

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
COLLINS-MAXWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
JANUARY 19, 2015**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** The Board of Education met in regular session with President Lowell Crouse calling the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Maxwell gymnasium. The location of the meeting was changed due to a larger attendance.

Board members present: Bryce Caple, Lowell Crouse, Justin Boege, Mark Huntrods, Brad Plunkett

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

Visitors: 237 visitors attended the board meeting. A complete list of those that signed in will be available with the official board documentation in the Superintendent's office.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Moved by Caple, seconded by Boege, to approve the amended agenda to include the deletion of Patty Trowbridge's resignation, as it was approved at an earlier board meeting, and the addition of a petition being presented to the board from the CM students for CMB athletics. Motion carried 5y-0n.

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

- o Minutes of the December 17, 2014 board meeting
- o Financial reports for December
- o General fund and schoolhouse fund bills totaling \$159,490.26
- o Scholarships totaling \$29,305.42
- o Contracts and resignations approved: None
- o Request from the Business Manager to pay the \$5000 loan from the nutrition fund back to the general fund.

Motion carried 5y-0n.

**4. PUBLIC FORUM** Micayla Applegate asked about when the iPad lease ended and what was being done about getting new laptops. Tom and Jay Logsdon asked that they be allowed to supervise open gym on Sunday's.

**5. COMMUNICATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS** Written reports were given to the board from the three administrators.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. ACADEMIC PRESENTATION** FFA advisor Jamie Waddingham, and FFA members Sean Deakins, Katherine Hodge, Tyler Kennedy, Nash Kennedy and Stephanie Twohey gave a slide presentation on their highlights from the 2014 National FFA Convention, held in Louisville, Kentucky. The board thanked them for their time.

**B. APPROVAL OF FFA OVERNIGHT TRIP TO ITS ANNUAL CONVENTION** Mr. Waddingham and the FFA members are requesting approval to attend the 2015 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Moved by Plunkett, second by Caple to approve the trip. Motion carried 5y-0n.

**C. PETITION PRESENTED IN FAVOR OF CMB SHARING** Tucker Maxwell, President of the Class of 2017, presented a petition to the board asking them to leave the current athletic sharing status as is with Baxter CSD due to the success of our current program. The board accepted the petition.

#### **D. REQUEST TO CALL FOR A SPECIAL PUBLIC ELECTION TO DETERMINE CONTINUATION OF CMB**

**ATHLETIC SHARING AGREEMENT** Randy and Bob Pritchard requesting that an agenda item be added regarding a public vote on sharing sports with Baxter. They were asking that the board vote to authorize a public vote to be held in April, before the "joint meeting" with Baxter, with the question "Should the Collins-Maxwell School district continue to have the sports sharing program with Baxter". The superintendent contacted Mary Gannon, Iowa Association of School Boards attorney, and she said that Iowa law is pretty restrictive on when a government body can hold an election and this isn't one of those areas. The board of education does not have the legal authority to call for this type of election. He also contacted Stephen Holmes, Story County Attorney, who sent the request to Lucinda Martin, Story County Auditor. She stated the board of directors of the school district is granted authority to enter into interscholastic activity agreements under Code of Iowa 280.13A. The rights of voters are enumerated in 278.1. Additional sections of the Code govern elections for bonds and levies. As she read the Code, the answer is no. The Board has the authority to enter into such an agreement or dissolve an existing one. After several comments from patrons of the community on the pro's and con's of sharing sports with Baxter, the board has announced that they will vote on this issue at the February board meeting and outline their criteria for their decision.

#### **E. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AT MS-HS BUILDING IN MAXWELL**

Board President Lowell Crouse informed the public that the board needed to figure out what their next steps are for facility improvements at Maxwell and forming a committee to figure out how we create a bond issue that will pass probably makes the most sense. He also said that the sports sharing and bond are different issues and should be kept separate. After we have the sharing vote in February, we can put that behind us and begin working on facility improvements.

**A CLOSED SESSION PER IOWA CODE 21.5(j)** Motion by Boege, second by Caple, to go out of open and into closed session as per Iowa Code 21.5(i) at employee request at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried 5y-0n. Moved by Huntrods, second by Caple, to go out of closed and into open session at 9:24 p.m. Motion carried 5y-0n.

**6. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED NEXT MONTH** Potential facility improvements at the MS-HS building in Maxwell, CMB Sharing agreement.

**7. ADJOURNMENT** A motion was made by Huntrods and seconded by Caple to adjourn the board meeting at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried 5y-0n.

**NEXT MEETING** The next regular meeting will be February 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Maxwell Library.

Bonnie Mitchell

Board Secretary