March 13, 2023

A regular meeting of the Coloma Board of Education was held at the Coloma Junior High School Room 46, in the district, on March 13, 2023. President Heidi Ishmael called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following members were present:

Heidi Ishmael	Nicole Hickmon
Doug Kraemer	Tandy Ulleg

The following members were absent:

Steve Groendyk	Cindy LaGrow
William Stowers	

The following school administrators were present:

David Ehlers	John Klein
Wendy Tremblay	Winnie Staffen
Sara Ashley	

It was moved by Mr. Kraemer and supported by Mrs. Hickmon to adopt the agenda of March 13, 2023.

Ayes: Doug Kraemer, Nicole Hickmon, Tandy Ulleg, Heidi Ishmael

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board went into closed session at 6:00 p.m. and returned to open session at 6:07 p.m.

Communications:
Building/Program Celebrations:

- High School –
  Starfish Award – Kevin VanPeteghem
  NWEA tests completed
  MME update
  Coloma High School band spotlight
  Freshman Orientation held 3/7/23
  NHS filled Easter Eggs for Coloma Rod and Gun Club
  Spring sports season begins 3/13/23
  Marking period ends 3/17/23
  Spring Break is March 20 through March 24

- Junior High –
  Band and Choir festivals
  Parent Teacher Conferences 3/2/23
  NWEA testing and scores
  Threat Assessment Training
  Preparing for state assessments
- Intermediate –
  Comet Choir concert – May 22
  Cooking class was held for students March 4
  Community Art show
  Reading with Royalty
- Elementary –
  March is Reading month
  Roundup for Preschool, Young 5's and Kindergarten
  Family Game Night 4/20/23

Board Communications:

- Student Representative Report
- General Fund Budget to Actual February 2023
- MASB 2023 Winter Institute (Virtual) Feb 24-26
- Kindergarten Round-Up
- February Communication (Lambert) Report
- Return to Learn Plan Review/Update
- Supplemental Policy Update – First Reading
- St Patrick's Day Parade – Congrats and Thanks to transportation dept
- Coloma Elem partnership with Coloma Public Library – reading walk

- **Information/Discussion**:
  - Maintenance/Custodial update – Dave Ehlers
  - 2023-24 School Year Calendar
  - Kagen Cooperative Learning Day 5 – Dave Ehlers
  - Lawn Mowing Bid – Sara Ashley
  - Out-of-State field trips – Dave Ehlers
  - Amendment to the 2022-23 Budget – Sara Ashley

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

A. Minutes of the regular meeting held February 13, 2023
B. Approval of the bills
C. Personnel Report

Ayes: Tandy Ulleg, Heidi Ishmael, Doug Kraemer, Nicole Hickmon

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Kraemer and supported by Mrs. Hickmon to expel Student #1 from Coloma Community Schools for 180 days.
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: Tandy Ulleg, Heidi Ishmael, Doug Kraemer, Nicole Hickmon

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mrs. Hickmon and supported by Mrs. Ulleg to approve the 2023-2024 School Year Calendar as presented.

Ayes: Tandy Ulleg, Heidi Ishmael, Doug Kraemer, Nicole Hickmon

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Kraemer and supported by Mrs. Hickmon to approve the quote from Kagen to provide Cooperative Learning Day #5 on October 9, 2023 for $9,946.

Ayes: Heidi Ishmael, Doug Kraemer, Nicole Hickmon, Tandy Ulleg

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Kraemer and supported by Mrs. Ulleg to approve the lawn mowing bid from Precision Cutz for the 2023 and 2024 mowing seasons at $46,804.80.

Ayes: Doug Kraemer, Nicole Hickmon, Tandy Ulleg, Heidi Ishmael

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mrs. Ulleg and supported by Mr. Kraemer to approve the out-of-state field trips for NHS and the Senior Class as presented.

Ayes: Nicole Hickmon, Tandy Ulleg, Heidi Ishmael, Doug Kraemer

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Kraemer and supported by Mrs. Ulleg to approve the amendments to the 2022-23 General Appropriations Act as presented.

Ayes: Tandy Ulleg, Heidi Ishmael, Doug Kraemer, Nicole Hickmon

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Hearing of the Public:

- Chris Leach – Benton Harbor, MI
- Deb Frank – Coloma, MI

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Hickmon
Secretary, Board of Education