November 8, 2021

A regular meeting of the Coloma Board of Education was held at the Coloma Junior High School Room 46, on November 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	Robert Hirsch
Apryl Watson	Steve Groendyk
William Stowers	

The following members were absent:

Doug Kraemer	Nicole Hickmon

The following school administrators were present:

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

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Mr. Stowers to adopt the agenda of November 8, 2021.

Ayes: Apryl Watson, William Stowers, Robert Hirsch, Steve Groendyk, Heidi Ishmael

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Communications:
Building/Program Communications:

- High School – Mike Churchill
  NWEA testing went well overall
  Fall sports came to a close and Winter sports are underway
  Senior Night was a success with a make-up dance to follow
  Dual Enrollment Scheduling
  Prom fundraising is underway
  Student spotlight – Riley Davis
- Junior High School – Wendy Tremblay
  Two new staff members – Kevin Renfro and Melissa Andrina
  PLC meeting dug into the NWEA data
  Halloween Dance was Oct 21 with over 120 student in attendance
  Parent Teacher Conferences 49% total attendance
  Turkey Trot coming up this Wednesday
  Go Green Activity will be held week of November 15th

- Intermediate School – Dave Ehlers
  Welcome to Winifred Staffen – New CI principal and Spec Educ Director
- Elementary School – John Klein
  CE and CI students raised $17,521.08 with the Walk-A-Thon
  Fall conference attendance rates were 82% of parents attended
  Nikki Demercado will present CES's Functional Behavior Assessment
  8th Annual Kindness and Compassion Drive is starting soon
  Looking to hire a 2nd grade teacher, and 5 paraprofessionals
- SRO Report – Officer Stuglik

Board Communications:

- Student Representative Report
- Budget to Actual October 2021
- Count Day – Enrollment Update
- ESSER III Stakeholder Survey Results – Dan Mares
- High School Graduation – May 27 at 7:00 PM
- New Buses
- After School Programming Update
- Calendar Change – Nov 23 changed to ½ day for students and staff

- **Information/Discussion**:

  - Maintenance/Custodial Update – Dave Ehlers
  - NEOLA Policy Update – Dave Ehlers
    ~1st Reading PO 0100, 0167.3, 3120, 6114, 6152, 8310, 8320, & 8330
  - Southwestern Athletic Conference Expansion - Wendy Goodline
  - Substitute Teacher Daily Pay Rate – Sara Ashley
  - Amendment to the 2021-22 General Appropriations Act – Sara Ashley
  - 2022 Mackinac Overnight Field Trip – Wendy Tremblay

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 October 21, 2021
B. Approval of the bills
C. Personnel Report

Ayes: William Stowers, Robert Hirsch, Steve Groendyk, Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Groendyk and supported by Ms. Watson to approve the expansion of the Southwestern Athletic Conference to include Bridgman Public Schools, Black River Public Schools, Allegan Public Schools, and South Haven Public Schools for the 2022-23 school year.

Ayes: Robert Hirsch, Steve Groendyk, Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson, William Stowers

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously

It was moved by Ms. Watson and supported by Mr. Hirsch to approve increasing the daily rate of pay for substitute teachers hired through EduStaff to $115.

Ayes: Steve Groendyk, Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson, William Stowers, Robert Hirsch

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously

It was moved by Mr. Stowers and supported by Mr. Groendyk to approve the amendments to the 2021-22 General appropriations Act as presented.

Ayes: Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson, William Stowers, Robert Hirsch, Steve Groendyk

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously

It was moved by Mr. Stowers and supported by Ms. Watson to approve the Mackinac Overnight Field Trip for May 23-25 as presented.

Ayes: Apryl Watson, William Stowers. Robert Hirsch, Steve Groendyk, Heidi Ishmael

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously

It was moved by Ms. Watson and supported by Mr. Hirsch to adopt the mask policy issued by the superintendent on October 31, 2021 through the Emergency Powers Resolution.

Ayes: William Stowers, Robert Hirsch, Steve Groendyk, Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously

Dustin Blaskey spoke regarding CRT and read a portion of the high schools Sociology textbook

Victoria Woodall spoke to advocate for parents to be able to choose regarding mask wearing

Christina Dahlquist spoke regarding unenrolling her son due to masks

Stacy Graffenius spoke regarding masks and their ineffectiveness

Chris Leach spoke to thank the board for sending her the book list and to get information regarding student questionnaires, the ESSER covid plan and covid symptom clarification

The Board went into closed session at 8:02 p.m. and returned to open session at 8:12 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Apryl Watson
Acting Secretary, Board of Education