February 14, 2022

A regular meeting of the Coloma Board of Education was held at the Coloma Junior High School Room 46, on February 14, 2022. President Heidi Ishmael called the meeting to order at 6:24 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following members were present:

Heidi Ishmael	William Stowers
Doug Kraemer	Robert Hirsch
Nicole Hickmon	Cynthia LaGrow

The following members were absent:

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. Hirsch and supported by Mrs. Kraemer to adopt the agenda of February 14, 2022.

Ayes: Doug Kraemer, Nicole Hickmon, William Stowers, Robert Hirsch, Cynthia LaGrow, Heidi Ishmael

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board went into closed session at 6:25 p.m. and returned to open session at 7:07 p.m.

Communications:
Building/Program Celebrations:

- High School –
  Winterfest
  2022-2023 scheduling is underway
  LMC working with dual enrollment students
  CTE orientation at BRESA
  Band Pre-Festival 2/15
  Honor Roll – over 160 students
  MME testing prep
  NWEA testing taking place

- Junior High –
  Honor Roll Assembly – 40% recognized
  Student Council sold Valentine's
  Winter NWEA testing finishing up
  Valentine's Dance moved to Feb 23
  Parent Teacher Conferences March 3
- Intermediate –
  PTO organized K-Wings event
  NWEA testing was held Feb 1 & 10
  Girls on the Run – registration open
  4th grade plant growing tower in science class
  PBIS update
- Elementary –
  Winter benchmark testing completed
  Valentine's for Veterans project – thanks Kelly Jo Severin
  Welcome Valerie Krieger – 2nd grade teacher
  Welcome Zyaire KahNah – paraprofessional
  Still looking to hire 3 paraprofessionals

Board Communications:

- Student Representative Report – Chloe Williams
- Updated COVID-19 procedures
- Voiceover IP Update
- Bench Mark Data (PA 48 Section 104a)
- Kindergarten Round Up
- Strategic Planning Update
- Enrollment Integrated Marketing Plan
- General Fund Budget to Actual January 2022
- Berrien County Superintendents Legislative Priorities
- MASB 2022 Midwinter Institute (Virtual) – Feb 25-27

- **Information/Discussion**:

  - Maintenance/Custodial update – Dave Ehlers
  - Varsity Baseball Overnight/Out-of-State Trip – Kevin VanPeteghem
  - Amendment of the 2021-22 General Appropriations Act – Sara Ashley
  - CNA/PHCA Instructor Contract – Dave Ehlers
  - Resolution to Submit Proposition for Special Election on 8/2/22 (18 mill)
  - Lawn Service Increase – Sara Ashley
  - Snow Plowing Contract 2021-22 – Sara Ashley

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

A. Minutes of the special meeting held January 10, 2022
B. Approval of the bills
C. Personnel Report

Ayes: William Stowers, Robert Hirsch, Cynthia LaGrow, Heidi Ishmael, Doug Kraemer, Nicole Hickmon

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Stowers and supported by Mrs. LaGrow to suspend Student #1 from Coloma Community Schools ---- through the end the 2021-22 School Year.
The following factors were considered during the hearing and deliberation:

A. the students age
B. the student's disciplinary history
C. whether the student has a disability
D. the seriousness of the violation or behavior
E. whether the violation or behavior committed by the student threatened the safety of any student or staff member
F. whether restorative practices will be used to address the violation or behavior
G. whether a lesser intervention would properly address the violation or behavior

Ayes: Robert Hirsch, Cynthia LaGrow, Heidi Ishmael, Doug Kraemer, Nicole Hickmon, William Stowers

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Stowers and supported by Mr. Hirsch to approve the overnight, out-of-state trip during spring break for the Varsity Baseball Team as presented.

Ayes: Cynthia LaGrow, 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 approve the amendments to the 2021-22 General Appropriations Act as presented.

Ayes: Heidi Ishmael, Doug Kraemer, Nicole Hickmon, William Stowers, Robert Hirsch, Cynthia LaGrow

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Mrs. Hickmon to approve a contract with Lakeland Hospital to supply an instructor for PHCA and CNA classes at Coloma High School for the 2021-22 school year as presented.

Ayes: Doug Kraemer, Nicole Hickmon, William Stowers, Robert Hirsch, Cynthia LaGrow, Heidi Ishmael

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Stowers and supported by Mr. Kraemer to approve the resolution as presented to submit a ballot proposition to seek the restoration of millage lost in 2022 as a result of the Headlee Amendment not to exceed 18 mills (operating millage).

Ayes: Nicole Hickmon, William Stowers, Robert Hirsch, Cynthia LaGrow, Heidi Ishmael, Doug Kraemer

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Stowers and supported by Mrs. Hickmon to approve the increase in the lawn service agreement with Precision Cutz as presented.

Ayes: William Stowers, Robert Hirsch, Cynthia LaGrow, Heidi Ishmael, Doug Kraemer, Nicole Hickmon

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Mrs. LaGrow to approve the contract for snow plowing services with Precision Cutz as presented.

Ayes: Robert Hirsch, Cynthia LaGrow, Heidi Ishmael, Doug Kraemer, Nicole Hickmon, William Stowers

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Leach spoke regarding several matters regarding BOE procedures

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Hickmon
Secretary, Board of Education