

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
COLLINS-MAXWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
JUNE 16, 2014**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** The Board of Education met in regular session with President Lowell Crouse calling the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Maxwell School Library.

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

Administrators present: Superintendent Jason Ellingson, Board Sec/Treas/SBO Bonnie Mitchell, Elementary Principal Jeff Watson

Visitors: Charles Robertson, Sonya Staudt, Coral Myers, Alan and Mary Jo Wilson, Roger Pointer, Paul Robertson, Bob Pritchard, Randy and Julie Pritchard, Danielle Meek, Nicole Pritchard, Megan DeHaven, Billy Meek, Jessie Meek, Buddy Pritchard, Doug Miller, Rodney and Jean Bienfang, Scott Girard, Peg Evans, Kayla Hennick, Tara Huntrods, Marcus Fricke, Jon Hand, Deanna Davis, Mike and Tawnia Leslie, Drake Caple, Perry Balke, Mike Viers, Charles Bergmann, Howard Peters

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Moved by Caple, seconded by Van Maanen, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried 5y-0n.

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

- Minutes of the May 19, 2014 board meeting
- Financial reports for May
- General fund and schoolhouse fund bills totaling \$193,228.99
- Contracts and resignations approved:
  1. Resignation: Amanda McCord was our 8-12 Spanish teacher. The board would like to thank her for her many years of service and dedication.
  2. Contracts issued to: Karmen Plunkett as part-time special education teacher for the preschool; Cherri Bates has requested to return to HS science; Emma Stevenson K-12 TAG teacher; Nicole Dentlinger MS language arts teacher for grades 6 and 7 and Chris Smith as HS language arts teacher.

Motion carried 5y-0n.

**4. PUBLIC FORUM** Sonya Staudt would like to reinstate HS boys' soccer and would also like to have all social media and games blocked for the secondary students during school hours. Roger Pointer and Mike Viers would like the Superintendent to publish transportation costs to Baxter. Mary Jo Wilson would like the board not to vote to do mega-nights for basketball next year.

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

**6. BUSINESS**

**A. PRESENTATION OF SECOND COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS** Bob Pritchard presented the findings for his second community survey. This survey was sent to 1,764 registered voters in the district with 422 responding. Lots of discussion followed as to whether to continue sharing sports with Baxter. The board listened to comments from those for and those against continuing the athletic sharing agreement and also responded to questions from the community. The board also reminded those in attendance about its efforts for educational facility improvements – a component of the second Pritchard survey. The board remains focused on educational facility improvements for the secondary building and is not looking at changing the sports sharing agreement.

**B. DOWNTOWN PROPERTY RENTAL** Motion by Huntrods, second by Van Maanen, to approve Tawnia Leslie renting the downtown property at the same rate of \$200 a month and the superintendent will contact someone to do the remodeling that is needed. Motion carried 5y-0n

**C. APPROVAL OF BAND-CHOIR OVERNIGHT TRIP** By a motion from Huntrods, second by Van Maanen, the board approved the band-choir overnight trip to Chicago on March 19-22, 2015. Motion carried 5y-0n.

**D. APPROVAL OF COLO-NESCO GOLF AND WEST MARSHALL SOCCER SHARING AGREEMENTS** Colo-Nesco had approached us about being the Host school for golf. This would allow us to follow a more central Iowa schedule and allow the golfers to compete in the Heart of Iowa Conference Tournament. Practices would still be at Twin Anchors and we will have a 3-way cost splitting. Motion by Van Maanen, second by Boege to approve the golf sharing agreement with Colo-Nesco. Motion carried 5y-0n. West Marshall has approached us about allowing their girls to join our girls' soccer team. This would bump us up a class from 1A to 2A. Motion by Van Maanen, second by Caple to approve the girls' soccer agreement with West Marshall. Motion carried 5y-0n.

**AN EXEMPT NEGOTIATIONS STRATEGY SESSION WILL BE HELD PER IOWA CODE 20.17(3)** Motion by Van Maanen, second by Caple to go out of open session and into exempt session at 9:36 p.m. Roll call vote: Boege-aye, Crouse-aye, Van Maanen-aye, Huntrods-aye, Van Maanen-aye. Motion carried 5y-0n. Motion by Huntrods, second by Boege to go out of exempt session and into open session at 10:05 p.m. by a roll call vote: Crouse-aye, Boege-aye, Huntrods-aye, Van Maanen-aye, Caple-aye. Motion carried 5y-0n.

**6. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED NEXT MONTH** Facility improvements for the MS-HS

**7. REFLECTION** The board discussed having a workshop with the architect and Story Construction on the MS/HS building in Maxwell with a date to be determined when schedules allow.

**7. ADJOURNMENT** A motion was made by Huntrods and seconded by Boege to adjourn the board meeting at 10:24 p.m. Motion carried 5y-0n.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next regular meeting will be **July 14, 2014** at 7:00 p.m. in the Maxwell School Library. **Please note that this date has been changed from our regular schedule .**

Bonnie Mitchell  
Board Secretary