Heartland AEA conduct the survey. The board would also like to tour both Maxwell and Baxter's buildings. Operational sharing with Baxter was also discussed.

F. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL PROJECTS FOR A PRAIRIE MEADOWS GRANT Suggestions included athletic facility upgrades and new heating/cooling system for the MS/HS building. Carrier and Bell Brothers toured the building and decided not to submit a quote because of the public bid process and also the cost would be over 2 million dollars unless it was done in just a few sections. As the state is adding new requirements for state playoff games and new lights are needed on the football/soccer complex it was discussed whether this is the time to upgrade the whole facility with new bleachers, lights, crowd's nest, scoreboard and sound system, irrigation, and doubling the size of the concession stand with expanded restrooms. By a motion from Fricke, seconded by Waters, it was decided to look at

upgrades to the football/soccer complex up to \$250,000. Fundraising ideas were also mentioned. Motion carried 4y-1n. Waters-aye, Plunkett-nay, Boege-aye, Fricke-aye, Caple-aye.

G. A CLOSED SESSION PER IOWA CODE 21.5(I) AT EMPLOYEE REQUEST Motion by Waters, second by Boege to go out of open and into closed session as per Iowa Code at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried 5y-0n by a roll call vote. Boege-aye, Fricke-aye, Caple-aye, Plunkett-aye, Waters-aye. Fricke made the motion to go out of closed and into open session and seconded by Boege at 9:30 p.m. Motion carried 5y-0n by a roll call vote. Fricke-aye, Plunkett-aye, Waters-aye, Boege-aye, Caple-aye.

After the closed session a couple of the board members wanted to know about the negotiation process and it was explained to them by the superintendent.

7. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED NEXT MONTH CMB WGS, Early retirement

8. ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Plunkett and seconded by Waters to adjourn the board meeting at 9:50 p.m. Motion carried 5y-0n.

NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting will be February 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Bonnie Mitchell

Board Secretary