January 13, 2020

A regular meeting of the Coloma Board of Education was held at the Coloma Intermediate School Media Center, in the district, on January 13, 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	Robert Hirsch
Apryl Watson	Steve Groendyk
Doug Kraemer	Nicole Hickmon

William Stowers was absent.

The following school administrators were present:

David Ehlers	John Klein
Mike Churchill	Karra Hafer
Wendy Tremblay	

It was moved by Mr. Kraemer and supported by Mr. Hirsch to adopt the agenda of January 13, 2020.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Kraemer and supported by Ms. Watson to elect the Board officers for 2020 as follows.

Board President: Heidi Ishmael	Secretary: Doug Kraemer
Vice President: Apryl Watson	Treasurer: Nicole Hickmon

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mrs. Hickmon and supported by Ms. Watson to make the Board Committee appointments for 2020 as follows:

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Communications:

Building/Program Communications:

- High School –
  Student Video – board appreciation
  NHS tutoring for HS & JH students going well
  Spring testing preparation has begun
  Drama Club is working on spring play "High School Musical"
  Winter Band and Choir concerts were very successful, great turn out!
  Prom planning is going well – Hidden Point will be the new venue
- Junior High –
  Board Appreciation – Student Council presentation
  Winter Break week long celebration prior to break
  PBIS Launch January 29th
  Chartwells has kindly purchased decks of cards and games for the cafeteria
- Intermediate –
  BOE appreciation presentation
  Student of the Month Celebrations going well
  Getting ready for Winter NWEA testing
  Title teacher coordinating Winter benchmarking
  Guest speaker Jordan Brewer coming next week
- Elementary –
  Student Video – board appreciation
  Early Literacy Grant to provide aides in classrooms
  Kids Read Now grant available from MDE
  Thanks to Daniel Mares for working on both grants
  Winter benchmark testing happening now

Board Communications:

- School Board Recognition Month
- Student Representative Report – Tyler Streu
- School Calendar Update
- Building & Grounds Committee Meeting for January 22 at 6pm
- Zero Based Budgeting Update
- The Comet Connection Newsletter
- Sec 35a Grant Award
- School Improvement Meeting – January 28 at 4pm

- **Information/Discussion**:

  - Personnel Report /Staffing Update – Dave Ehlers
  - Maintenance/Custodial Update – Dave Ehlers
  - NEOLA Policy Updates – Second Reading – Policies 3120.09 & 4120.09
  - Thrun Law Firm – Retainer Client - 2020
  - Sinking Fund Bills
  - Reading Now Network Resolution
  - Amendment to the 2019-20 General Appropriations Act – Dave Ehlers
  - Kagan Professional Development Letter of Agreement – Dave Ehlers
  - Disposition of Real Property – Dave Ehlers

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 December 9, 2019
B. Approval of the bills
C. Personnel Report

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Mr. Kraemer to approve and adopt the NEOLA Policies 3120.09 & 4120.09.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Mrs. Hickmon to approve continuing our attorney-client relationship with Thrun Law Firm and the retainer fee of $2400 for the 2020 calendar year.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Mr. Kraemer to approve payment for the following invoice with Sinking Fund dollars.

Tower Pinkster	Architectural Services	$8,591.12

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mrs. Hickmon and supported by Ms. Watson to support a resolution and commit to becoming a member of the Reading Now Network.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Kraemer and supported by Mr. Groendyk to approve the amendments to the 2019-20 General Appropriations Act as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ms. Watson and supported by Mrs. Hickmon to approve the purchase agreement with Kagan Professional Development to provide professional development and resources for $17,146, to be paid with Title IIA grant funds.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ms. Watson and supported by Mr. Hirsch to authorize Dave Ehlers to represent the district at closing in the sale of 4470 Pier Road, Benton Harbor to Hensley King for $17,000 on an offer sheet dated December 30, 2019 for the intended use of developing the property for condominiums.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Kraemer and supported by Mr. Hirsch to meet in closed session, as provided for under the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of Collective Bargaining Strategy (MCL 380.503).

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board went into closed session at 7:59 p.m. and returned to open session at 8:54p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Kraemer
Secretary, Board of Education