September 14, 2020

A regular meeting of the Coloma Board of Education was held at the Coloma Junior High School Room 46 and Virtually via Google Meet, on September 14, 2020. 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	Sara Ashley
Mike Churchill	Wendy Tremblay
Karra Hafer	John Klein

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Ms. Watson to adopt the agenda of September 14, 2020.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board went into closed session at 6:16 p.m. and returned to open session at 7:00 p.m.

William Stowers entered the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Communications:

Building/Program Communications:

- High School –
  Safety Protocols are going quite well
  Lunch periods and passing periods are moving along and staying away from congregating well
  Continued communication is taking place-parent feedback has been positive
  Rotary is posting signs around the buildings supporting and thanking all staff at Coloma Schools
  Phase in week was popular and was extremely helpful
  This time has been beneficial in bldg communications which has been positive
  Food Service has adjusted time and time again to meet needs of students. Thanks!
  Teachers have been very willing to go above and beyond to make everything work, this too is hugely appreciated
- Junior High –
  Phased in start a huge success!
  New Protocols implemented – Teachers and Students have done a great job with adjustments
  Camp Chromebook – courtesy of Dan Mares
  PBIS Relaunch
  Focusing on creating as much normal as possible amidst these changes
  Virtual students have begun classes through Michigan Virtual (33 students enrolled for JH) 11 in 6th grade, 7 in 7th grade, 15 in 8th grade
  Students are excited for the reinstatement of athletics with a healthy turnout for all JH sports
- Intermediate –
  Julie Cripe applied for and received a MACUL grant to help fund supplies for a school media team such as green screen, iPad, microphone
  Staff and students are doing well with the new safety protocols and procedures
  NWEA testing begins this week for 5th graders and next week for 4th graders
  Doing Camp Chromebook for the first time this year and the teachers are doing a great job teaching the lessons. Thanks to Dan Mares for creating the lessons.
  Food Service doing a great job. Thanks for the weekend meals provided
- Elementary –
  Had a great start to school year, phase in week was the best
  First week with all students went well.
  Kindergarteners were provided with arrival and dismissal support. Thanks for transportation department for their support
  Diligently working on teaching hand washing and sanitizing procedures. Staff and students are doing great job with wearing masks.
  Emily Renbarger – new special education paraprofessional
  Tina Steiner – new GSRP aide
  Preschool started today and 2nd class starting next Monday
  Josh Fairbanks has resigned as Behavior Support Specialist
  All students have been assessed with DIBELS and started NWEA today

Board Communications:

- Student Count Update
- Finance Committee Meeting Oct 8 at 6:00 pm
- Building and Grounds Committee Meeting
- Legislative Breakfast – October 5
- MASB Annual Leadership Conference- November 5-7 (Virtual)
- Retirement Celebration (Mayor Polashak) 9/25 10:00 am Randall Park
- Federal Waiver of State Assessments
- USDA Meal Waiver
- Long Term Substitute Teachers
- Updated Communication Plan from Lambert

- **Information/Discussion**:

  - Personnel Report /Staffing Update – Dave Ehlers
  - Maintenance/Custodial Update – Dave Ehlers
  - NEOLA Special Policy Update (1st Reading) – Dave Ehlers
    - Policy: 4362.01, 5610, & 5611
    - Emergency Powers resolution
  - NEOLA Special Policy Update (2nd Reading) – Dave Ehlers
    - Policy: 2266 & 5517.02
  - Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan – Dave Ehlers
    - Mode of Pupil Instruction for 2020-21
    - Educational Goals for 2020-21
  - Lakeland Athletic Trainer Contract – Dave Ehlers
  - Snow Plowing Contract Renewal – Sara Ashley

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

A. Minutes of the special meeting held August 10, 2020
B. Approval of the bills
C. Personnel Report

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Kraemer and supported by Mr. Hirsch to expel student #1 from Coloma Community Schools for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

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

Abstain: William Stowers

Nays: None

Motion carried

It was moved by Mr. Stowers and supported by Mr. Hirsch to adopt the resolution to grant superintendent emergency powers to address the COVID-19 emergency throughout the duration of the 2020-2021 school year as presented.

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. Groendyk and supported by Mrs. Hickmon to adopt the NEOLA Policy 2266 and the deletion of Policy 5517.02.

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. Hirsch and supported by Mr. Groendyk to approve the primary method for delivering pupil instruction for the 2020-21 school year as in-person/Face-to-Face.

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. Kraemer and supported by Mrs. Hickmon to approve the educational goals as presented to be included in the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Ms. Watson to approve the agreement for athletic training services for the 2020-21 school year with Lakeland Rehabilitation Services 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. Stowers and supported by Mr. Groendyk to approve the contract for snow plowing service with Precision Cutz for the 2020-21 school year as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board went into closed session at 7:40 p.m. and returned to open session at 7:49 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Kraemer
Secretary, Board of Education