Cochrane-Fountain City School District Board Meeting in Committee March 11, 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, Darrin Dillinger, Michael Ayala, and Lynn Doelle. Also present were Troy White, Nathan Brandt, Tracy Iberg, Natalie Jasnoch, Amanda McKitty, Thanh Bui-Duquette, Alishia Pronschinske, Cindy Lambert, Amanda Lacey, Sarah Kramer, Tom Hiebert, and Janell Gibson.

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**

Troy White presented the district celebrations.

### **Discussion Items**

- **Design Build companies** Troy White presented information about the 4 companies being considered. Market & Johnson/Wold and ISG/Miron have been narrowed as the top two companies. The superintendent expressed his concern with the district spending up front money at this time. The superintendent and maintenance supervisor will be working on costs with each of these companies and deciding which they will sign an agreement with based on the cost.
- **2024 2025 school calendar** Troy White shared his recommendation to move April 25<sup>th</sup> staff in-service day to April 18<sup>th</sup> to align with the holiday weekend.
- Board of canvassers to certify the election on April 2<sup>nd</sup> Troy White explained the board clerk and one other board member along with the superintendent would need to meet on Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> to canvass (certify) the votes. Niki Secrist and Micheal Ayala volunteered.

### **Information Items**

- Retirement and Other Post Employment Benefit Troy White presented the benefits that remain and the number of employees that could qualify. 5 Teachers, 4 Hourly, and 1 Part Time.
- **District library plan** Troy White presented the plan that Lisa Arneson created which the board will need to approve at the regular meeting.
- **CO-OP & E-sports** Troy White explained the district continues to monitor numbers and the interest of sports with low numbers to coop. Cross country, girls golf, and wrestling will be monitored for potential coop discussion in 2025. Hockey & gymnastics are currently in a coop. An E-Sports interest meeting was held, no students attended. There is another meeting scheduled with additional information provided to students to gauge interest.
- Academic Excellence Data that the staff has been accessing to help guide knowledge or student achievement and help drive their instruction was presented to the board.
- Staffing Troy White informed the Board that Erica Julson was hired to replace Kaitlyn Minea as a speech paraeducator.
- April Board meeting dates Troy White recommended changing the April 1<sup>st</sup> committee meeting to April 8<sup>th</sup> and include the new board member oaths. Troy White also recommended changing the April 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to April 24<sup>th</sup> to allow new board members the opportunity to attend the CESA board training that will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Future Agenda Items**

Summer School

## Review Timelines and Items for Future Board Agendas and Meetings.

Wednesday	March 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday	April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024	Committee of the Whole	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	April 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Regular Meeting (New Board Oaths)	6:00 p.m.
Monday	May 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Special Meeting (Board Organization)	6:00 pm

Committee of the Whole Following the special meeting

## Adjourn

Lynn Doelle made a motion to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. Allen Bohlinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.