

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
May 20, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.

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

3 **Community Comments** – The public was given an opportunity to make comments.

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 Petterson/Walberg to approve agenda as presented. MCU.

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

6.1 4/15/24 – Regular Meeting

7 **Informational Items**

7.1 **Principals Report** –Principal Tharaldson presented the report and discussed the following items: A) **Summer School/Enrichment** – This will be 4 weeks June 4th – 27th. Classes will be held Tuesday – Thursday. B) **2024-2025 HS Registration** – Students have registered for classes next year, and student schedules will be finalized before summer break. New students will have an opportunity to register in the fall at our back to school/registration event. C) **New Families** – New families, as well as anyone interested in attending our school next year, are encouraged to contact the office to start the registration process this spring, prior to summer break, for planning purposes. D) – **Graduation/Seniors** – Last day for seniors who met the criteria was May 17th. Graduation rehearsal is Friday, May 24th, and Graduation is Saturday May 25th, at 2:00 p.m. E) **Summer ESY (Extended School Year)** – This will take place for 2 weeks in July, and 1 week in August. This service is provided as part of a student’s IEP.

7.2 **Superintendent Report** – Supt. Grow discussed the following items: 1) **Personnel** – A) **Open Positions** – FT Custodian (1), Technology Specialist, Art Teacher, Science Teacher, Early Childhood Teacher/Coordinator, JH Volleyball Coach, Head GBB Coach. B) **Community Volunteers** – Supt Grow thanked the community members & the City of Clearbrook for coming in and helping to prepare the lawns and the parking lot. 2) **Educational** – A) **May 19th** – Baccalaureate was held. B) **May 22nd** – Kindergarten Graduation at 1:00 p.m. Scholarship Program at 6:00 p.m. C) **May 24th** – Last day of school. D) **May 25th** – Graduation at 2:00 p.m. in the big gym. E) **Referendum Steering Committee** – Has met twice. Their last meeting was held on May 15th. 3) **Legislative** – A) **READ Act** – Elementary staff who want to start taking CARIEALL training this summer have been sent the registration link & will work directly with the vendor. B) **Session** – The session ended on Sunday evening. Once everything is published our educational partners will dissect it & share/inform us what new laws/changes will take place & when we must implement them. 4) **Financial** – A) **Budget 2023—2024** – A revised budget will be presented for approval tonight. B) **Property/Liability Insurance** – These premiums are projected to increase by approximately \$19,000. This will be discussed later in the meeting. 5) **Building/Grounds** – A) **Bathrooms** – We received a second quote of \$169,554. This is approximately \$100,000 less than the last quote. We also received quotes for flooring. B) **Cleaner** – Service Master is going to come and clean the shops from floor to ceiling. The quote was approximately \$14,000 and will be an LTFM eligible expense. C) **Painting** – Greg C Anderson Painting, LLC quoted \$9,000 to paint both shops & the stain room. This will be done after Service Master cleans. The district will purchase the paint.

7.3 **Committee Report** - None

7.4 **Enrollment Report** – As of 5/14/24, our enrollment Pre-K through 12th grade was 489. This was a decrease of 20 students from 4/14/24. The Early Learning & ECFE program has ended, and those students are no longer on the report.

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:

Payroll Checks/Direct Deposit

May Bills

72619-726447/Wires

All Direct Deposit – No Checks Were Written

Voucher Numbers: 71011-71138

Check Numbers: 72645-72723

Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$867,362.66

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 Hiring Bailey Watne as Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Instructor for the 2024-2025 School Year** – MMS Wittenberg/Petterson to approve. MCU.

10.2 **Consider Accepting Resignation of Dennis Bower, Custodian** – MMS Wittenberg/Walberg to accept. MCU
Supt Grow and the board thanked Dennis for his time here.

10.3 **Consider Re-Hiring Jon Heller as Custodian, Effective 5/1/24** – MMS Walberg/Wittenberg to approve. MCU

10.4 **Consider Hiring Brenda Wilcox as Custodian** – MMS Wittenberg/Petterson to approve. MCU.

10.5 **Consider The Non-Renewal of Valerie Wahl** – Supt Grow advised that this action is taken due to the hire of a teacher holding the licensure required in the District’s Industrial Technology Dept, & therefore, the shifting of a tenured teacher previously in that role. MMS Wittenberg/Wishard to non-renew. Roll Call Vote: Abel – Yes, Petterson – Yes, Walberg – Yes, Wishard – Yes, Wittenberg – Yes.

- 10.6 **Consider Appointing a School Board Member** – Supt Grow advised that five applicants applied for the position, but one was ineligible. Supt Grow advised that the selected applicant will finish the term vacated by Jill Nelson. The board will wait 30 days to allow the public the opportunity to petition against the appointment. If the appointee accepts the position, and wants to fulfill the term until 2026, they will need to run during the November 2024 election, as a special election candidate. MMS Wittenberg/Wishard to appoint Ryan Solee. Roll Call Vote: Abel – Yes, Petterson – Yes, Walberg – Yes, Wishard – Yes, Wittenberg – Yes. MCU.
Supt Grow & the board thanked all who applied.
- 10.7 **Consider Adding the Position of American Indian Education Coordinator for the start of the 2024-2025 School Year** – MMS Abel/Wittenberg to approve. MCU.
- 10.8 **Consider Approving the Revised 2023-2024 School Budget** – MMS Abel/Wishard to approve. MCU.
- 10.9 **Consider Approving the Revisions to MSBA Model Policies 506, 507, 507.5, & 514** – MMS Wittenberg/Petterson to approve. MCU.
- 10.10 **Consider Approving the 2024-2025 Resolution for Membership in the MSHSL** – MMS Walberg/Wittenberg to approve. Roll Call Vote: Abel – Yes, Petterson – Yes, Walberg – Yes, Wishard – Yes, Wittenberg – Yes. MCU.
- 10.11 **Consider Accepting the Insurance Proposal from Vaaler for the 2024-2025 School Year** - MMS Walberg/Petterson to accept. 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, June 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
- 14 **Adjournment** – MMS Walberg/Petterson to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. MCU