March 13, 2017

A regular meeting of the Coloma Board of Education was held at the Coloma Intermediate School Media Center, in the district, on March 13, 2017. President Heidi Ishmael called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

The following members were present:

Heidi Ishmael	William Stowers
Apryl Watson	Doug LeClear
Doug Kraemer	Nicole Hickmon
Robert Hirsch	

The following school administrators were present:

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

It was moved by Mr. Stowers and supported by Mr. Hirsch to go into closed session for the purpose of student hearings.

Ayes: Apryl Watson, Doug Kraemer, Robert Hirsch, William Stowers, Doug LeClear, Nicole Hickmon, Heidi Ishmael

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board went into closed session at 6:01 p.m. and returned to open session at 7:04 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Mr. Kraemer to adopt the agenda of March 13, 2017.

Ayes: Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson, Doug Kreamer, Robert Hirsch, William Stowers, Doug LeClear, Nicole Hickmon

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Communications:

Building/Program Communications:

- High School -
  Freshman orientation was a success
  Choir/Band updates
- Junior High -
  7/8 Band did a great job at Festival
- Intermediate School -
  March is Reading month – guest speakers
  Friday – new book drawing
  Book Swap
  Multiplication Club and Coding
  Chess tournament
  5th grade Planetarium trip
  4th grade going to Underground Railroad
  Recorders
  Girls on the Run
- Elementary School -
  Kindergarten Round-Up March 27 & 28 with screening
  March is Reading Month – Super Hero theme
  Diaper Drive
  Sarett trip for 3rd graders

Board Communications:

- GSRP/Kindergarten Round-Up March 27-28
- Thrun Law – Client Seminar - April 18 – Grand Rapids
- Count Day Update – Feb 2017
- Accounts Update – Michigan CLASS and MILAF – Sara Ashley
- Legislative Update

Information/Discussion:

- Personnel Report – Pete Bush
- Maintenance Report – Roger Arndt
- Boiler Repair – Coloma Elementary – Roger Arndt
- Landscape Management Proposal – Roger Arndt/Dave Ehlers
- School Trip Proposal – Matt Ford
- CTE – Michigan Merit Credit – Cathy Haley/Dave Ehlers
- Food Service Management Contract Renewal – Pete Bush

It was moved by Mr. Stowers and supported by Mr. LeClear to adopt the consent agenda as follows:

A. Minutes of the regular meeting held February 13, 2017
B. Minutes of the special meeting held February 27, 2017
C. Approval of the bills
D. Personnel Report

Ayes: Doug Kraemer, Robert Hirsch, William Stowers, Doug LeClear, Nicole Hickmon, Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ms. Watson and supported by Mr. Hirsch to suspend student #1 for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year.

Ayes: Robert Hirsch, William Stowers, Doug LeClear, Nicole Hickmon, Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson, Doug Kraemer

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. LeClear and supported by Mrs. Hickmon to expel student #2 for 180 days.

Ayes: William Stowers, Doug LeClear, Nicole Hickmon, Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson, Doug Kraemer, Robert Hirsch

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Stowers and supported by Mr. Kraemer to approve the following purchase/repair from the bond proceeds account for the boiler at Coloma Elementary.

Circulating Pump Assembly $7,208.50 B.E.R.

Ayes: Doug LeClear, Nicole Hickmon, Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson, Doug Kraemer, Robert Hirsch, William Stowers

Nays: None

It was moved by Ms. Watson and supported by Mr. LeClear to approve Option #1 proposal (not to exceed $7,320) from Katerberg Verhage for care of the football field during the 2017 growing season.

Ayes: Nicole Hickmon, Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson, Doug Kraemer, Robert Hirsch, William Stowers, Doug LeClear

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Stowers and supported by Mr. LeClear to approve the Spanish trip as presented during the 2017-18 school year.

Ayes: Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson, Doug Kraemer, Robert Hirsch, William Stowers, Doug LeClear, Nicole Hickmon

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Ms. Watson to approve the Michigan Merit Credits being replaced/exchanged with state-approved CTE credits beginning with the 2016-17 school year as presented.

Ayes: Apryl Watson, Doug Kraemer, Robert Hirsch, William Stowers, Doug LeClear, Nicole Hickmon, Heidi Ishmael

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. LeClear and supported by Mrs. Hickmon to approve a one-year contract renewal with Chartwells to serve as the school district's food service management company from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Ayes: Doug Kraemer, Robert Hirsch, William Stowers, Doug LeClear, Nicole Hickmon, Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Hearing of the Public

Doug Kraemer – North Berrien Fire Rescue – planning to donate a flag for use at the Alwood Gym

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Kraemer
Secretary, Board of Education