

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COLLINS-MAXWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 29, 2016**

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

Board members present: Bryce Caple, Justin Boege, Brad Plunkett, Jennifer Waters

Board members absent: Marcus Fricke

AEA Administrators: Tom Lane, Paula Vincent, Kurt Subra

Administrators present: Board Sec/Treas/Business Manager Bonnie Mitchell, MS/HS Principal Jordan Nelson, Elementary Principal Chad Grandon

Visitors: Richard and Beth Wehrman, Mike and Shirley Coughenour, Greg Viers, Sue Philpott, Doug Wierson, Sheri Sharp, Scott and Jodi Girard, Peg Evans, Danny Beattie, Casady and Chris Myers, Lauryn Myers, Tera Clement, Roger Pointer, Doug Miller, James Wright Jr., Becky Pfeiler, Josh Jacobson, Megan and Kevin DeHaven, Alex Golly, Bob Pritchard, Randy and Julie Pritchard, Nancy Pritchard, Nicole Pritchard, Sonya Staudt, John and Christy Falvey, Amanda Dirx, Todd Martin, Kim Tichy, Debbie Meyer

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

3. ACKNOWLEDGE JORDON NELSON, 6-12 PRINCIPAL, AS ACTING ADMINISTRATOR AS SPECIFIED IN BOARD POLICY #306

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS Plunkett motioned, seconded by Boege, to approve the consent items that consist of:

- o Minutes of the January 18, 2016 board meeting
- o Financial reports for February
- o General fund and schoolhouse fund bills totaling \$213,140.87
- o Resignations approved: Jackie Mathis as a preschool associate; Chad Grandon as Athletic Director
- o Contracts approved: Ciera Weinandy as preschool associate; Lori Fricke as Athletic/Transportation Director for the remainder of the school year.

Motion carried 4y-0n.

5. PUBLIC FORUM AEA Administrator Paula Vincent informed the public that the board wasn't going to interact with the public during the public forum and no questions would be allowed during the regular agenda items. All comments and questions addressed to the board will be answered at a later date. Comments from the patrons included Operational Sharing/Whole Grade Sharing/Consolidation; wanting the new bond vote in September with a new architect and forming a new facilities committee; sharing of the consent items; cubing of the board meetings; and a survey to the community and students.

6. COMMUNICATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS Written reports were given to the board from the three administrators.

NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT President Caple informed the public of the process for selecting the interim superintendent. Motion by Waters, second by Boege to approve Tom Lane from the AEA as the new interim superintendent for the remainder of the school year. Motion carried 4y-0n.

B. CMB BUSINESS – SURVEY, FACILITIES, ETC The board first discussed the facilities homework they were given which was the strength and weaknesses for having either the middle school or high school at Maxwell if we were to whole grade share. The president informed the board about the survey going out to patrons of the school district, staff and students after it is reviewed by the new superintendent and finalized. The AEA has agreed to facilitate the survey. Interviews have been conducted for a third party facility reviewer and any other issues the boards would like to discuss related to CMB. Motion by Plunkett, second by Boege, to approve hiring Earl Bridgewater, with each district paying \$1725, to be our third party facilitator reviewer as we are still in the exploratory stage of the process. Motion carried 4y-0n.

C. APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FOOTBALL CAMP The football coach wants to take CMB football players to a camp at Notre Dame this summer. The dates are June 24-26, and the camp is voluntary for the athletes. School transportation is not provided and the athletes will attend with their parents or carpool with a parent. Motion by Boege, second by Waters, to approve the overnight football camp. Motion carried 4y-0n.

D. APPROVAL OF EARLY RETIREMENT REQUESTS Maxine Harms, Joe Neville, and Barb Stratton has submitted applications for our early retirement program. We wish to thank them for their many years of service to the district. Motion by Plunkett, second by Boege, to accept the applications. Motion carried 4y-0n.

E. APPROVAL OF 2016 DRIVER EDUCATION FEES February is the month we typically begin promoting our spring driver's education program to the students and their parents. Last year, the board agreed to maintain the student driver's fee at \$300, which was also the price the year before. Gary Smith will be our teacher this year, and with his salary, instructional materials and car repair and maintenance it was decided to leave the fee at \$300 with a motion from Waters, seconded by Boege . Motion carried 4y-0n.

F. APPROVAL OF 2015-16 SCHOOL CALENDAR The proposed calendar was submitted to the board to help meet the Department of Education's deadline of March 15th. The proposed rough draft aligns to the previous start dates of after the Iowa State Fair. Plunkett made the motion, seconded by Boege, to table the school calendar until the new administration has had a chance to look it over. Motion carried 4y-0n.

G. APPROVE THE MODIFIED SUPPLEMENTAL AID FOR DROPOUT PREVENTION Again because we have a new administrator it was decided to table this matter until the next meeting.

A CLOSED SESSION PER IOWA CODE 21.5(I) AT EMPLOYEE REQUEST WAS HELD Motion by Plunkett, second by Boege, to go out of open session and into closed session. Roll call: Plunkett-aye, Caple-aye, Boege-aye, Waters-aye. Motion by Waters, second by Boege, to go out of closed session and into open session at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 4y-0n. Waters motioned, seconded by Boege, to accept the early retirement of Bonnie Mitchell, Board Secretary/Business Manager on December 30, 2016. Motion carried 4y-0n.

6. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED NEXT MONTH Budget, facility survey, school calendar, Modified Supplemental Aid for Dropout Prevention

7. ADJOURNMENT Plunkett, seconded by Boege, made a motion to adjourn the board meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried 4y-0n.

NEXT MEETING The date of the next regular meeting hasn't been determined yet.

Bonnie Mitchell
Board Secretary