

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COLLINS-MAXWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
JANUARY 20, 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 Library.

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

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

Visitors: Russ, Mollie and Max Van Maanen, Rod, Jean and Joseph Bienfang, Perry, Shelly and Elisabeth Balke, Patrick and Addison Swabb, Cherri Bates, Bryce Bane, Bradley Tyrrell, Ricky White, Tyler Wells

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 Boege made a motion, seconded by Caple, to approve the consent items that consist of:

- o Minutes of the December 16, 2013 board meeting
- o Financial reports for December
- o General fund and schoolhouse fund bills totaling \$147,860.13
- o Scholarships totaling \$14,375
- o No construction change orders to approve this month
- o Contracts and resignations approved: Samantha Beeman resigned as MS volleyball coach due to expecting her first child. The board thanks her for her one year of service.

Motion carried 5y-0n.

4. PUBLIC FORUM none

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. ACADEMIC PRESENTATION TAG teacher Cherri Bates and her students presented highlights of their work in Robotics including a demonstration of a robot in action. Both the middle school and high school teams made it to state competition this year. The board thanked them for their time and congratulated them on their success.

B. UPDATE OF NUTRITION FUND Every three months the board wanted a review of the Nutrition Fund since the approval of the October loan from the General Fund of \$5000. The nutrition department continues to work on ways to increase revenue and lower costs but at this time, with a motion by Van Maanen, seconded by Boege, it was decided to repay the loan of \$5000 and then approve another loan for \$5000 from the General Fund. Motion carried 5y-0n.

C. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AT MS/HS BUILDING IN MAXWELL Joe Benesh from RDG was unable to attend the board meeting but gave the superintendent some cost estimates for remodeling and/or addition of a couple of classrooms. It was decided to maybe have a board work session in the near future to talk about facility improvements in Maxwell. The board is also looking at hiring a construction management firm, and will be reviewing proposals in the next few months. The board is eager to determine the scope of the project, timeline of work, and financing.

D. TEACHER LEADER COMPENSTATION GRANT PROCESS The three administrators have been meeting to work on the application for the Teacher Leader Compensation Grant. This grant is based on the school's enrollment and could amount to about \$150,000. The funds are to be used solely to support teacher leadership roles. The application consists of stipends for work beyond the classroom and funding for two new instruction coach positions, to be hired from the current staff. The application is due January 31st and successful districts will be notified in March.

6. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED NEXT MONTH Potential facility improvements at the MS-HS building in Maxwell,

7. ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Huntrods and seconded by Van Maanen to adjourn the board meeting at 9:24 p.m. Motion carried 5y-0n.

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

Bonnie Mitchell

Board Secretary