January 10, 2022

A regular meeting of the Coloma Board of Education was held at the Coloma Junior High School Room 46, on January 10, 2022. 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
Doug Kraemer	Robert Hirsch
Nicole Hickmon	Steve Groendyk

The following school administrators were present:

David Ehlers	Wendy Tremblay
Mike Churchill	John Klein
Winifred Staffen	Sara Ashley

It was moved by Mr. Stowers and supported by Mrs. Hickmon to adopt the agenda of January 10, 2022.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Kraemer and supported by Mr. Stowers to elect the Board officers for 2022 as follows.

Board President: Heidi Ishmael	Secretary: Nicole Hickmon
Vice President: Doug Kraemer	Treasurer: Steve Groendyk

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mrs. Hickmon and supported by Mr. Kraemer to make the Board Committee appointments for 2022 as follows:

Berrien/Cass School Board Association Representative: Heidi Ishmael
MASB Legislative Liaison: Heidi Ishmael
Building & Grounds Committee: Doug Kraemer, Heidi Ishmael, Steve Groendyk
School Improvement Committee: Robert Hirsch, Nicole Hickmon, Heidi Ishmael
Finance & Personnel Committee: Nicole Hickmon, Robert Hirsch, William Stowers
Policy Committee: Robert Hirsch, Steve Groendyk, Cynthia LaGrow

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Communications:

Building/Program Celebrations:

- High School –
  Cadet Teaching CTE – Becky Selvidge
  All State Jazz – four students will perform at Michigan Music Conference
  Film Club – Terry Sheehan
  Winterfest update
- Junior High –
  Students participate in community service with Officer Dan – Salvation Army
  Snow days postponed Children's Advocacy Ctr presentations
  JH wrestling and girls basketball have started
  Go Green Reward – hot chocolate bar
  PBIS team has been working hard on student celebrations and rewards
  Grade level honor assemblies to be scheduled
- Intermediate –
  Second Step Social Emotional Learning Program
  Science Olympiad
  PBIS – Positive Behavior Intervention Supports
  Peer2Peer
  Board of Education appreciation – adopt a board member
- Elementary –
  Winter benchmark testing is underway
  Still looking to hire: 2nd grade teacher, 5 paraprofessionals
  Reminder of outdoor recess temperature regulations

Board Communications:

- Student Representative Report – Chloe Williams
- Budget to Actual December 2021
- School Board Recognition Month
- MASA Midwinter Conference January 19-21 in Grand Rapids
- School Improvement Meeting January 20 at 4:00 PM
- School Resource Office Update

- **Information/Discussion**:

  - Strategic Planning Proposal – Tom TenBrink, Michigan Leadership Institute
  - Maintenance/Custodial update – Dave Ehlers
  - Bonds Sale

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

A. Minutes of the special meeting held January 6, 2022
B. Approval of the bills
C. Personnel Report
D. Approval of Thurn Law Firm attorney-client relationship

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Stowers and supported by Mr. Kraemer to approve the agreement with Michigan Leadership institute as presented to facilitate the development of a new strategic plan to guide the district for no more than $7,300.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Kraemer and supported by Mr. Stowers to table the recommendation to extend the mask policy set to expire January 14.

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

Nays: None

Motion tabled

It was moved by Mr. Stowers and supported by Mrs. Hickmon to approve the bid of UBS Financial Services Inc. for the purchase of the Bonds of the Issuer in the aggregate principal amount of $12,570,000 be accepted.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

- **Oath of Office – New Board Member – Cynthia LaGrow**

Chris Leach spoke regarding masks, quarantines and COVID testing

Ken Ashley Jr. spoke regarding parent concerns, masks and a community forum

Christina Dahlquist spoke regarding children mental health, masks and vaccinations

The Board went into closed session at 7:47 p.m. and returned to open session at 8:07 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Kraemer
Secretary, Board of Education