

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION  
COLLINS-MAXWELL AND BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
APRIL 2, 2013**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** The Board of Education met in regular session with President Lowell Crouse calling the work session to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Maxwell School Library.

C-M Board members present: Amy Van Maanen, Bryce Caple, Lowell Crouse, Jeff Lindemoen, Mark Huntrods

Baxter Board members present: Curt Hansen, Colette Kunkel, Debbie Meyer, Randy Fuchs, Jon Northrup

Administrators present: C-M Superintendent Jason Ellingson, Baxter Superintendent Matt Patton, C-M Secondary Principal Josh Griffith, Baxter Secondary Principal Rob Luther, C-M Board Sec/Treas/SBO Bonnie Mitchell, Baxter SBO/Board Secretary Julie McWhirter, C-M Elementary Principal Jeff Watson

Visitors: Several patrons from both C-M and Baxter school districts

**PUBLIC FORUM** Kesha Christie informed the board of the increase in participation in the CMB Soccer Club this year and thought the schools should be looking at getting high school boys soccer back into our athletic programs. She also wanted to know how each school handled gym usage and board policy rental agreements.

**HALL OF FAME UPDATES** Rob Luther gave an overview of how the 1<sup>st</sup> year induction ceremony went. Since the reception site is an every other year event and committee members stayed the same, plans are now being made for the next one. The boards thanked the committee and appreciated their efforts on making the 1<sup>st</sup> ceremony a success.

**BOOSTER CLUB UPDATES** The board received a CMB Athletic Booster Club Report that stated \$38,792 has been raised so far this year and of that they have expenditures of \$35,528 with the majority of that given back to the schools to buy uniforms. The boards thanked them for all that they do for the athletic programs.

**SPORTSMANSHIP FROM FANS** Discussion followed on how best to get information to parents and spectators about the importance of good sportsmanship. The boards believe the fans are role models to our students and somehow we have to communicate to them what is appropriate behavior.

**DESIGNATE SPECIFIC SITES FOR JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL** Last year Collins was designated as home sites for softball and baseball and the two boards asked patrons attending the meeting what they thought about picking a specific site for football. The schedule for next year has already been set so it would start in the fall of 2014. Several ideas were mentioned but most of those attending liked the idea of home court advantage at the best facility and would like to see all sports have designated sites. The two boards are committed to doing what is best for students in both academics and sports.

**DISCUSS SHARING OPPORTUNITIES BETWEEN DISTRICTS – ACADEMICS, ETC.**

C-M President Crouse told of how the environment is changing at the state level and any school under 700 students may not receive enough funding needed to implement the proposed reforms and maintain quality programs. With the new teacher reforms along with new health care reforms, the two boards thought it was time to start having conversations about what the patrons thought of maybe looking at teacher sharing, and maybe later on whole grade sharing between the two districts. Patrons thought they needed more information on what the cost savings might be and how it would look.

**ADJOURNMENT** Both board presidents thanked everyone for coming and sharing their opinions.

Collins-Maxwell Board Secretary  
Bonnie Mitchell