September 13, 2021

A regular meeting of the Coloma Board of Education was held at the Coloma Junior High School Room 46, on September 13, 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	William Stowers
Apryl Watson	Robert Hirsch
Doug Kraemer	Steve Groendyk
Nicole Hickmon	

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 Mr. Stowers to adopt the agenda of September 13, 2021.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Communications:
Building/Program Communications:

- High School – Mike Churchill
  Students and teachers are settling in their routines
  Summer school is completed with students gaining 32 credits
  Homecoming events are being planned
  NWEA testing is coming up
- Junior High School – Wendy Tremblay
  Summer school update
  67% attendance at open house
  New staff have hit the ground running
  Kagen PD is being put to work daily in the classrooms
  Second Step implementation has begun in RTI
  Go Green incentives start this Friday
  Tank the therapy puppy has been getting acclimated

- Intermediate School – Karra Hafer
  RTI presentation
  New teacher Isaiah Eisel
  NWEA testing coming up
  Homecoming spirit week
- Elementary School – John Klein
  Summer Literacy Pilot
  Year off to a good start with students settling into some routines
  Little Learners started today
  Fall reading benchmark testing and NWEA testing begin next week
  Welcome to new staff
  Still looking for a K Parapro
  RTI presentation

Board Communications:

- Student Representative Report
- Student Count Update
- Bond Refinancing
- MASB Annual Leadership Conference: Nov 11-14 in Grand Rapids
- Academic Goal Reporting for 2021-22 School Year
- Lambert Communications Report August 2021
- MASA conference
- Homecoming Oct 1
- Pay raises – all received at least 6%

- **Information/Discussion**:
  - 2020-21 Audit Report – Michael Evrard of Yeo & Yeo
  - Maintenance/Custodial Update – Dave Ehlers
  - CTE Michigan Merit Credit 2021-22 – Dave Ehlers
  - Lakeland Athletic Trainer Contract – Dave Ehlers
  - Snow Plowing Contract Renewal – Sara Ashley

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

A. Minutes of the special meeting held August 18, 2021
B. Approval of the bills
C. Personnel Report

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Stowers and supported by Mrs. Hickmon to approve Michigan Merit Credits being replaced/exchanged with the state-approved CTE credits for the 2021-22 school year as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously

It was moved by Mr. Groendyk and supported by Mrs. Hickmon to approve the agreement for athletic training services for the 2021-22 school year with Lakeland Hospital at Niles and St. Joseph as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Stowers and supported by Ms. Watson to approve the contract for snow plowing service with Precision Cutz for the 2021-22 school year as presented

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Leach spoke regarding BCHD, masks, vaccinations and testing

Jason Hicks spoke regarding COVID contact tracing and staff FERPA

Deb Frank spoke regarding concerns regarding masks and vaccinations

The Board went into closed session at 8:05 p.m. and returned to open session at 8:54 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Kraemer
Secretary, Board of Education