

Board of Education
Cochrane-Fountain City School District
Committee of the Whole Meeting
March 3, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by President Karen Knospe.

School board members present: Karen Knospe, Larry Cyrus, Don Baloun, Kalene Engel, Lynn Doelle, Bonnie Breza, Rita Greshik. Also present: Superintendent Jo-Ellen Fairbanks.

Larry Cyrus moved and Kalene Engel seconded the motion to accept the agenda with the addition of the item that we discuss potential opportunities for school board members to assist our new tech ed teacher. Motion carried.

Survey results were shared showing teacher responses to most recent changes to the Ready to Learn plan.

Adjusted 22-23 and 23-24 school calendars were shared showing changes made based on staff input and parent preferences.

School board elections results will be canvassed at 5:30 pm on Thursday, April 7th before the next committee of the whole meeting. Dr Fairbanks, Karen Knospe and Bonnie Breza will do the canvassing.

Elected school board members will take the oath of office at 6:00 pm on Monday, April 25th, at the beginning of the annual organizational meeting.

\$78,000 has been earmarked in the budget to purchase a one-year-old bus from Stanley Boyd schools. Even with fewer students, we are not able to operate with fewer buses because of the geographic layout of our district.

Rural Virtual Academy was presented as a source that could enable us to offer multiple educational options to our students that our size prohibits us from offering on site.

More information will be coming about the viability of livestreaming our meetings in the future.

Updates to the staff handbook were presented that would give specific guidelines to staff for how to bring forward issues that they want addressed.

Current superintendent evaluation form was shared.

For the business meeting on March 16th, each board member is to bring the goals they want to assess over the 22-23 school year with any suggestions for a different process or changes to the current process. Many ideas were presented on what and how to share to make the transition to board service easier for new members and refresh the knowledge of current board members.

Suggestions were shared for how we might assist the new tech ed teacher in his building and updating of the curriculum.

Status of each category of expenditures within the 21-22 school budget was updated.

As part of the March business meeting, Andrea Robinson will share with us the new reading series chosen. Mrs McKay will also update us on the current MAPS results.

In April, representatives of each action plan team will update the progress made during the year.

Kalene Engel moved and Don Baloun seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:50 pm. Motion carried.