

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
COLLINS-MAXWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MAY 19, 2014**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** The Board of Education met in regular session with President Lowell Crouse calling the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Maxwell School Library.

Board members present: Bryce Caple, Lowell Crouse, Justin Boege, Amy Van Maanen, Mark Huntrods

Administrators present: Superintendent Jason Ellingson, HS/MS Principal David Perrigo, Elementary Principal Jeff Watson, Board Sec/Treas/SBO Bonnie Mitchell

Visitors: Roger Pointer, Bill Harrington, Mary Jo Wilson, Charles C. Robertson, Rich Wehrman, Jon Hand, Randy and Bob Pritchard, Jerry Law, Mary Ann Morrison

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

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

- o Minutes of the April 14, 2014 board meeting; April 21, 2014 workshop
- o Financial reports for April
- o General fund and schoolhouse fund bills totaling \$175,039.90
- o Contracts and resignations approved:
  1. Approve resignation at the end of this school year: Jon Aldrich as HS science teacher and MS head boys track coach; Karmen Plunkett as one of our preschool teachers; Kristy Hardacre as an elementary aide; Brooke Shea as HS English teacher; Emily Young as MS language arts and reading teacher. The board wishes to thank them all for their service and dedication to the district.
  2. Approve hiring: Jeffery Loving as HS language arts teacher; Kelsey Bruhn as HS mathematics teacher.

Motion carried 5y-0n.

**4. PUBLIC FORUM** Roger Pointer, Mary Jo Wilson and Charles C. Robertson asked questions of the board concerning whole-grade sharing and sports sharing with Baxter. As stated numerous times the board is not pursuing whole-grade sharing with Baxter anytime in the near future. The board stated that they are committed to preparing responsible individuals for the future through academic and social experiences and to providing the best classroom environment for that commitment.

**5. COMMUNICATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:** Written reports were given to the board from the three administrators. Superintendent Ellingson presented the board with IASB certificates in recognition of National Board Member week. He thanked them for their many years of service and dedication to our students.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RICH WEHRMAN, FRIENDS OF MAXWELL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION** Rich Wehrman addressed the board on the possibility of the school district donating or loaning a computer and software to the Maxwell Library. No motion was made at this time until the legalities are addressed.

**B. RANDY PRITCHARD – SURVEY/PETITION PRESENTATION** Randy and Bob Pritchard were in attendance to present the findings of their community survey on CMB sports and Maxwell building construction. The findings were posted on their website for everyone to see. They are sending out another survey to all the registered voters in the C-M school district and will have the results at the next board meeting as the first survey was intended to be a guide. They would like to see the board delay the fall bond vote, stop sharing sports with Baxter, build a new high school and sports complex, and move ahead with forming an exploratory committee before the June board meeting. The mission of the Exploratory Committee would then be to give specific recommendations on how to implement the voter supported goals. The board informed them that on the previous bond vote they did have a committee to make recommendations and also hired several different companies to come in and evaluate the conditions of the buildings including, mechanical and electrical upgrades, that would need to be made and what we could or couldn't do to the 1931 building without making major cost improvements. The district does have a limit to its bonding capacity. No action was taken at this time.

**C. APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR BREAD FOR 2014-15** No bread bids were received for the 2014-15 school year as bread companies are selectively bidding schools and many small schools aren't receiving bread bids due to federal nutritional guidelines and decreased profitability.

**D. APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR MILK FOR 2014-15** Two milk bids were received: Anderson Ericson and Hyland Dairy. By a motion from Huntrods, second from Caple, the board awarded the bid to Anderson Ericson. Motion carried 5y-0n.

**E. APPROVAL OF PRICES FOR BREAKFAST, MILK AND LUNCH FOR 2014-15** Motion by Van Maanen, second by Boege, to raise meal prices, milk prices, a la carte items and adult meals by \$.10 for the 2014-15 school year. Motion carried 5y-0n.

**F. APPROVAL OF TEXTBOOK FEES FOR 2014-15** Motion by Huntrods, second by Caple, to maintain the preschool fee and the K-12 textbook fee at \$50 with the late fees at \$5.00 per family. Motion carried 5y-0n.

**G. APPROVE RESOLUTION OF THE STORY COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN** Because the resolution is necessary for potential FEMA funding, such as building a multi-purpose room, a motion was made by Huntrods and seconded by Van Maanen to approve the resolution. Motion carried 5y-0n

**H. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AT MS-HS BUILDING IN MAXWELL** Story Construction has been selected as the construction manager for the potential facility improvements at the Maxwell building. Our lawyers will review their contract, which will be signed at a later date. Motion by Caple, seconded by Van Maanen, to approve the selection. Motion carried 5y-0n.

**I. NEGOTIATIONS** The superintendent gave an update to the board on the progress of teacher negotiations. Board President Crouse, Superintendent Ellingson and Business Manager Bonnie Mitchell have been working with the district attorney to review the proposed CMEA language. A meeting has been set with the CMEA next week and then more meetings as necessary in June.

**6. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED NEXT MONTH**

**7. ADJOURNMENT** A motion was made by Van Maanen and seconded by Caple to adjourn the board meeting at 9:26 p.m. Motion carried 5y-0n.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next regular meeting will be June 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Maxwell School Library.

Bonnie Mitchell

Board Secretary