April 17, 2017

A regular meeting of the Coloma Board of Education was held at the Coloma Intermediate School Media Center, in the district, on April 17, 2017. President Heidi Ishmael called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following members were present:

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

Doug LeClear was absent.

The following school administrators were present:

Peter Bush	Peter Olsen
Sara Ashley	Darla England
Ruth Kittleson	

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Ms. Watson to adopt the agenda of April 17, 2017.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Communications:

Building/Program Communications:

- High School -
  Testing went well – attendance was great
  Thanks to Chartwells for extra work during testing
  NHS Induction April 25
  Prom 8pm 4/29/17 After Prom following

- Junior High School -
  Honor Club – trip to Notre Dame
  Dance/Lock In – May TBD
  M-Step 8th grade starting this week

- Intermediate School -
  M-Step last week (Donut Be Stressed/Genius Juice)
  5th grade Kickball tournament in May
  Comet Care Outing ice cream/park
  Rocket Math Club starting
  March is Reading Month – new books
  Read In
  Spec Educ – K-12 working on building transitions

- Elementary School -
  Kindergarten Round-Up
  March is Reading Month ended with glow stick party
  Getting ready for M-Step
  Project Lean starts soon

Board Communications:

- Letter of Support – Coloma Township
- Advise MI MOU – College Advisor – Coloma/Watervliet
- School of Choice – 2017-18
- Teacher Job Fair – Grand Valley State University – April 25
- Coloma High School Prom – April 29
- Legislative Update/Conference – Lansing – May 2
- Summer Leadership Institute – Mackinac Island – August 11
- Board Budget Workshop/Finance Committee – Week of May 22

Information/Discussion:

- Personnel Report – Pete Bush
- Maintenance Report – Roger Arndt
- 60" Commercial Zero-Turn Mower Proposal (Bond)
- Berrien RESA – Business Services Contract – Payroll 17/18-Pete Bush
- Amendment to the 2016-17 Appropriations Act – Sara Ashley
- Junior High Credit Proposal – 2017-18 – Peter Olsen
- E-Rate Technology Update/Proposal – Joe Barrett
- Policy Update/Addition – Merit Pay (3220.01) – First Reading

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

A. Minutes of the regular meeting held March 13, 2017
B. Approval of the bills
C. Personnel Report

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Stowers and supported by Mrs. Hickmon to approve the following purchase from the bond proceeds account:

60" Commercial Zero-Turn Mower $5,899.00 Tractor Supply Co.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Ms. Watson to approve the business services contract renewal with the Berrien RESA to provide payroll services for the 2017-18 fiscal year at a cost of $21,218

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ms. Watson and supported by Mr. Hirsch to adopt the amendments to the 2016-17 General Appropriations Act Resolution as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Stowers and supported by Mrs. Hickmon to approve the credit proposal for Junior High students beginning with the 2017-18 school year as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ms. Watson and supported by Mr. Stowers to approve up to $19,089.93 for technology wiring upgrades in the Junior High and High School.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Ms. Watson 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 negotiations with the CEA and the superintendent's evaluation.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Hearing of the Public

A resident questioned the possibility of opening the gates to the track for public walking use this summer.

The Board went into closed session at 7:58 p.m. and returned to open session at 9:40 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Kraemer
Secretary, Board of Education