January 11, 2021

A regular meeting of the Coloma Board of Education was held at the Coloma Junior High School Room 46 and Virtually via ZOOM Video Conferencing, on January 11, 2021. 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 was absent.

The following school administrators were present:

David Ehlers	Wendy Tremblay
Mike Churchill	John Klein
Karra Hafer	

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Mr. Kraemer to adopt the agenda of January 11, 2021.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ms. Watson and supported by Mr. Groendyk to elect the Board officers for 2021 as follows.

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Ms. Watson to make the Board Committee appointments for 2021 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: Robert Hirsch, Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson
Finance & Personnel Committee: Robert Hirsch, William Stowers, Nicole Hickmon

Ayes: Robert Hirsch, William Stowers, Steve Groendyk, Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson, Doug Kreamer

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Communications:
Building/Program Celebrations:

- High School –
  1st Semester came to a close virtually
  Failing grades reduced by 39%
  Plan in place to assist struggling students due to shutdown
  Begin working on preliminary scheduling next month
  Preparing for Winterfest activities – COVID appropriate
  Credit recovery will begin January 11, 2021
- Junior High –
  Opted out of exams for 1st semester- teachers focused on catching students up
  Honor Roll recognition video is being created
  Holiday themed dress up days and activities
  CARES Act purchased a SEL program for the JH
- Intermediate –
  Staff and students getting back in the swing of things after Winter Break
  PBIS Cohort-intervention team will be completing PD in preparation
  Winter NWEA testing begins this week for 5th grade and next week for 4th grade
- Elementary –
  January is busy with winter benchmark assessments
  Lory's Place grief and loss groups will resume on Jan 13
  PLC's will be working with Chris Martin from BRESA on Jan 13

Board Communications:

- School Board Recognition Month
- Student Representative Report – Kayla Walter
- School Improvement Meeting – January 19 at 4:00 pm
- Building & Grounds Committee Meeting for January 25 at 6:00 pm
- The Comet Connection Newsletter
- Monthly Budget to Actual December 2020
- United Way 21-Equity Challenge (Jan 18- Feb 7)

- **Information/Discussion**:

  - Maintenance/Custodial update – Dave Ehlers
  - Thrun Law Firm – Retainer Client - 2021
  - Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Reconfirmation – Dave Ehlers
    - Mode of Pupil Instruction for 2020-21
    - Public Comments regarding Extended Learning Plan
    - Review weekly 2-way interaction rates – December 2020

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

A. Minutes of the special meeting held December 14, 2020
B. Approval of the bills
C. Personnel Report

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Stowers and supported by Mr. Hirsch to approve continuing our attorney-client relationship with Thrun Law Firm and the retainer fee of $2,400 for the 2021 calendar year.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Mr. Stowers to RECONFIRM the primary method for delivering pupil instruction in grades K-12 for the 2020-21 school year as in-person/Face-to-Face.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

- **Other**:

  MHSAA update – Winter Sports

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Kraemer
Secretary, Board of Education