March 8, 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 March 8, 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	

The following school administrators were present:

David Ehlers	John Klein
Mike Churchill	Sara Ashley
Wendy Tremblay	

It was moved by Ms. Watson and supported by Mr. Hirsch to adopt the agenda of March 8, 2021.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Communications:
Building/Program Celebrations:

- High School –
  Mike Mattos PD on March 4th- went well engagement was high by staff
  Teaching and learning taking place
  Students are embracing the fire science program at Berrien Springs
  Student Council has done a great job
  MME testing prep is underway for April
  Will be reading this week at the elementary for March is Reading month
- Junior High –
  Parent Teacher Conferences – 27% attendance
  Student Council continues to be very active
  NWEA scores paired with Sem 1 to help determine summer school/retention
  Zero based budgeting conversations had with all departments
  Mike Mattos training last week was powerful for all staff
  March is Reading Month - students received book
  Motivational Mondays in March

- Elementary –
  Teachers will be using the mental health screener next week
  Book vending machine – Thanks to Shelley Mazigian and Chartwells
  One School, One Book is back for March is Reading Month- Charlotte's Web
  Several appearances on the news
  Kindergarten Round Up is next week

Board Communications:

- School Enrollment Communications Update – Joe DiBenedetto(Lambert)
- Kindergarten Round-Up
- Student Representative Report – Kayla Walter
- Building & Grounds Committee Report
- Spring Count day Update
- MHSAA High School Classification
- Monthly Budget to Actual February 2021
- March 4 Professional Development
- Observation, Evaluation & Feedback Training – March 11 & 29
- ESSER II Allocation
- Graduation & Prom update
- Easter Meal Basket
- Annette Hiler – retiring Tri-City Record – Thank you & Happy Retirement!

- **Information/Discussion**:
  - Maintenance/Custodial Update – Dave Ehlers
    - Stadium Landscape Management Proposal
    - Lawn Service – 1 year extension
  - 2021-2022 School Calendar – Dave Ehlers
  - 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 – February 2021
  - Food Service Management Contract Renewal – Sara Ashley
  - Tractor Purchase – Dave Ehlers
  - Relocation of depository accounts to Honor Credit Union – Sara Ashley

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

A. Minutes of the special meeting held February 24, 2021
B. Approval of the bills
C. Personnel Report

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Groendyk and supported by Mr. Hirsch to approve the landscape management proposal (Option #2) from Katerberg Verhage in the amount of $6421.00.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Kramer and supported by Mr. Stowers to approve the extension of the Lawn Service Agreement with Precision Cutz for 2021 mowing season as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ms. Watson and supported by Mr. Hirsch to approve the proposed school calendar for the 2021-22 school year as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Groendyk and supported by Mrs. Hickmon 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: Steve Groendyk, Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson, Doug Kraemer, Nicole Hickmon, William Stowers, Robert Hirsch

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mrs. Hickmon and supported by Ms. Watson to approve a one-year contract renewal with Chartwells to serve as the school district's food service management company from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Stowers and supported by Mr. Hirsch to approve the purchase of a Kubota tractor as presented for $42,028.38 from Wolf Kubota of Mattawan, MI.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Mr. Kraemer to approve the resolution as presented to relocate district depository bank accounts held at Chemical Bank, a Division of TCF National Bank, to new depository accounts at Honor Credit Union.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board went into closed session at 7:59 p.m. and returned to open session at 8:51 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Kraemer
Secretary, Board of Education