August 10, 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 August 10, 2020. President Heidi Ishmael called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following members were present:

Heidi Ishmael	Nicole Hickmon
Apryl Watson	William Stowers
Doug Kraemer	Robert Hirsch

Steve Groendyk was absent

The following school administrators were present:

David Ehlers	Sara Ashley
Mike Churchill	Wendy Tremblay
Karra Hafer	John Klein

The board welcomed Kayla Walter, the BOE student representative for the 2020-2021 school year.

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Mr. Kraemer to adopt the agenda of August 10, 2020.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Groendyk entered the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Communications:

Building/Program Communications:

- High School –
  Return to school plans are in place, this has been the focus of the summer
  The classrooms are clean and ready to go
  Communication with the community has been fluid with students and parents
  New Counselor – Elyse Brogdon from Kalamazoo, she has been with Battle Creek for 4 years and is joining our team!
  Still searching for a replacement for the Band Director position

- Junior High –
  Return to School Complete
  Building is clean and social distancing markers have been put in place
  We have been working to contact all of the families that selected the virtual option for the fall
- Intermediate –
  Return to Learn Plans are completed and staff had a lot of good questions regarding the plans. Staff are eager to get back in the buildings.
  Buildings are almost ready for staff and students
  Secretaries are getting teaching supplies ready for staff
  We are contacting families about virtual learning
  Summer Migrant Program went well – Everyone pulled together and worked well as a team to help support our students. Thanks to our teacher teams, office staff and our food service staff for being part of the program and helping it to be successful.
- Elementary –
  Hallways are being finished with their stripping and waxing
  Reaching out to all the families who indicated they wanted the virtual academy to provide more information
  Return to school plans are in place
  Looking to fill some positions: 2 Title I Parapros, A GSRP Parapro, an ELL Parapro and a Special Education Parapro

Board Communications:

- 20-21 Budget to Actual July 2020
- Schools of Choice Update
- Kindergarten Enrollment Update
- Backpack Give Away – Aug 18 from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- Trauma Informed Train-the-Trainer – Postponed
- New Staff Orientation Aug 24 & 27
- First Day All Staff – Aug 25
- Cooperative Learning Professional Development – Aug 26
- Pre-Recorded Virtual Back to School Nights – Aug 26
- First Day of School (1/2 day) – Aug 31
- State Aid Operating Note update

- **Information/Discussion**:

  - Personnel Report /Staffing Update – Dave Ehlers
  - Maintenance/Custodial Update – Dave Ehlers
    - Summer Project Update
    - Driesenga Proposal East HS Parking Lot
  - New Chemical Bank Account – Sara Ashley
  - NEOLA Special Policy Update (1st reading) – Dave Ehlers
    Policy: 2266 & 5517.02

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

A. Minutes of the special meeting held August 3, 2020
B. Approval of the bills
C. Personnel Report

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. Stowers and supported by Mr. Kraemer to approve the proposal from Driesenga & Associates, Inc. to collect and analyze core samples from the east high school parking lots and service drive for $4,040.

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 opening of a new bank account with Chemical Bank for the purposes of receiving electronic payments from parents.

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 Mrs. Hickmon 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 7:38 p.m. and returned to open session at 8:24 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Kraemer
Secretary, Board of Education