

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET HEARING AND MEETING
COLLINS-MAXWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
APRIL 14, 2014**

BUDGET HEARING FOR 2013-14 The public budget hearing for the 2014-15 school year was called to order by President Lowell Crouse at 7:04 p.m.

- A. **ROLL CALL** Roll call was answered by board members Bryce Caple, Lowell Crouse, Justin Boege, Mark Huntrods, Amy Van Maanen
Administrators present: Supt. Jason Ellingson, Board Sec/Treas/SBO Bonnie Mitchell, Elem. Principal Jeff Watson, MS/HS Principal David Perrigo
Visitors present: Randy Pritchard
- B. **DISCUSSION OF BUDGET** Superintendent Jason Ellingson gave an overview of next year's budget. With steady enrollment, 4% allowable growth, and higher tax valuations, our levy rate for next fiscal year dropped a little. With lowering the income surtax from 5% to 1% and changing the Management Fund for early retirees, the board is able to keep the rate the same as last year at \$15.22.
- C. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** None

Van Maanen made the motion, seconded by Caple, to go out of the budget hearing and into the regular meeting at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried 5y-0n.

1. CALL TO ORDER The Board of Education met in regular session with President Lowell Crouse calling the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m. in the Maxwell school library with board members Jeff Lindemoen, Bryce Caple, Lowell Crouse and Mark Huntrods and Amy Van Maanen present. Administrators and visitors are listed above.

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

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

- ?? Minutes of the March 17, 2014 board meeting
- ?? Financial reports
- ?? General Fund and Schoolhouse fund bills totaling \$289,152.68
- ?? Approval of Resignations, Transfers and Contracts
 - o Sarah Anderson has resigned from her HS language arts position. The board wishes to thank her for her four years of service.
 - o Sarah Mogolov has resigned from her HS math position. The board wishes to thank her for her two years of service.
 - o Cathy Spencer has resigned from her one-on-one special education aide position. The board wishes to thank her for her five total years of service.
 - o Julie Lucy has been hired to be a one-on-one special education aide. She has worked for the district before in a similar capacity.
 - o Dan Beeding has agreed to be our junior high assistant softball coach.
 - o Chad Grandon has agreed to be our PK-5 elementary principal. His starting salary will be \$70,000.

Motion by Caple, seconded by Van Maanen, to approve the consent items. Motion carried 5y-0n.

4. PUBLIC FORUM None

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF INCOME SURTAX RESOLUTION Motion by Van Maanen, second by Caple, to set the Instructional Support Program's income surtax rate at 1% 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. Currently it is at five percent. Motion carried 5y-0n.

B. APPROVAL OF PUBLISHED 2014-15 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, Van Maanen-aye. Motion carried 5y-0n.

C. APPROVAL OF AMENDED 2013-2014 BUDGET Approval of the amended budget was moved by Boege, seconded by Van Maanen. Motion carried 5y-0n by a roll call vote. Van Maanen-aye, Caple-aye, Crouse-aye, Boege-aye, Huntrods-aye.

D. APPROVAL OF A 28E AGREEMENT WITH DES MOINES CSD'S CENTRAL ACADEMY One of our students has requested that they be allowed to attend Central Academy in Des Moines for various high-level courses. Central Academy is a Regional Academy as defined by the State of Iowa that means they are able to share enrollment with other school districts. This allows credits to transfer back to our school so that student will receive a diploma from our school,

assuming she fulfills our graduation requirements. Van Maanen made the motion by approve the agreement with a second by Huntrods. Motion carried 5y-0n.

E. APPROVAL OF GRADUATION LIST FOR THE CLASS OF 2014 Mrs. Allen, guidance counselor, and Mr. Perrigo, HS principal, has submitted the graduation list for the class of 2014. Motion by Huntrods, seconded by Van Maanen, 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 SCHOOL START DATE WAIVER RESOLUTION As per Iowa Code Sec. 279.10(4), the State of Iowa has granted school districts the ability to request a first day of school earlier than the mandated start date. The board approved the waiver with a motion from Huntrods, second from Caple. Huntrods-aye, Caple-aye, Lindemoen-aye, Caple-aye, Van Maanen-aye. Motion carried 5y-0n

G. APPROVAL OF ACTIVITY FEES FOR 2014-2015 Motion by Huntrods, second by Van Maanen, to maintain the current activity fee prices for the 2014-15 school year at \$75 for adults, \$50 for K-12 students. Motion carried 5y-0n.

H. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AT MS-HS BUILDING IN MAXWELLThe board reviewed the following documents: Bonding Capacity from Piper Jaffray, and Mechanical/HVAC and Electrical estimates from Twin Rivers. A workshop date of April 21st at 6:00 p.m., has been set to meet with construction managers from Story Construction and Dean Snyder. Financing and election dates were also discussed.

EXEMPT NEGOTIATIONS STRATEGY SESSION WAS HELD AS PER IOWA CODE 20.17(3). Motion by Huntrods, seconded by Caple, to go out of open session and into exempt session at 9:16 p.m. Motion approved 5y-0n by a roll call vote. Boege-aye, Van Maanen-aye, Crouse-aye, Huntrods-aye, Caple-aye. Huntrods made a motion, seconded by Boege, to come out of exempt session and into open session at 10:47 p.m. Motion carried 5y-0n by a roll call vote. Van Maanen-aye, Boege-aye, Caple-aye, Huntrods-aye, Crouse-aye.

8. ADJOURNMENT A motion by Huntrods and seconded by Van Maanen, to adjourn the board meeting at 10:48 p.m. Motion carried 5y-0n.

NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting will be held May 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library at Maxwell. A workshop for potential facility improvements in the MS-HS building in Maxwell is being held April 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Maxwell Library.

Bonnie Mitchell
Board Secretary