

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COLLINS-MAXWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
OCTOBER 20, 2014**

1. CALL TO ORDER The Board of Education met in regular session with Vice President Bryce Caple calling the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Maxwell Library.

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

Board members absent: Lowell Crouse

Administrators present: Superintendent Jason Ellingson, Board Sec/Treas/Business Manager Bonnie Mitchell

Visitors: Kendle Jones

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

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

- o Minutes of: September 15, 2014 board meeting
- o Financial reports: September
- o General fund and schoolhouse fund bills: \$289,993.30
- o Contracts approved: Renee Maloney as an elementary aide
- o Resignations approved: Patty Trowbridge as a Maxwell cook, Kelly Freeman as an elementary aide and Alex Brown as MS Social Studies teacher. The board thanked them for their service.

Motion carried 4y-0n.

4. PUBLIC FORUM Kendle Jones inquired as to what was happening with boys' soccer. Superintendent Ellingson said a survey will be out this week to all the boys in grades 7-12 to see if there is enough interest. The same survey will also go to the boys from Baxter and Colo-Nesco. The results of the survey will be given at the next board meeting.

5. COMMUNICATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Written reports were given to the board from the three administrators. Communication from the superintendent included: some of the board members will be going to the IASB Convention on November 20, 2014; Maxwell will be hosting the football play-offs on the 29th of October with the football team holding practices on the Sundays before the play-off games; and a construction workshop will be held on the 27th of October at 7:00 p.m. to prepare for the upcoming bond election.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF FARM LEASE An auction was held at 6 p.m. in the Maxwell library between 6 bidders for the Robison farm ground. Motion by Huntrods, second by Plunkett, to lease the farm ground to Clint Saveraid, the highest bidder, for \$76,000 a year starting March 1, 2015 and ending on February 28, 2017. Motion carried 4y-0n.

B. APPROVAL OF SNOW BIDS Two bids were received for snow removal: CRS Lawn Care for Collins school only and Iowa Lawns Inc. for both Collins and Maxwell schools. With a motion from Boege, Huntrods seconded, the snow removal bid was awarded to the lowest bidder Iowa Lawns, Inc. for \$65.00 an hour for three years. Motion carried 3y-0n, with Plunkett abstaining.

C. APPROVAL OF SIAC MEMBERSHIP UPDATED LIST Motion by Boege, second by Huntrods, to approve the updated School Improvement Advisory Committee membership for the 2014-15 school year. Motion carried 4y-0n.

D. APPROVAL OF A CHEMICAL SCENT-FREE SCHOOL POLICY Because it may impact students, the board had requested that a policy be established for a chemical scent-free school. After the principals talked with the teachers and staff about eliminating candle warmers and other devices from their areas, and they all complied, it was decided not to make it a policy at this time.

7. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED NEXT MONTH Boys soccer and Maxwell Building Improvements

8. ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Plunkett and seconded by Boege to adjourn the board meeting at 7:52 p.m. Motion carried 4y-0n.

NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting will be November 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Maxwell Library.

Bonnie Mitchell

Board Secretary