

Board of Education
Cochrane-Fountain City School District
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Karen Knospe.

Board members in attendance: Karen Knospe, Larry Cyrus, Lynn Doelle, Kalene Engel, and Bonnie Breza. Don Baloun arrived a little late. Rita Greshik was absent. Also in attendance: Dr Jo-Ellen Fairbanks and Del Plank.

Kalene Engel made the motion to accept the agenda after the addition of updates on the Treasure Trove golf tournament and the community visioning meetings were added to the agenda in the information items section. Lynn Doelle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The preliminary Ready to Learn plan for fall was shared seeking input. The hope is to have a plan ready for action at the July business meeting - considering the latest direction from the CDC and Buffalo County Health Department.

Compensation plans for professional and support staff were again shared along with answers to questions generated from staff. Present plan will be finalized and presented for action at the July business meeting.

State aid and revenue limits were explained as they exist in the current state budget. There will be tax relief for landowners but there will not be an increase in monies for schools. This will probably seriously impact funding in the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Three policies were presented and discussed. Action will be taken on these at the July business meeting.

An initial annual plan for board action was presented. It was agreed that this will help us meet deadlines and keep us focused. Some additional issues were suggested for placement on the calendar.

Each school board member completed a survey expressing successes and challenges with the current method of superintendent evaluation. A report of results will be shared.

The Treasure Trove golf tournament is July 25, 2021. Generous responses from community persons and businesses have been received. Should be very successful. Workers and donations are still needed and gratefully received.

Community Visioning meetings will be held next week July 14 and 15 from 6:00 to about 9:00 pm. Structure of the meetings was shared. We are hoping for a wide variety of participants on each evening.

Kalene Engel made the motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Lynn Doelle seconded the motion. Motion carried.