**CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL**

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**May 19, 2025 - 7:00 P.M.**

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

3 **Community Comments** – None

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

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

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

6.1 04/28/25 – Regular Meeting

7 **Informational Items**

7.1 **Principals Report** –Principal Tharaldson presented the report and discussed the following items: A) **2025-2025 HS Registration –** Students have registered for their classes next year. New students will have an opportunity to register in the fall at our back to school/registration event. B) **New Families** – Anyone interested in attending our school next year are encouraged to contact the office to start the registration process before summer break for planning purposes. We have received some interest for next year already. C) **Graduation/Seniors** – The last day of school for seniors was Friday, May 16th (If they met all criteria to be done). Graduation practice is on Friday morning, and Graduation is Saturday, May 24th at 2:00 p.m. D) **READ Act** – With new requirements set forth by the State of Minnesota, we will continue to screen our students using FastBridge and will be implementing a new dyslexia screener next school year. E) TITLE Funds – The applications are due June 30th, but funds have not yet been released for next 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** – Indian Education Paraeducator B) **Grounds Supervisor –** Will be discussed later in the meeting. **2) Educational** – A) **State Graduation Rates –** More Minnesota high school seniors graduated in 2024 – 84.2% vs 83.3% in 2023. B) **Graduation** – Will be held on Saturday, May 24th at 2:00 p.m. Randy & Vern will be handing out diplomas. **3) Legislative** **–** A) **Education Budget –** Some compromises agreed upon include Overall spending is held flat in the next two-year budget & planned increases for the 2 years would be curtailed. Proposed cuts to money that nonpublic schools get for transportation & supplies are on the table. Unemployment insurance for hourly school workers could continue for a few more years and then it might be rescinded that that element was subject to upcoming negotiations by a conference committee. Paid family & medical leave program due to launch in January also adjustments. **4)** **Financial** – A) **Capitalized Interest** – The capitalized interest for the future bond referendum was explained. B) **Preliminary Budget for 25-26** – This will be brought to the next meeting. C) **Insurance Renewal** – This will be brought to the June meeting. 5) **Building/Grounds** – A) **Flower Beds –** Monica Johnson & her floriculture class will be giving a “facelift” to the flower beds in front of the school. B) **Mowers** – Quotes were included in your packet as part of action item 9.1. C) **Field & Turf Maintenance** – Will start around mid-June. D) **Campus Weed Control** – May start in early June but is weather dependent.

7.3 **Activities Director Report** – An update on the 24-25 activities was given.

7.4 **Principal Negotiations** – An update on negotiations was given

7.5 **Enrollment Report –** Our current enrollment number is 521, which has not changed since 521 in April.

8 **Consent Calendar –** MMS Solee/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: 73782-73806/Wires

Payroll Checks/Direct Deposit All Payroll was Direct Deposit

May Bills Voucher Numbers: 73771-73865

Check Numbers: 73807-73864

Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: $1,127,860.12

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 **Consider Approving the Purchase of a Zero Turn Lawnmower -** MMS Wittenberg/Solee to approve purchase through NC Hardware, contingent upon warranty being included. Discussion was held. MCU.

9.2 **Consider Creating the Position of Grounds Supervisor** – MMS Walberg/Solee to approve. MCU.

9.3 **Consider Changing the Job Title & Job Description for the Building Supervisor** – MMS Wittenberg/Walberg to change Job Title & Job Description.

10 **New Business**

10.1 **Consider Hiring Abigail Ek as Junior Class Advisor–** MMS Solee/Walberg to approve hire. MCU

10.2 **Consider the Non-Renewal Contract for Katerina Schafer –** MMS Abel/Petterson to approve. Discussion was held. Roll Call Vote: Petterson-Yes, Solee-Yes, Abel-Yes, Walberg-Yes & Wittenberg-Yes. MCU

Superintendent Grow & the Board thanked Ms. Schafer for her service during this school year.

10.3 **Consider Approving the Principal Contract for 2025-2027 –** MMS Solee/Wittenberg to approve. MCU

10.4 **Consider Making a Resolution for Membership in the MSHSL for 2025-2026 –** MMS Wittenberg/Solee to approve. Roll Call Vote: Petterson-Yes, Solee-Yes, Abel-Yes, Walberg-Yes & Wittenberg-Yes. MCU

10.5 **Consider Approval of Membership for the Riverwatch Program –** MMS Walberg/Solee to approve. MCU

10.6 **Consider Approving Revisions to Model Policy 509** – MMS Wittenberg/Petterson to approve. Discussion was held. MCU.

11 **Community Questions to the Board of Education Regarding Agenda Items –** None.

12 **Future Meetings**

12.1 Regular School Board Meeting on Monday June 16, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

12.2 Special School Board Meeting on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

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