

Board of Education
Cochrane-Fountain City School District
Special School Board Meeting - Committee of the Whole Minutes
January 7, 2021

Board members present: Larry Cyrus, Bonnie Breza, Kalene Engel, Lynn Doelle, Karen Knospe. Rita Greshik attended by Zoom. Jo-Ellen Fairbanks also attended.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Kalene Engel moved to accept the agenda with the addition of a report from WASB. Karen Knospe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasure Trove giving circle gathered donations of \$21,460.00. With the 20% match, the current balance is \$25,752.00. The deadline for donations to earn the 20% contribution has been extended to January 26.

The schedule for superintendent evaluation was shared and is ready to present at the business meeting.

Multiple options for transfer credits were presented and discussed. Our superintendent will continue to evaluate the effectiveness and feasibility of each and report back to us.

Options available for continuation of FCCLA and emergency sick leave were presented and discussed. Our superintendent will take our responses into consideration and present a recommendation at the January business meeting.

The need for and planned use for two additional in-service days (3/3/21 and 4/21/21) during second semester were explained. The members agreed with the recommendation. Quick notifications to families will be important.

Members explored options for how to distribute funds that were previously approved for personnel expenses in the budget, as state funding did not decrease as much as anticipated and COVID-related personnel expenses are less than anticipated. Our superintendent will consider the options and verify the availability of funds. She will present a proposal to us at the January business meeting.

Needs and plans for future special education staffing and services were shared. Members will be updated as plans develop.

The opening for the vacant school board seat will be posted. Effort will be made to fill the vacancy by the February meetings.

School board was updated by Larry Cyrus, our representative, about the goals and meetings of the SAT.

Timelines for any staff non-renewals were examined.

Up to three snow days that might happen in the second semester will be used as in-service days for staff and non-school days for students.

Topics were suggested for future special meetings.

At 8:54, Kalene Engel moved to go into closed session for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Larry Cyrus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 10:32 Kalene Engel made the motion to return to open session. Lynn Doelle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator contracts and teacher compensation were discussed, and recommendations will be prepared to present at the regular January business meeting.

Lynn Doelle made the motion to adjourn at 10:34. Kalene Engel seconded the motion. Motion carried.