Cochrane-Fountain City School District Board Meeting in Committee January 15, 2024

Call to Order

Don Baloun called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the high school board room #335. Board members present were Larry Cyrus, Allen Bollinger, Don Baloun, Niki Secrist, and Darrin Dillinger. Michael Ayala arrived at 6:01. Lynn Doelle was absent. Also present were Troy White and Amanda Lacey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Mission Statement was read by Don Baloun.

Don Baloun attested to the publication of the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

Allen Bollinger made a motion to approve the agenda. Darrin Dillinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Connection with the community

- Donation from Terry and Jeanette Duellman in memory of Marlene Jacquart for \$840 for the library.
- Don Baloun and Jeff Hofer donated \$1,000 each towards the purchase of a scissors lift for the C-FC tech ed shop.
- District celebrations and recognitions

District celebrations included: School Board Education Month, USDA School Breakfast Expansion Grant, note from a new substitute teacher, girls basketball is currently in 1st place in the conference, boys basketball is tied for 1st place in the conference, FFA national trip, custom hats made by Emily Ness, and the 5th grade research project.

Information Items

Safety drills

Mr. White gave an overview of Alice safety training, fire safety drills, lockdown drills, and intruder drills.

Personnel report

Mr. White updated the board about the para educator positions.

Open enrollment limits – Policy 423

Open enrollment for special ed will be voted on at the regular meeting.

• CESA Report

Larry Cyrus gave an overview of Act 20 (Early Literacy) Implementation and discussed the seven school districts going to referendum in February during the primary elections and an additional 21 districts in April.

Discussion Items

• Academic Excellence

Essential Learning Outcomes

ELO's are out on the C-FC website under the Curriculum tab. ELO's are organized by grade.

4-year-old preschool schedule

The administration and staff are exploring the possibility of extending the 4-year-old preschool schedule to five days a week at the end of February.

• Preliminary 2024-2025 census report

Census information is showing twenty 3-year-olds and twenty-four 4-year-olds for next school year.

• Budget forecast and referendum research

Mr. White and the Board continued discussion about the budget forecast, information from the 2017 referendum, and the current state of the district facilities. Mr. White provided information on different facility planning, design, and management companies. He will continue to research the benefits of working with these companies to determine the options and solutions to the district's needs.

Future Agenda Items

ELO updates will be provided on a monthly basis.

Review Timelines and Items for Future Board Agendas and Meetings.

| Wednesday | January 24th, 2024 | Regular Meeting | 6:00 p.m. |
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| Monday | February 5th, 2024 | Committee of the Whole | 6:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday | February 21st, 2024 | Regular Meeting | 6:00 p.m. |

Adjourn

Darrin Dillinger made a motion to adjourn. Allen Bollinger seconded the motion. Motion carried at 7:27 p.m.

CESA 4 Agency Administrator's Report to the Board - 1.3.24

CESA 4 Activities and Regional News

- 1. I have had an initial meeting with Yaribel Rodriguez in regards to her leading some Strategic Planning and Needs Assessment work for CESA 4. We have developed a schedule of meetings throughout the spring to assist in preparing for the work with the agency to begin in June. We began with identifying our current reality which is that the agency is growing in terms of employees and responsibilities. We also indicated that there is no Strategic Plan currently in place for the agency, and that is an area of need to assist us in developing long term goals. The first steps involve gathering data in regards to district engagement in our services as well as cumulative data regarding purchased services from all 26 of our school districts. This first set of data is currently being assembled and will be shared with Yaribel prior to our next meeting in February. At that meeting we will review the data and continue to develop future goals and next steps to keep the work moving forward.
- 2. As of this writing, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction is aware of seven districts holding a referendum in February as part of the primary elections. The spring election for April is slated to have twenty-one districts going to referendum. As of this writing, there was not a breakdown as to whether the referendums were for operations or capital improvement projects. The only referendum that I am aware of locally is in the Sparta Area School District.
- 3. As part of the Act 20 (Early Literacy) Implementation, a timeline for districts was created for planning purposes. The timeline laid out various tasks that should be completed by districts so that they remain on track for full implementation by 2025. As we approach the spring of 2024, implementation tasks are going to expand so that it is important that districts are monitoring the deadlines. The main task that should be happening as role into the spring of 2024 is that district's should be determining what their early literacy curriculum should be for the 2024-2025 school year. This may include the need for the districts to update their formally-adopted academic standards in reading and writing. The deadline for school boards to establish/confirm their 2024-2025 academic standards is July, 2024.
- 4. The Legislative Breakfast remains scheduled for Friday, March 1, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. This is part of our monthly PAC meeting. We are changing up the format a bit in that we will be having an informal breakfast and networking from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. At 9:30 a.m. we will have a formal question and answer session with our legislators, allowing time for our Superintendents to share their districts stories, as well as asking any questions they may have. In turn, the legislators will then be given an opportunity to share their platform and ask any questions they may have for our administrators in attendance. At this time, we have received confirmation that Representative Doyle, Representative Billings, and Representative Oldenburg will be in attendance.

Support Staff

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Role</u> | Notes |
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| Lisa Bushman | Paraeducator | FMLA for remainder of school year. |
| Lori Senn | Paraeducator | Plans to retire at the end of the school year. |
| Carissa Bollinger | Paraeducator | Hired for Lisa Bushman |
| Tammy Kupietz | Paraeducator | Hired for Jacki Armstrong |