Cochrane-Fountain City School District Special School Board Meeting March 11, 2024

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 by Don Baloun.

Roll Call

Board members present were Larry Cyrus, Allen Bollinger, Don Baloun, Niki Secrist, Darrin Dillinger, Michael Ayala, and Lynn Doelle. Also in attendance were Troy White, Nathan Brandt, Tracy Iberg, Natalie Jasnoch, Amanda McKitty, Thanh Bui-Duquette, Alishia Pronschinske, Cindy Lambert, Amanda Lacey, Sarah Kramer, Tom Hiebert, and Janell Gibson.

Statement of Notice Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 19.84

Don Baloun attested to the notice being posted pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 19.84.

Move to closed session.

Don Baloun read the statement on the agenda giving reason for the board to enter into closed session per state statute.

Darrin Dillinger made a motion to move to closed session at 6:55 p.m. Niki Secrist seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reconvene in Open Session

Larry Cyrus made a motion to move into open session at 8:07 p.m. Micheal Ayala seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board president stated the board approved the closed session minutes of January 29th. The board will release the closed session minutes to the two parties who requested the minutes and to the public. The Board president read the statement below regarding the definition of a non-extension of an administrative contract.

Contract Non-Extension

- A school board may take affirmative steps to notify the administrator that their contract will not be extended.
- A decision not to extend a contract is entirely at the discretion of the school board. There can be a variety
 of reasons that a Board decides not to extend a contract such as a new superintendent wanting to keep
 his/her staffing options open in the future; or it could be a hint that there are performance issues or
 personality conflicts.
- There is no process to challenge a non-extension nor is an administrator entitled to due process since there is still time left on the contract and there is similarly no deprivation of the economic benefits of the contract. This means that administrators are not legally entitled to notice of the reasons for the non-extension, or the opportunity to challenge the reason.

If the Board votes not to permit a contract to extend, or fails to take action to extend a contract, the Board must still comply with all the statutory non-renewal requirements (and deadlines) for providing preliminary and final notices of contract non-renewal during the final year of the contract. If it fails to do so, the contract will automatically extend for a period of two years pursuant to statute.

Adjourn

Niki Secrist made a motion to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Allen Bollinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.