January 9, 2017

A regular meeting of the Coloma Board of Education was held at the Coloma Intermediate School Media Center, in the district, on January 9, 2017. President Heidi Ishmael called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following members were present:

Heidi Ishmael	Robert Hirsch
Apryl Watson	Kelly Clements
William Stowers	

The following school administrators were present:

Peter Bush	Krista Bethke
Ruth Kittleson	Peter Olsen
David Ehlers	Darla England
Sara Ashley	

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Ms. Watson to adopt the agenda of January 9, 2017.

Ayes: Apryl Watson, Robert Hirsch, William Stowers, Kelly Clements, Heidi Ishmael

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Kelly Clements announced that due to her newly acquired seat as Coloma City Treasurer she is resigning her position on the school board of Coloma Community Schools at the conclusion of this meeting.

Doug Kraemer entered the meeting at 7:07 pm

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Ms. Watson to keep the Board officers the same for 2017.

Board President: Heidi Ishmael	Secretary: Doug Kraemer
Vice President: Apryl Watson	Treasurer: Robert Hirsch

Ayes: Robert Hirsch, William Stowers, Kelly Clements, Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson, Doug Kraemer

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Stowers and supported by Mr. Kraemer to make the Board Committee appointments for 2017 as follows:

Berrien/Cass School Board Association Representative: Apryl Watson
MASB Legislative Liaison : Doug Kraemer
Building & Grounds Committee: Doug Kraemer, Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson
School Improvement Committee: Bob Hirsch, Doug Kraemer, Apryl Watson
Finance Committee: Bill Stowers, Doug Kraemer, Bob Hirsch
Personnel Committee: Bob Hirsch, Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson
Athletic Committee: Bill Stowers, Doug Kraemer, Heidi Ishmael

Ayes: William Stowers, Kelly Clements, Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson, Doug Kraemer, Robert Hirsch

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Communications:

Building/Program Communications:

- High School -
  - End of Semester
  - 2017-2018 Scheduling starts soon
  - State testing prep
  - BOE appreciation – Thanks for all you do!
- Junior High -
  - Christmas Food Drive
  - BOE appreciation – Gift card from HS and JH staff
- Intermediate School -
  - Multiplication Club started
  - HS Cadet teaching started at Coloma Intermediate
  - 4th and 5th grade Science teachers received a $400 grant from Menasha
  - February - Chess Club offered
  - Girls on the Run – open enrollment
  - BOE appreciation – 5th graders wrote letters
- Elementary School -
  - BOE appreciation – Thanks for being Stars (gift of mug and candy)
  - Kindness and Compassion Drive
  - North Berrien Food Pantry donation
  - 2nd round Dibels testing
  - Minds in Motion room
  - Kindergarten classrooms – received book shelf library
  - Thanks to all BOE members for their service

Board Communications:

- Board member appreciation
- Election Coordinating Committee Meeting – January 13, 2017
- Thrun Law Firm – Retainer Client 2017
- Upton Foundation Grant
- Board Vacancies – Update/Planning (Monday 1/16/17 6pm – 4 interviews)

Information/Discussion:

- Personnel Report – Pete Bush
- Maintenance Report – Roger Arndt
- Business Services – Audit Update – Sara Ashley
- Fifth Third Savings Account – Sara Ashley
- NEOLA Policies – Fall Update – second reading

It was moved by Ms. Watson and supported by Mr. Hirsch to adopt the consent agenda as follows:

A. Minutes of the regular meeting held December 12, 2016
B. Approval of the bills
C. Personnel Report

Ayes: Kelly Clements, Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson, Doug Kraemer, Robert Hirsch, William Stowers

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Kraemer and supported by Ms. Watson to approve a "transfer of authority" for the purpose of completing the Election Coordinating Committee's 2017-2020 agreement for the conduct of school district elections to allow the superintendent to sign the agreement in the absence of the board secretary.

Ayes: Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson, Doug Kraemer, Robert Hirsch, William Stowers, Kelly Clements

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Mr. Stowers to approve Thrun Law Firm as a retainer client for the 2017 calendar year.

Ayes: Apryl Watson, Doug Kraemer, Robert Hirsch, William Stowers, Kelly Clements, Heidi Ishmael

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Stowers and supported by Ms. Watson to approve the addition of the Board President (Heidi Ishmael), Treasurer (Bob Hirsch), Superintendent (Pete Bush) and Director of Business Services (Sara Ashley) as authorized users/signers on the Fifth Third savings account ending in 2108.

Ayes: Doug Kraemer, Robert Hirsch, William Stowers, Kelly Clements, Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Mrs. Clements to approve the NEOLA Fall Policy updates and first phase of Technology Policies/Updates.

Ayes: Robert Hirsch, William Stowers, Kelly Clements, Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson, Doug Kraemer

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Stowers and supported by Mr. Kraemer to meet in closed session following the business portion of the meeting, as provided for under the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of discussing the superintendent's evaluation (mid-year progress).

Ayes: William Stowers, Kelly Clements, Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson, Doug Kraemer, Robert Hirsch

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Student Growth Percentiles (SGP's) – M-Step – Spring 2015 & 2016
Progress on Strategic Goals – 2016-17

The Board went into closed session at 8:21 p.m. and returned to open session at 8:38 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Kraemer
Secretary, Board of Education