May 18, 2021

A special meeting of the Coloma Board of Education was held at the Coloma Junior High School Room 46, in the district, on May 18, 2021. President Heidi Ishmael called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following members were present:

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

William Stowers was absent

The following school administrators were present:

David Ehlers	Wendy Tremblay
Mike Churchill	Fred Paulsen

It was moved by Ms. Watson and supported by Mrs. Hickmon to adopt the agenda of May 18, 2021.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

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

A. Minutes of the regular meeting held on May 10, 2021

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Kraemer and supported by Mr. Groendyk to meet in closed session, as provided for under the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of student hearings.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board went into closed session at 6:16 p.m. and returned to open session at 6:57 p.m.

- **Information/Discussion**:
  - Biennial Election of the Berrien RESA Board of Education – Dave Ehlers

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Mr. Groendyk to expel student #1 from Coloma Community Schools for 180 days.

The following factors were considered during the hearing and deliberation:

A. the students age
B. the student's disciplinary history
C. whether the student has a disability
D. the seriousness of the violation or behavior
E. whether the violation or behavior committed by the student threatened the safety of any student or staff member
F. whether restorative practices will be used to address the violation or behavior
G. whether a lesser intervention would properly address the violation or behavior

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Ms. Watson to expel student #2 from Coloma Community Schools for 180 days.

The following factors were considered during the hearing and deliberation:

A. the students age
B. the student's disciplinary history
C. whether the student has a disability
D. the seriousness of the violation or behavior
E. whether the violation or behavior committed by the student threatened the safety of any student or staff member
F. whether restorative practices will be used to address the violation or behavior
G. whether a lesser intervention would properly address the violation or behavior

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ms. Watson and supported by Mrs. Hickmon to take the follow action with regards to the biennial election of the Board of Education of the Berrien Regional Education Service Agency.

- Designate Heidi Ishmael as representative to serve on the 2021 electoral body for electing members to the Berrien RESA Board of Education
- Designate Dave Ehlers as alternative representative to serve on the 2021 electoral body for electing members to the Berrien RESA Board of Education
- Support candidate David Pagel for a position of the Berrien RESA Board of Education for a term of 6 years
- Support candidate Andrew Robinson for a position of the Berrien RESA Board of Education for a term of 6 years

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Kraemer
Secretary, Board of Education