

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COLLINS-MAXWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARCH 25, 2013**

1. CALL TO ORDER The Board of Education met in regular session with President Lowell Crouse calling the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Maxwell Library.

Board members present: Amy Van Maanen, Bryce Caple, Lowell Crouse, Jeff Lindemoen

Board members absent: Mark Huntrods

Administrators present: Superintendent Jason Ellingson, Elementary Principal Jeff Watson, HS/MS Principal Josh Griffith, Board Sec/Treas/Business Manager Bonnie Mitchell

Visitors: Mike and Brad Hofer, Dave Brown, Heather Meinerts, Cheryl Fricke, Joe Benesh, Pam Heward

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA Moved by Van Maanen, seconded by Lindemoen, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried 4y-0n.

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

- o Minutes of the February 18, 2013 board meeting
- o Financial reports for February
- o General fund and schoolhouse fund bills totaling \$412,763.20
- o General Construction costs this month in the amount of \$104,761.45
- o Contracts and resignations approved:
 1. Dennis Hennick resigned as head high school wrestling coach. The board would like to thank him for his years of service and dedication
 2. Emily Schmelzer has resigned as the 7-12 FCS teacher. We wish to thank her for her years of service and dedication.
 3. Kenny Ramus resigned as the assistant high school girls' basketball coach. The board thanks him for his many years of service and dedication.
 4. Gary Plunkett has resigned as the head boys' basketball coach. We wish to thank him for his many years of service and dedication.
 5. Alex Brown approved for assistant high school baseball coach.

Motion carried 4y-0n.

4. PUBLIC FORUM None

5. COMMUNICATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Written reports were given to the board from the three administrators. Superintendent Ellingson also informed the board that the first round of ALICE training for the teachers has been completed and building recommendations and training for students will be coming in the next month. Jason Ellingson, Josh Griffith, Pam Heward and Kristi Hauptert attended and presented at the ASCD conference in Chicago. Their accomplishments will be highlighted in an upcoming newspaper article.

NEW BUSINESS

A. ACADEMIC PRESENTATION – ELEMENTARY MATH Heather Meinerts and Cheryl Fricke, 4th grade teachers, presented on student-centered problem solving in math versus teacher centered teaching with the objective being to build independent thinkers that can construct their own thinking and explain/reflect on their thinking and their method of solving a problem. The board asked the teachers questions and then thanked them for taking their time to present to them.

B. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AT MS-HS BUILDING IN MAXWELL Joe Benesh from RDG was present to update the board on the progress at the Collins elementary and to share information about the Maxwell facility improvement projects.

C. APPROVAL OF REVISED 2013-14 SCHOOL CALENDAR The calendar committee submitted a 2013-14 calendar for approval last month. Because of conflicts, conferences had to be pushed back one week in October and February and a couple of professional development dates had to be switched. Van Maanen motioned to approve the revised calendar, seconded by Caple. Motion carried 4y-0n

D. APPROVAL OF GIRLS' SOCCER SHARING AGREEMENT WITH COLO-NESCO Motion by Caple, second by Van Maanen to approve the sharing agreement with Colo-Nesco for girls' soccer. Motion carried 4y-0n.

F. APPROVAL OF INCREASED PRICES FOR BREAKFAST/LUNCH THIS YEAR Due to increased cost of food and labor, the reserves for the nutrition fund has dwindled and there may a need to supplement the fund with general fund money at the end of the year. The superintendent, business manager and food service director are working to develop solutions that will remedy the situation. Labor hours have been cut along with allowing no overtime in an effort to save money. Food costs for the next few months should be down due to using supplies on hand. Next

month is when bids are usually submitted for bread and milk so the board would like to take a closer look at costs and compare prices to other schools in the area and then determine if prices need to be increased now or next year.

G. NEGOTIATIONS As the Legislature has not approved funding for next year negotiations were tabled until next month.

6. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED NEXT MONTH Potential facility improvements at the MS-HS building in Maxwell, safety considerations and the cost associated with the changes, nutrition fund, negotiations

7. ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Van Maanen and seconded by Lindemoen to adjourn the board meeting at 9:12 p.m. Motion carried 4y-0n.

NEXT MEETING: THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED BUDGET will be held April 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Maxwell School Library. The next regular meeting will be April 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Maxwell School Library.

Bonnie Mitchell

Board Secretary