

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
March 20, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wittenberg at 7:01 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Vern Wittenberg, Kayla Walberg, Jill Nelson, Dudley Wishard, Scott Abel, Randy Bodensteiner, and Corey Petterson (arrived at 7:41p.m.) - Absent: Also present: Superintendent Ryan Grow, Principal Josh Tharaldson, staff and community members

3 **Community Comments** – None

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

5 **Approval of Agenda** – MMS Bodensteiner/Walberg to add item 6.2 – 3/14/23 Meeting Minutes. MCU. MMS Nelson/Abel to approve agenda as amended. MCU.

6 **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting** – MMS Bodensteiner/Wishard to approve minutes as presented. MCU.

6.1 2/27/23 – Regular Meeting

6.2 3/14/23 – Special Meeting

7 **Informational Items**

7.1 **Principals Report** –Principal Tharaldson presented the report, and discussed the following items: A) **Backpack Buddies Food Program** – Principal Tharaldson explained the program. B) **MCA Tests** – Principal Tharaldson advised that MCA testing will start on April 3rd, and gave a rundown of the different tests by each grade. C) **Summer School/Enrichment** – Summer school/enrichment will take place from June 6th – 30th for K-6. We are currently working on staffing the program. D) – **Preschool Screening** – Screening was held on March 7th & 8th. Principal Tharaldson reviewed the program, and thanked Stacie Petterson, Andrea Millar, Mary Springer & Clearwater Nursing Service for their work on this. E) – **Prom** – Principal Tharaldson reviewed the plans for the day and evening of Prom.

7.2 **Superintendent Report** – Supt. Grow discussed the following items: 1) **Personnel** – A) **ADSIS** – Julie Johnson has accepted the K-3 Reading Interventionist position, starting in the 23-24 school year. B) **Elementary Positions** – Three external candidates were interviewed for the anticipated open elementary position. As a courtesy to current staff, we have asked if anyone is interested in transferring to Kindergarten. As of today, no one on staff is interested in the position, and the interview committee has made an offer to one of the external candidates, which has been verbally accepted. C) **Open Positions** – We currently have open positions for a FT custodian, and extra-curricular bus drivers. 2) **Educational** – A) **Pre-Referendum Planning** – As part of the pre-referendum planning ATSR has recommended forming an executive committee & a steering committee. Supt Grow reviewed those types of committees. B) **MCA Testing** – Will start on April 3rd. C) **Summer Learning/Enrichment** – This opportunity will be offered during the month of June. The summer food program will be offered during this time. 3) **Legislative** – A) **Free School Meals** – This has been signed into law. B) **Compensatory Revenue** - Supt Grow explained how Compensatory Revenue is determined. C) **Bills** – Supt Grow reviewed some bills that have strong traction to pass & could create some management & financial hardships. 4) **Financial** – A) **A&I** – The budget for FY 24 has been approved. B) **Stop Arm Grant** – This grant has been approved & will allow us to install cameras on the buses that will watch for stop arm violations. C) **ESSER 150** – \$9,000 additional dollars have been approved. D) **Finance Committee** – Supt Grow requested the committee members schedule a date and time to go over quotes & ideas for anticipated summer projects. 5) **Building/Grounds** – A) **Snow Removal** – Thompson Sand & Gravel does not currently offer sanding/salting services, but will look into the cost of providing that service. B) **ATSR** – A team will be here on Wednesday to begin their facility assessment walk through. We are currently working on completing a questionnaire they provided to us. C) **Steering Committee** – Supt Grow discussed a joint effort approach for forming this committee. D) **Generator** – Repairs and routine maintenance is getting very expensive. Virgil brought up the idea of possibly trading it on a new, smaller one that will be less expensive to maintain, yet suite our needs.

7.3 **Committee Report** – None

7.4 **Enrollment Report** – Enrollment numbers as of 3/13/23 for Pre-K thru 12th were 534, compared to 532 on 2/13/23.

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

8.1 Approval of Bills Presented – All Funds

Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings:

71308-71357/Wires

Payroll Checks/Direct Deposit

No Checks – All Payroll was Direct Deposit

March Bills

Voucher Numbers: 66739-66822

Check Numbers: 71358-71397

Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$637,102.03

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** – None

10 **New Business**

10.1 **Consider Accepting the Resignation of Joanne Lavin as Head Cross Country Coach** – MMS Wittenberg/Walberg to accept. MCU. Supt Grow, and Chair Wittenberg thanked Joanne for her years of service as a cross country coach.

10.2 **Consider Approving Tenure to Jess Larson** – MMS Nelson/Bodensteiner to approve tenure beginning with the 23-24 school year. MCU.

10.3 **Consider Approving Tenure to Becky Holter** – MMS Walberg/Nelson to approve tenure beginning with the 23-24 school year. MCU.

- 10.4 **Consider Approving Tenure to Melissa Larson** – MMS Abel/Walberg to approve tenure beginning with the 23-24 school year. MCU
- 10.5 **Consider Hiring Abigail Lauderbaugh as Math Teacher for the 2023-2024 School Year** – MMS Walberg/Petterson to approve hire. MCU.
- 10.6 **Consider Hiring Sarah Goudge as Assistant Track & Field Coach for the 2023 Season** – MMS Wittenberg/Walberg to approve hire. MCU.
- 10.7 **Consider Re-Assigning Julie Johnson as K-3 ADSIS Reading Interventionist** – MMS Wittenberg/Petterson to approve reassignment beginning with the 23-24 school year. MCU.
- 10.8 **Consider Accepting an MOU from EDMN Clearbrook-Gonvick** – Supt Grow presented the MOU, which clarifies the duties and pay for summer school. MMS Nelson/Walberg to accept. MCU.
- 10.9 **Consider Adopting the First Reading of MSBA Model Policy 516.5** – Supt Grow presented the policy. MMS Nelson/Petterson to adopt 1st reading. 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, April 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
- 12.2 Finance Committee Meeting – Date TBD

13 **Adjournment** – MMS Nelson/Walberg to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. MCU