

**CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL**  
**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**February 26, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wittenberg at 7:00 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Corey Petterson, Scott Abel, Dudley Wishard & Randy Bodensteiner. Absent: Jill Nelson & Kayla Walberg. Also present: Superintendent Ryan Grow, Principal Josh Tharaldson, staff and community members.

3 **Community Comments** – None

4 **Spotlight on Education** – Mr. Bettin gave a power point presentation of activities that have taken place since the last board meeting.

5 **Approval of Agenda** – MMS Peterson/Bodensteiner to approve agenda as presented. MCU.

6 **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings** – MMS Wittenberg/Petterson to approve minutes as presented. MCU

6.1 1/22/24 – Regular Meeting

7 **Informational Items**

7.1 **Principals Report** –Principal Tharaldson presented the report and discussed the following items: A) **Resolution from Indian Education Parent Advisory Committee** – Principal Tharaldson discussed the resolution that will be brought up for approval later in the meeting. B) **Parent/Teacher Conferences** – Conferences were held on Thursday afternoon & Friday morning. Overall, the turnout was comparable to previous conferences. The High School will hold one more conference on 4/11/24. C) **Book Fair** – Will be held this week in the library. D) – **NAEP Testing** – Our school was selected to represent schools across the nation. Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade class and seniors will be taking the test.

7.2 **Superintendent Report** – Supt. Grow discussed the following items: 1) **Personnel** – A) **Open Positions** – FT Custodial, Jr High Baseball Coach, and FT Cook. B) **MSEA** – They have indicated their desire to negotiate a contract. C) **Bus Driver Appreciation** – February 21<sup>st</sup> was Bus Driver Appreciation Day. Thank you to the drivers that drive our students to and from school, extracurricular activities and everything in between. Your dedication and desire to transport students is greatly appreciated. 2) **Educational** – A) **Charps Partnership** – This is going well! Brandon & Tyler come Monday, Wednesday & Friday for 1-2 hours to help teach welding skills. The students are receptive & appreciate their help. Charps has also donated time, supplies and equipment for which we thank them. B) **READ Act** – We are working on identifying our Phase 1 staff members to report to MDE to begin the Science of Reading Training. 3) **Legislative** – A) **Session** – the 2024 session convened on 2/12/24 and will continue until 5/20/24. Some upcoming bills were reviewed. 4) **Financial** – A) **A & I Budget** – Due 3/15/24. Recent communication with MDE indicates the status of our district has changed from an Adjoining District to a Racially Identified District. 5) **Building/Grounds** – A) **MacNeil Environmental** – Was previously contracted to work with the district for our health & safety protocols. They have not fulfilled the obligations of the contract for over a year, so we are no longer contracting with them, but will contract for services through the NW Service Cooperative. B) **Dust Collector Piping** – This window was never properly finished some years ago and is probably going to be a summer project. C) **Bathroom Vanities** – These need to be upgraded & replaced. Since the bond referendum did not pass, but these items need attention, board feedback on proceeding or holding off is being sought.

7.3 **Committee Report -**

7.3.1 Transportation – An update was given by Supt Grow & Board Member Wishard.

7.4 Enrollment Report – As of 2/20/24, our enrollment Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade was 528. This was an increase of 4 students over the total on 1/19/24, which was 524.

8 **Consent Calendar** – MMS Wishard/Abel to approve Consent Calendar as presented. MCU.

8.1 Approval of Bills Presented – All Funds

Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings:	72353-72416/Wires
Payroll Checks/Direct Deposit	0030515-0030516
February Bills	Voucher Numbers: 70074-70162
	Check Numbers: 72417-72469

Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$784,714.75

8.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions

8.3 Approval of Treasurer’s Report

8.4 Accept/Approve Donations

8.5 Student Activity Report

9 **Old Business**

9.1 **Custodial Dept** – An update was given. Discussion was held

10 **New Business**

10.1 **Consider Hiring Brittany Lefebvre as JH Softball Coach for the 2023-24 Season** – MMS Abel/Petterson to approve. MCU.

10.2 **Consider Hiring Andrew Anderson as JH Softball Coach for the 2023-24 Season** – MMS Petterson/Bodensteiner to approve. MCU

10.3 **Consider Hiring Tate Maesse as JH Baseball Coach for the 2023-24 Season** – MMS Bodensteiner/Wittenberg to approve. MCU

10.4 **Consider Accepting the Resignation of Brianna Bishop, Cook** – MMS Wittenberg/Bodensteiner to accept. MCU

Mr. Grow thanked Brianna for her short time with the district.

10.5 **Consider Accepting the Resignation of Sarah Goudge, Asst Track & Field Coach** – MMS Peterson/Wittenberg to accept. MCU

Mr. Grow & the board thanked Sarah for her service as a coach.

10.6 **Consider Hiring Kristopher Rue as Career & Technical Ed Teacher for the 2024-2025 School Year** – MMS Abel/Petterson to approve. MCU.

- 10.7 **Consider Hiring Dennis Bower, Custodian** – MMS Petterson/Bodensteiner to approve, contingent on the results of a background check. MCU.
- 10.8 **Consider Approving the American Indian Parent Advisory Annual Compliance/Vote of Concurrence or Nonconcurrence** – MMS Petterson/Wittenberg to approve. MCU.
- 10.9 **Consider Ratifying the Notice of Desire to Negotiate with MSEA** – MMS Wittenberg/Abel to ratify. MCU.
- 10.10 **Consider the Purchase of a 2022 School Bus** – MMS Petterson/Bodensteiner to approve. Discussion was held. MCU.
- 10.11 **Consider Setting an Enrollment Cap on Specific Grades for the Remainder of the 2023-2024 School Year** – MMS Wittenberg/Peterson to set cap for the remainder of the 23-24 school year on the following grades: 4<sup>th</sup> – 24, 5<sup>th</sup> – 51, 6<sup>th</sup> – 40, & 7<sup>th</sup> – 47. MCU.

11 **Community Questions to the Board of Education Regarding Agenda Items** – Questions were asked and answered.

12 **Future Meetings**

12.1 Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, March 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

13 **Adjournment** – MMS Bodensteiner/Petterson to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. MCU.