Cochrane-Fountain City School District Board Meeting in Committee January 15, 2024

Call to Order

Don Baloun called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the high school board room #335. Board members present were Larry Cyrus, Allen Bollinger, Don Baloun, Niki Secrist, and Darrin Dillinger. Michael Ayala arrived at 6:01. Lynn Doelle was absent. Also present were Troy White and Amanda Lacey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Mission Statement was read by Don Baloun.

Don Baloun attested to the publication of the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

Allen Bollinger made a motion to approve the agenda. Darrin Dillinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Connection with the community

- Donation from Terry and Jeanette Duellman in memory of Marlene Jacquart for \$840 for the library.
- Don Baloun and Jeff Hofer donated \$1,000 each towards the purchase of a scissors lift for the C-FC tech ed shop.
- District celebrations and recognitions

District celebrations included: School Board Education Month, USDA School Breakfast Expansion Grant, note from a new substitute teacher, girls basketball is currently in 1st place in the conference, boys basketball is tied for 1st place in the conference, FFA national trip, custom hats made by Emily Ness, and the 5th grade research project.

Information Items

Safety drills

Mr. White gave an overview of Alice safety training, fire safety drills, lockdown drills, and intruder drills.

Personnel report

Mr. White updated the board about the para educator positions.

• Open enrollment limits - Policy 423

Open enrollment for special ed will be voted on at the regular meeting.

• CESA Report

Larry Cyrus gave an overview of Act 20 (Early Literacy) Implementation and discussed the seven school districts going to referendum in February during the primary elections and an additional 21 districts in April.

Discussion Items

Academic Excellence

Essential Learning Outcomes

ELO's are out on the C-FC website under the Curriculum tab. ELO's are organized by grade.

• 4-year-old preschool schedule

The administration and staff are exploring the possibility of extending the 4-year-old preschool schedule to five days a week at the end of February.

• Preliminary 2024-2025 census report

Census information is showing twenty 3-year-olds and twenty-four 4-year-olds for next school year.

Budget forecast and referendum research

Mr. White and the Board continued discussion about the budget forecast, information from the 2017 referendum, and the current state of the district facilities. Mr. White provided information on different facility planning, design, and management companies. He will continue to research the benefits of working with these companies to determine the options and solutions to the district's needs.

Future Agenda Items

ELO updates will be provided on a monthly basis.

Review Timelines and Items for Future Board Agendas and Meetings.

Wednesday	January 24th, 2024	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday	February 5th, 2024	Committee of the Whole	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	February 21st, 2024	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.

Adjourn

Darrin Dillinger made a motion to adjourn. Allen Bollinger seconded the motion. Motion carried at 7:27 p.m.