

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
April 28, 2025 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Bodensteiner at 7:00 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Scott Abel, Randy Bodensteiner, Corey Petterson, Robbie Pond, Ryan Solee, and Kayla Walberg. Absent: Vern Wittenberg. Also present: Superintendent Ryan Grow, Principal Josh Tharaldson, staff, and community members.

3 **Community Comments** – Comments were made

4 **Spotlight on Education** – Mr. Bettin gave a PowerPoint presentation of events that have happened since the last meeting.

5 **Approval of Agenda** – MMS Petterson/Solee to approve agenda as presented. MCU.

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

6.1 03/17/25 – Regular Meeting

7 **Informational Items**

7.1 **Principals Report** – Principal Tharaldson presented the report and discussed the following items: A) **MCA Testing** – We have entered the 3rd week of MCA testing. Most tests should be wrapped up before Friday, May 2nd. B) **State FFA Competition** – Several of our students qualified for State FFA, which will be held April 28th-29th. Congratulations & Good Luck to these students & advisor, Mrs. Monica Johnson. C) **Math Masters** – Mrs. Dahl took 6th grade students to the competition on Friday April 25th. D) **Graduation/Seniors** – The last day of school will be May 16th for students who have met the criteria to be done early. Graduation is Saturday, May 24th in the big gym. Thanks to Mr. Bettin & Mrs. DeVries for helping get all the final touches ready for seniors with their upcoming events. E) **Upcoming Concerts/Field Trips** – HS Music Concert is Tuesday, May 6th. Elementary Music Concert is Tuesday, May 13th. We have numerous field trips planned between now & the end of the school year. F) **Open Enrollment Data** – All capped grades are currently at or below their cap numbers (5th – 26, 6th – 50, 7th – 44, 8th – 50) & there are no students on the waiting list.

7.2 **Superintendent Report** – Supt. Grow discussed the following items: **1) Personnel** – A) **Open Positions** – Paraeducator (2), B) **Grounds Supervisor Position** C) **School Picnic Lunch** – Will be held May 13th. All board members, bus drivers & law enforcement officers are invited to attend. **2) Educational** – A) **MCA's** – Tests are currently taking place & are state mandated. B) **Fastbridge** – Fastbridge is administered 3 times per year to measure academic achievement. Testing will take place in the first week of May. C) **Seniors Last Day** – Eligible seniors will have their last day of school on May 16th. D) **Senior Baccalaureate Program** – Will be held on Sunday May 18th at 6:00 p.m. E) **Scholarship & Awards Program** – This has been moved to May 19th, starting at 6:00 p.m. **3) Legislative** – A) **Funding** – In FY 2026, districts will receive an increase of 2.74% to the per pupil formula. B) **Teacher Pension Cost** – This is getting a lot of attention. C) **May 19th** – This is the Constitutional adjournment. **Financial** – A) **Revised Budget** – The revised budget is on the agenda tonight. Overall, the district expenses have gone up, but we are currently in a good financial position. 5) **Building/Grounds** – A) **Summer IAQ Project** – Information and timelines have been sent out to staff regarding the project. B) **Lockers** – We are currently planning to replace a section of lockers for 6th grade. The current lockers were brought from the old school and need to be replaced. C) **Internal Signage** – We are currently working on new internal signage. D) **Concrete Walkway** – One summer project will be to create a concrete walkway that separates the parking lot to the early learning entrance. Virgil is working with a local contractor on this. E) **Weed Control** – Weed control & fertilizer this spring for the same area we applied to last year will cost approximately \$3,368. To do the entire campus (38.5 acres) has been quoted at \$11,000.

7.3 **Enrollment Report** – Our current enrollment number is 520 vs 517 in March.

8 **Consent Calendar** – MMS Petterson/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:

Payroll Checks/Direct Deposit

April Bills

73659-73734/Wires

0030520-0030523/Direct Deposit

Voucher Numbers: 73603-73673

Check Numbers: 73735-73781

Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$885,107.71

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 Letter of Retirement from Linda Titera** – MMS Walberg/Solee to accept. MCU
Superintendent Grow & the board thanked Linda for her many years of service.

10.2 **Consider Accepting Letter of Resignation from Lauren Lien** – MMS Pond/Walberg to accept. MCU
Superintendent Grow & the board thanked Lauren for her years of service.

10.3 **Consider Approving an FMLA Leave Request from Tiffany Kroulik** – MMS Solee/Petterson to approve. Roll Call Vote: Abel- Yes, Bodensteiner-Yes, Petterson-Yes, Pond-Yes, Solee-Yes, Walberg-Yes. MCU

10.4 **Consider Approving an FMLA Leave Request from Heather Brandt** – MMS Abel/Pond to approve. Roll Call Vote: Abel- Yes, Bodensteiner-Yes, Petterson-Yes, Pond-Yes, Solee-Yes, Walberg-Yes. MCU

10.5 **Consider Hiring Amanda Nelson as Assistant Track & Field Coach for the 2024-2025 Season** - MMS Solee/Bodensteiner to hire. MCU

- 10.6 **Consider Hiring Brittany Beckstrand as Administrative Assistant/Testing Coordinator -** MMS Pond/Petterson to hire. MCU
- 10.7 **Consider Hiring Douglas Liebl as an Art Instructor for the 2025-2026 School Year -** MMS Abel/Solee to hire. MCU
- 10.8 **Consider Accepting the Resignation of Stacey Mendick as Junior Class Advisor –** MMS Petterson/Walberg to accept. MCU
Superintendent Grow & the board thanked Stacey for her years of service in that position.
- 10.9 **Consider Approving the 2025-2026 School Calendar –** MMS Pond/Walberg to approve. MCU.
- 10.10 **Consider Approving a Revised Budget for the 2024-2025 School Year –** MMS Solee/Pond to approve. MCU
- 11 **Community Questions to the Board of Education Regarding Agenda Items –** Questions were asked and answered.
- 12 **Future Meetings**
 - 12.1 School Board Work Session on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.
 - 12.2 Regular School Board Meeting on Monday May 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
- 13 **Adjournment –** MMS Solee/Abel to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. MCU