Cochrane-Fountain City School District Regular School Board Meeting January 26, 2022

President Karen Knospe called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library. Board members present were Karen Knospe, Lynn Doelle, Bonnie Breza, Don Baloun Larry Cyrus, and Kalene Engel. Rita Greshik arrived late. Others present were Jo-Ellen Fairbanks, Karen Domine, Steve Stoppelmoor, Dawn Powers, Neil Isakson, Theresa Henderson, Carrie Adams, Dan Rolbecki, Garek Barum, Savannah Sixty, and Niki Secrest.

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

Karen Knospe attested to the publication of the meeting.

Public Comments/Appearances

None.

Consideration of Adjustments to the Agenda

Addendums added to the agenda under the Information Items, letter G. COVID update, under Discussion Items, letter A. Scheduling, under Action Items, letter G. Communications and under Future Agenda Items, communication, curriculum, priorities, and staffing. Don Baloun made a motion to approve the updated agenda. Kalene Engel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Board of Education minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on December 15, 2021.
- **B.** Approval of Board of Education minutes from the Special Board Meetings on January 6 and January 10, 2022.
- C. Approval of December 16, 2021 January 26, 2022 vouchers.

Don Baloun made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Bonnie Breza seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Recognitions/Donations

A. \$40 Bridget Ruehmann (In Memory of Roger Ruehmann) for books about motorcycles.

B. \$300 Ashley Charitable Foundation to Vex Robotics

C. \$162 Treasure Trove for Voter Registration event

The above list of recognitions/donations was read by Karen Knospe.

Information Items

A. Principal's Report

Mr. Stoppelmoor gave the Board an update on senior work experience. There are currently 22 seniors enrolled in this program. Each student must work a minimum of 10 hours per week.

B. Special Education Director's Report

Dawn Powers explained to the Board how many students each special education teacher had on their caseload with estimates for next year based on known current information. She also explained what each special education paraprofessional did.

C. Superintendent's Report

1. Personnel Report

Dr. Fairbanks told the Board about position changes for Karen Lane and Bonnie Bork. Ashin Marquardt was hired as a substitute teacher and registrar interviews will be taking place on January 24, 2022. Dr. Fairbanks also said she would be teaching a substitute teacher training on January 27 and 28, 2022.

D. CESA Report

Larry Cyrus gave the Board an update including: CESA catalog updates, budgets, CESA not raising fees for next year, and a new CESA leader.

E. SAT Report

Dr. Fairbanks told the Board about the last SAT meeting. The main topic was declining enrollment. There were community members present to talk about the need for more housing to draw people into our communities.

F. Convention Report

Kalene Engel talked about the sessions she attended at the convention. They included: voting at the delegate assembly, conflict resolution, mental health, key works of school boards, and superintendent evaluations.

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Larry Cyrus attended sessions about navigating discussion when stakes are high including emotions, opposing views, and constructive dialogue. He also attended sessions on learner centered practices, and board interactions.

G. COVID Update

Dr. Fairbanks told the Board there was a surge in COVID cases after the winter break. There were staff and students who tested positive as well as both in quarantine.

Action Items

A. Discuss and consider recommendation to move forward with plan to replace the district's diesel fuel tank.

Don Baloun made a motion to move forward with the plan to replace the diesel fuel tank at a cost of \$113,570 as proposed with the removal of the old tank. Kalene Engel seconded the motion. After discussion, motion carried.

B. Discuss and consider recommendation to approve Option #3 regarding structure of the defeasance.

Kalene Engel made a motion to approve Option #3 regarding structure of the defeasance. Don Baloun seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Discuss and consider recommendation to approve adoption of Policy 423 Rule 1 Full-time Open Enrollment Procedures.

Don Baloun made a motion to approve adoption of Policy 423 Rule 1 Full-time open enrollment procedures as presented. Kalene Engel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Discuss and consider recommendation to approve no space availability limits for regular education open enrollment seats in grades pK-12 and 8 seats available in the speech and language services in grades pK-12 for the 2022-23 school year, based on the criteria outlined in Board Policy 423 and Rule 423 - 1. There are no open enrollment seats available in any other special education services at any grade level.

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Occupational Therapy	0
Physical Therapy	0
Speech and Language	8

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Larry Cyrus seconded the motion. After discussion, motion carried.

E. Discuss and consider recommendation to reschedule the February 3rd Committee of the Whole Meeting (proposed date Feb 10th)

Kalene Engel made a motion to reschedule the February committee meeting to February 10, 2022. Larry Cyrus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

F. Discuss and consider recommendation to engage WASB consultant for governance services Kalene Engel recommended engaging a WASB consultant for governance services. Larry Cyrus made a motion to consider the consultant. Lynn Doelle seconded the motion. After discussion, on a roll call vote the decision was made to hire the consultant. February 26, 2022 was set as the meeting date.

G. Communication

Bonnie Breza recommended communication in the form of a letter with some staff members. The Board was going to look at this issue at a later date.

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Discussion Items

A. Scheduling

Larry Cyrus asked Steve Stoppelmoor to explain what a regular day looks like for a high school teacher. Mr. Stoppelmoor explained a regular day including prep time, lunch time, ACP with homeroom teacher, and PLC time on Wednesdays.

Future Agenda Items

Fundraising – TBD Co-Curriculars – TBD

Staff Recognition – TBD Review Strategic Plan – TBD

Additional agenda items added: communication, staffing, curriculum, priorities, contract negotiations, and promoting the school.

Review Timeline and Items for Future Board Agendas and Meetings

- A. Thursday, February 3-10, 2022
- B. Wednesday, February 16, 2022
- **C.** Saturday, February 26, 2022
- D. Thursday, March 3, 2022
- E. Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Committee of the Whole6:00 p.m.Regular Meeting6:00 p.m.WASB Consultant Meeting6:00 p.m.Committee of the Whole6:00 p.m.Regular Meeting6:00 p.m.

Don Baloun made a motion to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. Kalene Engel seconded the motion. Motion carried.