Cochrane-Fountain City School District Special School Board Meeting December 5, 2018

President Don Baloun called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Library. Board members present were Don Baloun, Larry Cyrus, Kalene Engel, Karen Knospe, and Bonnie Breza. Rita Greshik and Dennis Oldendorf were absent. Others present were Thomas Hiebert, Steve Stoppelmoor, Wendy Hiebert, Fayme Evenson, Steve Nehring, Janell Gibson, Thanh Bui-Duquette, and John Nelson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Don Baloun attested to the publication of the meeting.

## **Consideration of Adjustments to the Agenda:**

Kalene Engel made a motion to approve the agenda, Bonnie Breza seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **Curriculum and Programming Topics**: The board received presentations from:

- A. **Tech Ed** John Nelson gave a presentation on his strategic plan, which included updating equipment to be able to have a successful year with the current courses offered. As we move through his plan priorities will be established and budgeted accordingly. It will be a step by step process with definitive direction this spring. The first matter is the FAB LAB grant. The awarding of the grant or not will determine part of the plan implementation. The cleaning and painting of the walls is a definite this summer and will be coordinated with the current renovations. John will be meeting with construction personnel prior the winter break.
- B. **Early Learning Center-** Janell Gibson and Thanh Bui-Duquette presented information about their program at C-FC and how it benefits our District as well as early learners. An advantage to the District is that all the 4K students would have the same expectations and learning opportunities. The consistency should help with preparations for the 5K program and on up. The benefits of federal funding would be helpful for the District.
- C. **District Report Card** Fayme Evenson presented the board with the background information about the School Report Card and the ACT scores and how it can be used as a tool to improve course subject area in K-12. This information will be utilized as we continue with the district wide curriculum process.
- **D. District Testing Schedule** -Mr. Nehring reported on possible changes to the tests the District will be using in the future. We are exploring Star instead of Maps as a possibility. There are constant upgrades in curriculum to meet the current standards being considered. The Forward Exam will again be used this Spring. There are several ideas in progress to prepare our students for the ACT testing. The district testing schedule is crucial and the balancing of the amount of testing we do vs instruction is important. Staff Development days give staff opportunity to review.
- **E. Grad Credits/School Calendar** There has been discussions on changes to Graduation Credits in the future. Mr. Stoppelmoor and Mr. Nehring will research this through staff discussion and curriculum committee work. The board asked Mr. Stoppelmoor to collaborate as best he can a calendar with Alma-Pepin for 2018-2019. Mr. Stoppelmoor also mentioned a possible Dairyland Calendar also in the works.

## **Board Member Resignation**

Kalene Engel made a motion with thanks to approve the resignation of Dennis Oldendorf, seconded by Bonnie Breza. Motion carried.

Kalene Engel made a motion to approve the vacancy announcement as presented, seconded by Larry Cyrus. Motion carried.

## Adjourn:

Kalene Engel made a motion to adjourn at 10:49 p.m., seconded by Karen Knospe. Motion carried.