**CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL**

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**September 16, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.**

**The meeting was called to order by Chair Wittenberg at 7:00 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Scott Abel, Dudley Wishard, Ryan Solee, Vern Wittenberg, Randy Bodensteiner, Kayla Walberg. Absent: Corey Petterson. Also present: Superintendent Ryan Grow, Principal Josh Tharaldson, Jen Chapman of Ehlers, 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 beginning of the school year.

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

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

6.1 8/19/24 – Regular Meeting

7 **Informational Items**

7.1 **Principals Report** –Principal Tharaldson presented the report and discussed the following items: A) **Back to School Events & First Week of School –** Elementary & HS Open House/Conferences went well & received positive feedback from families & staff. B) **FastBridge Screening** – Elementary students have been screened to get baseline data. C) **CAREIALL Training** – Elementary teachers started this training over the summer. This is part of the requirement through the READ Act. They will have 5 additional training sessions this fall. D) **New High School Electives** – Our high school students have been enjoying some new elective offerings this fall. Some new electives include Intro to Engineering & Design, Engineering Essentials, Modeling our World-Math, Ojibwe Language & Culture, Environmental Science & Physical Science 2.

7.2 **Superintendent Report** – Supt. Grow discussed the following items: **1)** **Personnel** – A) **Open Position** – Cook. B) **Early Childhood Paras** – To better meet the needs of students in School Readiness & ECFE, we are looking at increasing the amount of time of a para who currently works in the program. This will be determined by the seniority of paras currently working in the department. **2) Educational** – A) **Enrollment –** The numbers are slightly down from last spring. Please note that the ECFE & 3-year-old program enrollments numbers are not included in the current numbers. B) **READ Act MOU –** This is negotiated & both parties have agreed on the terms. C) **Elementary Staff** – Are currently in the process of completing Module 4 of CAREIALL training. Ther are 8 modules, which will finish by December. **3) Legislative** **–** A) **Platforms -** Education organizations are currently working on their legislative platforms. One priority in this session will be to advocate to legislators that districts should be allowed to levy LTFM dollars for roof projects over $100,000. B) **PELSB** – Discussion is being held to allow flexibility on science licensure. C) **Cell Phone Use** – This is getting a lot of attention in Minnesota & across the country. The expectation is the state will become more involved with this. We are monitoring the situation. **4)** **Financial** – A) **Ehlers Financial Investment Team** – Discussion was held with this team last week regarding options for investment of the Bond proceeds. B) **TEAM Grant** – The District received a $10,000 grant from the TEAM foundation. This grant will be used to support the School Readiness Program. Thanks to TEAM for their support of our Early Education Program. C) **S&P Rating** – Our “A” rating for our existing bond has been affirmed & a credit enhanced rating of “AAA” has been given for our upcoming Facilities Maintenance Bond Issue 5) **Building/Grounds** – A) **Pull Behind Mower** – Virgil advised that many of the bogey wheels on the pull-behind mower are breaking off. He suggested we might consider trading it in for a heavier duty pull behind mower B) **DOT Inspection** – All buses & Type III vehicles were inspected & passed inspection.

7.3 **Enrollment Report –** Our current enrollment number is 497, vs 513 last spring. The early childhood numbers have not been entered for the fall yet, as the programs are just starting this week.

7.4 **Committee Reports** – None

8 **Consent Calendar –** MMS Wittenberg/Bodensteiner to approve Consent Calendar as presented. MCU.

8.1 Approval of Bills Presented – All Funds

Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings: 72964-72988/Wires

Payroll Checks/Direct Deposit All Payroll was Direct Deposit

September Bills Voucher Numbers: 71986-72096

Check Numbers: 72989-73056

Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: $581,979.60

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 Morgan Laferrier as a Paraprofessional –** MMS Wittenberg/Walberg to hire. MCU

10.2 **Consider Accepting the Resignation of Sheray Torgerson as Cheerleading Coach –** MMS Solee/Wittenberg to accept. MCU

Superintendent Grow & the Board thanked Sheray for her time with the program.

10.3 **Consider Hiring Tyler Gunn as Technology Specialist –** MMS Wishard/Abel to hire. MCU

10.4 **Consider Approving a Lane Change for Willow Christen** **–** MMS Walberg/Wishard to approve. MCU

10.5 **Consider Approving an FMLA request for Lauren Lien** **–** MMS Bodensteiner/Wittenberg to approve. MCU

Roll Call Vote: Abel-Yes, Bodensteiner-Yes, Solee-Yes, Walberg-Yes, Wishard-Yes, Wittenberg-Yes. MCU.

10.6 **Consider the Resolution Awarding the Sale of General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds, Series 2024A** – Jen Chapman of Ehlers presented the Sale Day report & resolution. MMS Abel/Wishard to approve. Roll Call Vote: Abel-Yes, Bodensteiner-Yes, Solee-Yes, Walberg-Yes, Wishard-Yes, Wittenberg-Yes. MCU.

10.7 **Consider Certifying the Preliminary Levy 2024 Payable 2025** – MMS Wittenberg/Walberg to approve the levy at the maximum limitation. MCU.

10.8 **Consider Setting the Truth in Taxation Meeting for the December Regular School Board Meeting Date** – MMS Solee/Bodensteiner to approve. MCU.

10.9 **Consider Approving the READ Act MOU between ISD #2311 & Ed-MN Clearbrook-Gonvick** – MMS Walberg/Wishard to approve. 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 October 21, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

12 **Adjournment –** MMS Walberg/Solee to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. MCU