

Cochrane-Fountain City School District
Regular School Board Meeting
February 19, 2020

President Karen Knospe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the high school library. Board members present were Rita Greshik, Karen Knospe, Kalene Engel, Lynn Doelle, Larry Cyrus, and Areny Bork. Bonnie Breza was absent. Others present were Michele Butler, Steve Stoppelmoor, Don Baloun, and Karen Domine.

President Knospe noted the Mission Statement and The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Karen Knospe attested to the publication of the meeting.

Public Comments/Apearances:

None

Consideration of Adjustments to the Agenda:

Michele Butler requested the retirement request from Kathleen Oesau be moved to the closed session and that comments would be made about youth options, but no action would be taken by the Board. Kalene Engel made a motion to approve the agenda with the requested changes, seconded by Rita Greshik. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve the Board of Education minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 15, 2020 and Special Board Meetings on January 9, 2020 and January 29, 2020.**
- B. Approve the January 15, 2020 – February 19, 2020 vouchers.**
- C. Approve retirement requests from Steven Lyga, Physical Education and Health Teacher; Barbara Bice, Librarian; and Kathleen Oesau, Family and Consumer Education Teacher.**

Rita Greshik made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended, seconded by Lynn Doelle. Motion carried.

Reports:

A. Principal Report

- 1. Early Release Schedule** – Mr. Stoppelmoor introduced four options for an extended learning period at different times during the day along with different period times. He also explained the reasoning for an early release schedule.
- 2. Youth Options Request** – Mr. Stoppelmoor explained the youth options request would be moved to an internal committee by policy dictates.
- 3. AGR Report** – Mr. Stoppelmoor explained the handout of the latest test results for the achievement gap reduction performance as required by the state.

B. Superintendent Report

- 1. 2020-21 Calendar Options** – Ms. Butler gave the board an update on possible calendars for the next school year. More data is going to be gathered before the March meeting.
- 2. Personnel Report** – Ms. Butler updated the Board on staff changes. Bev Andre was hired as a food service worker; Wendy Schmitt was hired as a SPED paraprofessional, and Tracy Iberg resigned as assistant track coach.

C. CESA Report – Larry Cyrus reported on the last CESA meeting. Topics included: technical grant, work release, new services offered by CESA for the upcoming year, and DPI's upcoming legislative meetings.

D. State Convention Report -- Karen Knospe was the district's voting delegate. She also talked about the rural school alliance, and WASBO. Larry Cyrus focused his report on mental health issues in schools.

Old Business:

A. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

1. POC

Larry Cyrus explained the HVAC system changes to make it more efficient with lower humidity levels in the school. He also talked about tuck pointing and what is left in the budget for other projects.

B. Standing Committee Reports

1. Communications

The plan for the February 25, 2020 public meeting was discussed.

2. Human Resources – Job Descriptions

The updated job descriptions were presented to the Board. Kalene Engel made a motion to approve the job descriptions. Lynn Doelle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Curriculum

Larry Cyrus requested a presentation on mental health-what is currently being done and what is being considered for the future.

4. Policy

a. Approve the following policies:

(i). 352 – Field Trips

(ii). 352.1 – District-Sponsored Trips/Activities Involving Long Distance Travel or an Overnight Stay

b. Approve the following policy update:

(i). 522.1 – Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace

c. Administrative notification to delete the following exhibit:

(i). 342.7 – Services/Program for English Learners – Home Language Survey (exhibit)

Kalene Engel explained the above policies that were discussed at the last policy committee meeting. Larry Cyrus made a motion to accept the policy additions changes are presented. Areny Bork seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

A. Finance & Budget Committee Organization

A finance and budget committee was established. Larry Cyrus, Lynn Doelle, and Kalene Engel are Board members on the committee. Larry Cyrus will be the chairperson. The first meeting will be March 25, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Recognitions:

-4th graders and Mr. Strutt for singing the National Anthem at the boys basketball game

-Sol Simon for looking for other options for a student to compete at a science fair who couldn't go to the Winona science fair.

-PBIS committee for staff health and wellness day

-Garek Barum for his referendum work

Future Business Items:

Presentation by Mr. Williams

Work release program

Presentation by Cheryl Gullicksrud CESA 4 administrator

Presentation by Janice from The Insurance Center

Review Timeline and Items for Future Board Agendas and Meetings:

A. Saturday, February 22	V.F.W. Post 10406 Appreciation Dinner	5:00 p.m.
B. Tuesday, February 25	Community Outreach Meeting	6:00 p.m.
C. Wednesday, February 26	Committee Meeting: Human Resources	4:00 p.m.
D. Wednesday, March 18	Regular Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.

Kalene Engel made a motion to move to closed session at 8:04. Larry Cyrus seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Closed Session-Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute Section 19.85(1) (c) for the purpose of consideration of potential employee changes of School District employees over which the School Board exercises responsibility.

Report closed session action: It was announced that Kathy Oesau's request for retirement with retirement benefits was granted.

Adjourn: The Board adjourned on a motion by Kalene Engel, seconded by Rita Greshik at 9:21 p.m. Motion carried.