

**MINUTES OF THE COLLINS-MAXWELL
BOARD WORKSHOP
MAXWELL SCHOOL LIBRARY
OCTOBER 5, 2015**

President Bryce Caple called the workshop to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Maxwell School Library. Those answering the roll call were: Bryce Caple, Marcus Fricke, Jennifer Waters, Brad Plunkett and Justin Boege. Visitors present: Jon Hand, Rich Wehrman, Bob Pritchard, Roger Pointer, Joel and Tara Huntrods, Doug Miller, Pat Smith and MariElyn Reisdorf.

Motion by Plunkett, second by Waters, to approve the amended agenda to include the oath of office be given to Marcus Fricke. Motion carried 5y-0n.

The oath of office for school board member was given to Marcus Fricke who will replace Lowell Crouse. The board would like to thank Lowell for his many years of service as a board member and board president.

Margaret Buckton, from Iowa School Finance Information Services (ISFIS), was present to present our current financial picture, as well as compare information about the financial statuses of our contiguous districts. She also informed the board of the financial pressures and trends facing all schools and shared some considerations for any kind of efficiency decisions and the timelines required in the law for various kinds of incentives. Margaret shared four key school finance principles: enrollment based dollars are set by legislature; formula primarily controls tax rate; spending regulated by fund by state law; and education requires staff which accounts for about 80% of the general fund budget. The board then began thinking about the long-range plans for Collins-Maxwell in terms of sports sharing, personnel sharing (such as the superintendent), teacher and whole grade sharing.

The workshop was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. by a motion from Plunkett, second by Fricke. Motion carried 5y-0n.

Bonnie Mitchell
Board Secretary