

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COLLINS-MAXWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 16, 2015**

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 media center.

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

Administrators present: Superintendent Jason Ellingson, Board Sec/Treas/Business Manager Bonnie Mitchell, Elementary Principal Chad Grandon

Visitors: Jamie Waddingham, Reese Morris, Jena Barrett, Kim and Brock Burton, Steph Twohey, Tyler Kennedy, Trevor Coughenour, Nash Kennedy, Carson Skinner, MariElyn Reisdorf, Todd Martin, Debbie Meyer, Kim Tichy, Mary Jo Wilson

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

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

- o Minutes of: October 19, 2015, October 26, 2015, October 29, 2015
- o Financial reports: October
- o General fund and schoolhouse fund bills: \$112,155.96
- o Contracts approved: Kelley Scott as middle school head wrestling coach

Motion carried 5y-0n.

4. PUBLIC FORUM None

5. COMMUNICATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS Written reports were given to the board from the three administrators. In addition Marcus Fricke asked about the data collection, master plans and meeting timelines for the CMB joint board meetings. He also asked the Elementary Principal Chad Grandon about the revamping of the elementary report cards. Superintendent Ellingson registered all of the board members, himself and the Board Secretary to attend the IASB Convention in Des Moines on November 19th. He also informed the board that the preschool needs a part-time teacher because of the staffing of more special education preschoolers. The board gave their permission to start advertising for the position.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. ACADEMIC PRESENTATION – FFA ANNUAL CONVENTION FFA Advisor Jamie Waddingham and several FFA members gave a presentation on the highlights from the 2015 National FFA Convention, held in Louisville, Kentucky. Nine members from Collins-Maxwell attended this year. The board thanked them for their presentation.

B. APPROVAL OF FFA OVERNIGHT TRIP TO ITS ANNUAL CONVENTION Mr. Waddingham and the FFA members requested approval to attend the 2016 National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Approval for seven of the FFA members to attend the National Convention next year was given by a motion from Plunkett, second by Waters. Motion carried 5y-0n.

C. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL PROJECT FOR A PRAIRIE MEADOWS GRANT Board member Jennifer Waters informed the board of a potential Prairie Meadows Legacy Grant. She and the superintendent would write the grant but wanted the board's input on suggested projects. Funds allocated can be in the range of \$100,000 to \$1 million. Applicants must have secured at least 50% of their project budget and may not request more than 25% of their project budget from Prairie Meadows. Options were discussed and more discussion will follow later.

D. DISCUSSION OF BOARD COMMUNICATION PLAN AND MEETING TIMES The agenda is now being posted on Facebook and the website. Plus they are still being posted on the board outside the superintendent's office, the post office and bank in Maxwell as well as the bank and school in Collins. At the last joint board meeting with Baxter it was decided to have joint board meetings quarterly with the first one on January 6th. Agendas and data are being compiled by the superintendents along with a master plan and timelines.

E. APPROVAL OF SBRC APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL OPEN ENROLLMENT OUT FUNDING The Iowa Code allows for districts to request additional funding for shifts in enrollment that need to be addressed within the current budget year, such as ELL population growth, dramatic enrollment increases, and open enrollment out requests. By a motion from Plunkett, second from Fricke, permission was granted to request additional spending authority for open enrollment requests that were not part of last year's count and also for our enrollment increase of 5.2 students. Motion carried 5y-0n.

7. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED NEXT MONTH Prairie Meadows Grant

8. ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Fricke and seconded by Boege to adjourn the board meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried 5y-0n.

NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting will be December 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Bonnie Mitchell
Board Secretary