May 11, 2020

A regular meeting of the Coloma Board of Education was held Virtually, on May 11, 2020. 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	William Stowers
Apryl Watson	Steve Groendyk
Doug Kraemer	Robert Hirsch
Nicole Hickmon	

The following school administrators were present:

David Ehlers	Sara Ashley
Mike Churchill	Wendy Tremblay
Karra Hafer	John Klein

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Mr. Groendyk to adopt the agenda of May 11, 2020.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Communications:

Building/Program Communications:

- High School –
  Teachers prepared for E-Learning
  Administration developed a learning plan
  Grading policies were created
  Communication efforts have been made
  Senior celebration efforts
- Junior High –
  Adjustments made to remote learning
  Tech department has gone above and beyond
  Teachers are working hard
  Last cycle there was 91% participation rate with students
  Counselor is spending majority of time connecting with kids

- Intermediate –
  Remote learning plan is going well
  Staff are adjusting to the new routine
  Support staff are helping with meal deliveries, bag and tag and disinfecting
  "We Miss You" Video for students and families
  Teachers make one video per week per grade level for social media
  Karra does daily morning announcements and posts on FB
  Have averaged 92% engagement rate for the last couple weeks
  Teacher appreciation cookie cards and note cards sent home to staff
- Elementary –
  Teachers using Zoom, Google, Dojo, email, text and notes for communication
  Students are returning work packets
  Thanks to Daniel Mares and Ben Rimes for work on virtual Kdg/Pre Round Up
  Working on virtual transitions
  Berrien RESA hosted meeting on remote learning- Coloma had three presenters
  S.Wheeler and S.Stankiewicz delivered teacher appreciation gifs

Board Communications:

- Bond Closing Update
- Alternative Graduation Date – June 12, 2020
- West Michigan Health Insurance Pool Rates – Sara Ashley
- Monthly Budget to Actual April 2020
- Summer Migrant plans – Karra Hafer/Wendy Tremblay
- Zero Based Budget Update

- **Information/Discussion**:

  - Personnel Report /Staffing Update – Dave Ehlers
  - Technology Infrastructure Upgrades/e-Rate – Ben Rimes
  - Maintenance/Custodial Update – Dave Ehlers
  - Sinking Fund Expenditures – Dave Ehlers
  - Revised JH Survey Quote – Dave Ehlers
  - Van Purchase (food service) – Dave Ehlers
  - NEOLA Policy Update – First Reading – Policies 2210, 2412, 2414, 3362.01, 4162, 5200, 6107, 8210, 8400, 8462, 8600
  - Berrien RESA General Fund Operating Budget 2020-21 Resolution –Dave Ehlers
  - Berrien RESA – Business Services Contract Renewal – Dave Ehlers
    - Payroll Clark
    - System Administrator

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

A. Minutes of the regular meeting held April 13, 2020
B. Approval of the bills
C. Personnel Report

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ms. Watson and supported by Mr. Hirsch to approve the purchase of technology equipment via E-Rate as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Mrs. Hickmon to approve the following expenditures to be paid for with Sinking Fund dollars.

TowerPinkster	$1,950
Arizent	$1,535

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mrs. Hickmon and supported by Mr. Groendyk to approve the purchase of new food service equipment and the remodel for Coloma Junior High as presented in the amended quote.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Groendyk and supported by Mr. Kraemer to approve the purchase of a 2020 MY Ford Transit F-150XL from Gorno Ford in Woodhaven, MI for the food service program from their fund balance at a total cost of $32,083.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Mr. Stowers to adopt a resolution supporting the proposed Berrien RESA general fund operating budget for 2020-21

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Kraemer and supported by Ms. Watson to renew the contract with Berrien RESA to provide a payroll clerk and services for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

Payroll Clerk $22,292
System Administrator $31,518

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Stowers and supported by Mr. Kraemer to meet in closed session, as provided for under the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of Superintendent's Evaluation (MCL 380.503).

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board went into closed session at 7:49 p.m. and returned to open session at 8:20 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Kraemer
Secretary, Board of Education