Cochrane-Fountain City School District Regular School Board Meeting November 20, 2024

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the high school board room #335 by Darrin Dillinger. Board members present were Larry Cyrus, Lynn Doelle, Amanda Lacey, Darrin Dillinger, Michael Ayala, Nathan Brandt, and Lisa Wolfe. Others present were Troy White, Karen Domine, and Cindy Lambert.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Darrin Dillinger read the Mission Statement.

Darrin Dillinger attested to the publication of the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

Lisa Wolfe made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Michael Ayala. Motion carried.

Connection with the community

District celebrations and recognitions

Mr. White noted the recognitions that were included in the board packet. Items added include Dairyland all-conference football players, Kaleb Ellis winning at the national FFA convention, cross country girls participating at state, and the volleyball team for their winning season.

Public Comments/Appearances

None.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Board of Education minutes from the regular board meeting on October 16, 2024.
- Approval of Board of Education minutes from the special board meeting on October 28, 2024.
- Approval of October 17, 2024 November 20, 2024, vouchers
- Approval of 2025-26 School Calendar

Amanda Lacey made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Nathan Brandt. Motion carried.

Reports and discussion

CESA Report

Larry Cyrus noted items discussed at the last CESA meeting. Some of the topics mentioned were that the amount of money going into vouchers was concerning, the CESA strategic plan, the state education convention in January, and universal meals for students.

District and school report cards

Mr. White explained the current district and school report cards. The link is available on the school's website. He also explained the handouts simplifying the report cards.

Budget forecast

Mr. White showed the Board the Baird budget forecast model with scenarios until the 2029-30 school year.

• Winter coaches and advisors

The coaches and advisors list was included in the packet and discussed.

School Board Election Schedule

The dates for returning paperwork for both candidates running and choosing not to run were noted on the schedule that was included in the board packet.

• Retirement of Karen Pehler, School Secretary

Mr. White informed the board of Karen Pehler's plan to retire at the end of the 2024-25 school year.

District Audit

The district audit was completed, and copies were given to the board. The audit will be discussed and approved at the December meeting.

Discuss, consider, and take action, if appropriate, regarding strategic initiatives

Discuss and consider the recommendation to approve the retirement of Elizabeth Hoffmaster, School Nurse.
Larry Cyrus made a motion to accept the retirement of Elizabeth Hoffmaster, School Nurse. Michael Ayala seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Future Agenda Items

Discuss the WASB resolutions Food service report (universal meals)

Review Timelines and Items for Future Board Agendas and Meetings.

Monday	December 9, 2024	Committee of the Whole	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	December 18, 2024	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday	January 6, 2025	Committee of the Whole	6:00 p.m.

Adjourn

Michael Ayala made a motion to adjourn at 7:26 p.m., seconded by Larry Cyrus. Motion carried.