Cochrane-Fountain City School District Special Board Meeting August 22, 2023

Don Baloun called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the High School board room #335. Board members present were Allen Bollinger, Larry Cyrus, Darrin Dillinger (virtually), Michael Ayala (virtually), Niki Secrist, Lynn Doelle, and Don Baloun. Other people in attendance were Troy White, Cindy Lambert, and Shaylynn Koldykowski.

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. Lynn Doelle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **Discussion/Possible Action**

- Discuss and consider recommendations to approve the resignation of Kim Zahrte, elementary teacher.
  Don Baloun read the resignation letter from Mrs. Zahrte. Larry Cyrus made a motion to accept the resignation of Kim Zahrte. Allen Bollinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discuss and consider recommendations to hire Rebecca Weber, business education teacher.
  Mr. White provided information and recommended the hiring of Mrs. Weber. Niki Secrist made a motion to hire Rebecca Weber as the business education teacher. Lynn Doelle seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discuss and consider recommendations to hire 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher.
  Mr. White provided information and recommended the hiring of Mary Haake as a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Allen Bollinger made a motion to hire Mary Haake as a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Niki Secrist seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discuss Head Start partnership.

Don Baloun stated that the district had made a mistake in not having any contract or agreement in writing with Head Start and there is work in progress to create a cooperative agreement. The board agreed to create a committee to have ongoing meetings with Head Start and would like the board to think about being on that committee which will be established at the next meeting. This committee would include the board, superintendent, and head start staff. It is clear the board and superintendent do not want Head Start to leave the district. Mr. Baloun read part of the letter sent by Head Start stating that once the school year starts a discussion may be helpful. He also expressed his desire to go meet with the Head Start director to discuss moving forward with the information Mr. White has collected on the cost to renovate the classrooms to be compliant to expand the Head Start infant and toddler program.

Niki Secrist expressed her concern with moving forward with costs until the relationship concerns are resolved and there is an agreement in writing in place.

Allen Bollinger raised his concern that the letter sent to invite Head Start to meet and Head Start's response are contradictory in their interest in meeting.

Darrin Dillinger stated he would want a contract in writing before moving forward.

Micheal Ayala asked if there is a timeline for getting a contract with Head Start. Don Baloun responded we know what path the district wishes to take, but we have no idea what Head Start wants. They decided to wait until the school year gets started as expressed by the letter from Head Start and then meet to discuss their wishes.

## Adiourn

Lynn Doelle made a motion to adjourn the special meeting. Allen Bollinger seconded the motion. Motion carried at 6:26 p.m.