May 14, 2018

A regular meeting of the Coloma Board of Education was held at the Coloma Intermediate School Media Center, in the district, on May 14, 2018. President Heidi Ishmael called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

The following members were present:

Heidi Ishmael	William Stowers
Apryl Watson	Doug LeClear
Doug Kraemer	Nicole Hickmon
Robert Hirsch	

The following school administrators were present:

Peter Bush	Darla England
David Ehlers	Wendy Tremblay
Sara Ashley	John Klein
Peter Olsen	

It was moved by Mr. Kraemer and supported by Mr. Hirsch to adopt the agenda of May 14, 2018.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held in open session regarding a student hearing.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Communications:

Building/Program Communications:

- High School –
  US News and World Report reported CHS as a Bronze School
  Machine Tool/Welding reported as a Program of Outstanding Quality
- Junior High –
  Pennies for Patients raised over $1,300 for Leukemia/Lymphoma Society
  Wrapping up year (8th grade dance/awards/fun night/Honor Club clean up)

- Intermediate –
  Teacher Appreciation – Thanks to PTO/Superintendent/Chartwells
  Buddy Bench update
  5th grade – Five Pines Camp trip
  5th to 6th grade transitions
- Elementary –
  Teacher Appreciation
  Little Learners Graduation 5/24/18
  Field Day
  Family Game Night
  Search underway for Title I teacher and Literacy Coach

Board Communications:

- Sinking Fund Results
- November Election – 3 BOE positions and Millage Renewal
- End-of-Year Activities – Graduation – June 1 -7:00 PM
- Yeo & Yeo engagement letter – 2017-18 Audit
- Thrun Law Firm – Client Seminars – Update
- MASB District Membership – 2018-19
- Proposed School Calendar – 2018-19
- Proposed Board Meeting schedule – 2018-19
- Bus Driver Grievance – Hearing of Grievant

- **Information/Discussion**:

  - Personnel Report/Staffing Update – Pete Bush
  - Maintenance/Custodial Update – Dave Ehlers
  - Enviro-Clean Proposal – Dave Ehlers/Pete Bush
  - Finance/Budget Update – Pete Bush/Sara Ashley
  - Berrien RESA- General Ed & Special Ed Budgets – 2018-19 – Pete Bush
  - Berrien RESA – Business Services Contract Renewal – 2018-19
  - Berrien County 5th Year Early/Middle College Resolution – 2018-21
  - Athletic Insurance Renewal – First Agency – Pete Bush/Sara Ashley
  - NEOLA Policies 0140 & 6325 – Second Reading
  - Timely IEP Data/Report – Darla England
  - Curriculum/Resource Proposal – Reading Program K-5 – John Klein
  - Curriculum/Resource Proposal – 9-12 Math – Pete Bush
  - Technology Purchases – 2018-19 – Chromebooks – Pete Bush
  - Website/Communications Proposal – Edlio/Sangha – Pete Bush
  - Food Service Proposal – Repair/Replace/Renovate – Pete Bush/Shelley Mazigian

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

A. Minutes of the regular meeting held on April 16, 2018
B. Approval of the bills
C. Personnel Report

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. LeClear and supported by Mr. Kraemer to expel student #1 from Coloma Community Schools for 180 school days.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

It was moved by Mr. LeClear and supported by Ms. Watson to table the discussion regarding the bus driver grievance and schedule a future special meeting to render the decision.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Mrs. Hickmon to renew their membership with MASB for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Mr. LeClear to approve the proposed school calendar for the 2018-19 school year per the tentative agreement with the CEA.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. LeClear and supported by Mr. Stowers to approve the proposal with Enviro-clean to hire an additional staff member at the JH/HS at a monthly cost of $3,278.35.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ms. Watson and supported by Mr. Hirsch to adopt a resolution supporting the proposed Berrien RESA general fund operating budget for 2018-19.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Mrs. Hickmon to renew the contract with Berrien RESA to provide a payroll clerk and services for the 2018-19 fiscal year at a cost of $21,855.

Ayes: Robert Hirsch, William Stowers, Doug LeClear, Nicole Hickmon, Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson, Doug Kramer

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mrs. Hickmon and supported by Ms. Watson to adopt a resolution supporting the Berrien County 5th year EMC through the completion of the entering class (2018-21)

Ayes: William Stowers, Doug LeClear, Nicole Hickmon, Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson, Doug Kramer, Robert Hirsch

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. LeClear and supported by Mr. Stowers to renew the athletic insurance policy for the 2018-19 school year with the First Agency for basic coverage at a cost of $18,089.00, and catastrophic coverage at a cost of $1,225.00.

Ayes: Doug LeClear, Nicole Hickmon, Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson, Doug Kramer, Robert Hirsch, William Stowers

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Mrs. Hickmon to approve NEOLA Policy Updates 0140 and 6325 as presented and discussed following the second reading.

Ayes: Nicole Hickmon, Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson, Doug Kramer, Robert Hirsch, William Stowers, Doug LeClear

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ms. Watson and supported by Mrs. Hickmon to approve the proposal to purchase Reading Wonders 2017 from McGraw Hill to serve as our primary reading resource starting the 2018-19 school year at a cost not to exceed $91,915.55.

Ayes: Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson, Doug Kramer, Robert Hirsch, William Stowers, Doug LeClear, Nicole Hickmon

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. LeClear and supported by Mr. Kraemer to approve the proposal to purchase Mathspace to serve as a math resource in our high school for the 2018-19 school year at a cost of $5,400.

Ayes: Apryl Watson, Doug Kramer, Robert Hirsch, William Stowers, Doug LeClear, Nicole Hickmon, Heidi Ishmael

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Stowers and supported by Ms. Watson to approve the purchase of 295 Chromebooks from Presidio (part of the state bid) for student use during the 2018-19 school year at a total cost of $61,065.

Ayes: Doug Kramer, Robert Hirsch, William Stowers, Doug LeClear, Nicole Hickmon, Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mrs. Hickmon and supported by Mr. Kraemer to renew our contract with Edlio for our district website for three additional years at an annual cost of $4,752.00 and to add Edlio's parent communication tool, Sangha, for that three-year term at an annual cost of $3,872.00. Both will expire June 30, 2021.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. LeClear and supported by Ms. Watson to approve the following proposals from the food service funds to improve their services and areas:

- Replace JH cafeteria floor – Migala Rug & Tile - $21,799.78
- Walk-in Cooler/Freezer – C&T Design/Equipment - $52,144.62
- Painting JH/HS Cafeterias – Spreading Colors - $5,606.00
- Café Murals- JH & HS – Candacity, LLC - $36,471.00

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Kraemer and supported by Mr. Hirsch to meet in closed session following the business portion of the meeting for the purposes of discussing the superintendent's evaluation

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

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Stacy Czuba thanked everyone for Teacher Appreciation Week and also Thanks for approving the new reading series.

The Board went into closed session at 8:47 p.m. and returned to open session at 10:09 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Kraemer
Secretary, Board of Education