

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COLLINS-MAXWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
May 16, 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, Jennifer Waters, Justin Boege, Brad Plunkett, Marcus Fricke

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

Visitors: Jessica Swabb, Melissa Nelsen, Jayne Underhill, Becky Hockkler, Dawnell and Darren Kennedy, Jeff and Mandy Lindeman, Mary Jo Wilson, Becky Pointer, Tawnia Leslie, Kristan Kane, Kristine Thomson, Doug Miller, Brett Comegys, Scott Girard, Sonya Staudt, Paul Robertson, Phil Staudt, Wes Stover, Heather Meinerts, Julie and Doug Klemme, Andrea Berg

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

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

- o Minutes of the previous meetings: April 18, 2016, May 3, 2016 Special, May 11, 2016 CMB Joint Board
- o Financial reports for May
- o General fund and schoolhouse fund bills totaling \$164,774.43
- o Contracts and resignations approved: None
- o Vender contracts: ISFIS, IASB, Drake University (student teacher)

Motion carried 5y-0n.

4. PUBLIC FORUM Comments were made by several patrons on the CMB sports sharing agreement, the relationship between Collins, Maxwell and Baxter and the future of our district.

5. COMMUNICATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS Superintendent Lane thanked the community for their comments during the public forum. May is also Board Recognition Month and he wanted to thank the board for everything they have done during this last year. He has only been interim superintendent for a few months and the board has stepped up and has done everything they could to learn how to be a better board member and to do what they think is best for our students.

NEW BUSINESS

A. FITNESS PROPOSAL Tawnia Leslie, Personal Trainer, would like the board's approval to use the wrestling room/gym in Maxwell before school to incorporate a Fitness Club into the middle/high school level like what is being run at the elementary level in Collins. It is open to all 6-12 students Monday through Friday from 6:30 to 7:15 a.m. Motion from Waters, second from Plunkett, to approve the proposal for this fall on a three month trial basis and then revisit the issue after we see attendance figures. Motion carried 5y-0n. Kristan Kane was also in attendance to inform the board of a Tumbling Recreational Club that she would like to start in the community and maybe rent/lease our facility one to two days a week. The secretary will check with the insurance company for more information on rentals/leasing.

B. SUMMER MAINTENANCE Tony Moses, head custodian, submitted a list of summer projects with bids on the cost of some of those projects. Motion from Plunkett, second from Fricke, to approve what was presented. Motion carried 5y-0n.

C. LITERACY/ELA CURRICULUM ADOPTION Chad Grandon, Elementary Principal would like the board to approve a new curriculum proposal in language arts/reading. The program is called Reading Wonders 2017 and was recommended by the AEA who are trained in the Wonders programs and could be of valuable help to implement in the lower grade levels. It is aligned with Common Core and has a technology component built in. The 6-12 Principal Jordan Nelson also would like the board to approve a new language arts program from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. He attended a presentation of the curriculum at Ballard and also Bondurant-Farrar uses this program and would be of valuable help in implementation. This program helps with students writing, makes grading papers easier, is aligned with standards and the school would also receive 600-900 novels free. Total costs for the language arts curriculum would be close to \$80,000. Plunkett motioned, and it was seconded by Waters to approve the language arts purchases. Motion carried 5y-0n.

D. CBE REPORT/UPDATE Principals Nelson and Grandon gave an update on the progress of Competency-Based Education. It allows students to be proficient, engage in their passion areas, move on when they are ready, take the time to dig deeper and allow them to have a larger voice and greater choice in their learning. For the staff it allows

them to focus more in individual student's needs and interests and focus less on grading and compliance and focus on relevance of learning. It also allows for a greater connection between school and community, supporting each other better. The CBE committee members are putting their vision on paper and will be keeping the board informed of their progress.

E. TLC REPORT/UPDATE/CELEBRATIONS Jessica Swabb and Pam Heward, TLC Leaders, gave an update on their first year. This next year they will be rewriting the TLC plan, setting new goals, developing a vision and a broader purpose.

F. ELEMENTARY DATA/MS-HS DATA Jessica Swabb and Chad Grandon presented information related to Iowa Assessment, MAP and FAST screening for the elementary and Pam Heward and Jordan Nelson presented for the MS/HS. This information is being sent home to parents by the end of this week and teachers will be meeting with each child to go over the information. This information will be used to guide the learning for teacher's Professional Development at the end of this year and into next year.

G. HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE Jordan Nelson covered some of the changes to the schedule for next year. It involved bringing back some classes and adding some as well with more electives.

AN EXEMPT NEGOTIATIONS STRATEGY SESSION WAS HELD PER IOWA CODE 201.17(3) ABOUT SALARIES AND BENEFITS OF EMPLOYEES NOT IN A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT.

A motion by Plunkett, second by Waters to go out of open session and into exempt session was approved by a roll call vote at 9:45 p.m. Plunkett-aye, Waters-aye, Fricke-aye, Boege-aye, Caple-aye.

Motion from Waters, second from Fricke to go out of exempt session and into open session at 11:30 p.m. by roll call vote. Boege-aye, Fricke-aye, Waters-aye, Caple-aye, Plunkett-aye.

Fricke motioned and it was seconded by Boege to approve a salary raise of 3% for non-certified staff as discussed. Total package amounted to about the same as the teachers. Motion carried 5y-0n.

6. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED NEXT MONTH Elementary Handbook, HS Class Schedule, Administrative negotiations, Maxwell building security, approve Forecast5 Plan, Policy Primer

7. ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Fricke, second by Boege, to adjourn the board meeting at 11:31 p.m. Motion carried 5y-0n.

NEXT MEETING The date of the regular meeting will be June 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Maxwell Library. A School/Community Forum will be held at the Collins Gym on May 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Bonnie Mitchell
Board Secretary