

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
COLLINS-MAXWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OCTOBER 15, 2012**

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

Board members present: Amy Van Maanen, Bryce Caple, Mark Huntrods

Board members absent: Lowell Crouse, Jeff Lindemoen

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

Visitors: Lois Gross, Carter Merryman, Elizabeth Sievert, Renee Sievert, Laurie Merryman, Sue Philpott, Linda Ewing

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Moved by Caple, seconded by Van Maanen, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried 3y-0n.

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

- o Minutes of September 17, 2012 and September 24, 2012 board meetings
- o Financial reports for August
- o General fund and schoolhouse fund bills totaling \$92,749.80
- o Contracts approved: Dennis Hennick has agreed to be the head varsity wrestling coach for one more year. We appreciate his willingness to help maintain the program. Joe Overton has agreed to be the assistant high school wrestling/head junior high wrestling coach.

Motion carried 3y-0n.

**4. PUBLIC FORUM** Sue Philpott wanted to know if there was a safe place for the iPads to be stored if the students don't take them home. She also wanted to know who the current special education teachers were for the high school so she could communicate with them. Linda Ewing wanted to know if the board knew that the school's standards are too low and that those with lower than average grades were able to advance without knowing the subject matter. The board asked Superintendent Ellingson to respond to Ms. Ewing. Mr. Ellingson stated that he believed the standards were consistent with other local school districts. An IEP (which includes parents, teachers, and AEA consultants) can make a determination to reduce the number of credits needed for graduation and modify the work demands for a student. Vice President Huntrods encouraged Ms. Ewing to speak with the administration further about her concerns.

**5. COMMUNICATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:** Written reports were given to the board from the three administrators. Some of the board members will be going to the IASB Convention on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Superintendent Ellingson informed the board on the progress of the Collins-Maxwell Elementary School.

## **6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**A. ACADEMIC PRESENTATION – 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE IOWA HISTORY PROJECTS WITH DR. GROSS** A few of Dr. Gross's students presented their work on their Iowa History projects, "Where in Iowa", by using the iPads. The board thanked them for taking the time to present to them.

**B. AWARDING OF ROBISON FARM LEASE** Caple motioned, Van Maanen seconded, to award the lease for the district's Robison Farm to Saveraid Farms, LLC of Huxley, Iowa, for a two-year term to commence on March 1, 2013 and end on February 28, 2015 for \$92,000 per year. Motion carried 3y-0n.

**C. AWARDING OF BID FOR AUDITING SERVICES** Two bids were received for auditing services for the 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 school years. The bids were: Nolte, Cornman & Johnson, \$6,500, \$6,800 and \$7,000; Hunt & Associates, P.C., \$7,000, \$7,350, and \$7,700. Motion by Van Maanen, second by Caple, to accept the lowest bid from Nolte, Cornman & Johnson. Motion carried 3y-0n.

**D. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICIES ON STAFF SUSPENSION** The board reviewed the policy and concluded that no revisions were needed.

**E. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICIES ON TECHNOLOGY/SOCIAL MEDIA USAGE** The board reviewed Board Policy 404 Employee Conduct and Appearance, which we already have in place. It was decided that the Board of Educational Examiner's Code of Ethics were already within that policy so amendments were not needed.

**7. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED NEXT MONTH** Nothing at this time.

**8. ADJOURNMENT** A motion was made by Caple and seconded by Van Maanen to adjourn the board meeting at 8:22 p.m. Motion carried 3y-0n.

**NEXT MEETING** There is a board workshop scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The next regular meeting will be November 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Both the workshop and the meeting will be held in the Maxwell library.

Bonnie Mitchell  
Board Secretary