

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Laurel-Concord-Coleridge School, District 14-0054
February 9, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Laurel-Concord-Coleridge School Board of Education was conducted in open session in the Board Meeting Room at the Laurel-Concord-Coleridge School, Laurel, Nebraska on February 9, 2015. Board members present were Richard Brandow, Robert Colwell, Jay Hall, Brian Holcomb, Betty Jo Leapley, Marlin Papenhausen, Steve Schutte, and Ryan Van Cleave. Board member John Wolfgram was absent. Also present were Superintendent Randall Klooz, and Principal Stephanie Petersen. Principal Jay Vance was on an AdvancEd External Visit and absent from the meeting. The meeting notice was published in the February 4, 2015 issues of the Coleridge Blade and the Laurel Advocate, and posted at the Community Learning Center-Laurel and LCC Middle School-Coleridge. Said notice stated the agenda is readily available for public inspection at the Superintendent's office during normal business hours, said agenda being emailed to the board of education on Friday, February 6, 2015.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was duly called to order at 12:36 p.m. by President Brandow. Everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance. Members of the public were welcomed and reminded they must complete a sign up form if they wish to address the board. Attention was directed to a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act posted in the room.

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Holcomb, second by Schutte to approve the agenda as presented. Carried 8-0 on roll call vote.

III. Consent Agenda

Motion by Papenhausen and second by Schutte to approve the consent agenda items including minutes of the January 12, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting and January 19, 2015 Board Retreat; Treasurer reports; the General Fund bills in the amount of \$122,904.47; the Cooperative Fund bills in the amount of \$301.00; and projected Laurel-Concord-Coleridge District payroll of \$443,292.09; and excuse absent board member John Wolfgram. Carried 8-0 on roll call vote.

IV. Public Comment

President Brandow read the statement regarding Public Comment Protocol and Procedures. Two audience members signed up to address the Board during the "Public Comment" item on the agenda. Keith Knudsen addressed the Board concerning agenda item IV.4. Stephanie Petersen's resignation and item VII.9. The advertising and hiring process for the principal position. He commented on Principal Petersen's many years of service, the position requirements, and the hiring process. He also expressed concern about the Board moving to executive session to discuss that hiring process. Jim Casey, a parent and a member of the football committee, addressed the Board concerning the future of the LCC football program. Both men were thanked for taking the time to attend the meeting and address the Board.

V. Information and Proposals

1. Principals' Reports

Reports were provided from Principal Stephanie Petersen, Principal Jay Vance,

Superintendent Randall Klooz, and a Technology report from Becky Miller. The written reports are available at the office of the superintendent and online at www.lccschool.org.

At Principal Vance's request, FFA Advisor Ms. Katelyn DeHaan, and FFA members Connor Cross, Morgan Hansen, Shelby Krie, Lyndsey McCoy, and Garrett Taylor were present to give an informative presentation on the Corn Festival they are looking at hosting. The Board thanked them for presenting the information and gave input on other information/resources to consider. Mr. Vance's written report included information on upcoming activities, congratulations to the students who were on the 2nd quarter and the 1st semester Honor Roll, an update on the NeSA-Writing exam for the juniors, an update on AdvancEd, and an AdvancEd visit he is participating in.

Activity Director Scott Petersen commended Dillan Wolfgram on scoring his 1000th career point at Wakefield on January 29th. Mr. Petersen and Football Coach Jordan Taylor were present to provide information on their football meeting with the 43 boys in grades 9-11. Each boy received a letter to share with their parents, have signed, and to return to the school to indicate whether they planned to participate in football in the fall of 2015. The results were: Yes-14, No-15, Maybe-2, and No response-12. A meeting with the incoming freshmen will be held in the future. Possible costs of equipment were discussed. Options for the football program are being explored. No decisions were made at this time. His written report included information on basketball, wrestling, and speech.

Principal Stephanie Petersen's report provided information on activities, professional development, assessments, and work on the Continuous Improvement Process (CIP). She also shared a Special Education report for our district.

2. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Klooz reported on the Board's walk-through of the buildings; the Principal Interview Process; the need to replace copiers and numerous printers at both buildings; the Strategic Communication Plan; CIP process; interactive classroom updates; discussion item to consider Citizens State Bank as a entity to bid on CDs; 70% of our wireless infrastructure upgrade costs will be reimbursed through the E-Rate program; a RUS Grant will reimburse 50% of the cost of four new mobile distant learning units; update on possible addition/renovations; he will be meeting with the Building/Grounds/Transportation Committee and the Finance Committee; Community Engagement Proposal; and a proposed electronic sign at Coleridge.

VI. Action Items

1. Motion by Papenhausen, second by Holcomb to approve the calendar for the 2015-2016 school year as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, motion carried 8-0.
2. Motion by Colwell, second by Leapley to approve district membership in the Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB) for the fiscal year April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016. After discussion and on roll call vote, motion carried 8-0.

3. Motion by Holcomb, second by Papenhausen to approve the District Safety Audit. After discussion and on roll call vote, motion carried 8-0.
4. Motion by Hall, second by Van Cleave to accept Mrs. Stephanie Petersen's resignation and thank her for her years of service. After discussion and on roll call vote, motion carried 8-0. Board members and Mr. Klooz congratulated Mrs. Petersen on her educational advancement into a superintendent position at Creighton.
5. Motion by Van Cleave, second by Leapley to accept the resignation of Angie Zach and thank her for her years of service. After discussion and on roll call vote, motion carried 8-0.
6. Motion by Leapley, second by Holcomb to approve the Corporate Resolutions for Security Bank for 2015. After discussion and on roll call vote, motion carried 8-0.
7. Motion by Colwell, second by Van Cleave to approve the final reading of the following board policies: **0201 Legal Status of the School Board**- 0201.01, 0201.02, 0201.03, 0201.04, 0201.05, 0201.06, 0201.07. After discussion and on roll call vote, motion carried 8-0.
8. Motion by Leapley, second by Colwell to approve the final reading of the following board policies: **0202 School Board Member Conduct**- 0202.02, 0202.03. After discussion and on roll call vote, motion carried 8-0.
9. Motion by Holcomb, second by Schutte to approve the final reading of the following board policies: **0203 Organization of the School Board**- 0203.01, 0203.02, 0203.03, 0203.04, 0203.05, 0203.06, 0203.08. After discussion and on roll call vote, motion carried 8-0.
10. Motion by Hall, second by Leapley to approve the final reading of the following board policies:
0204 School Board Meetings- 0204.01, 0204.02, 0204.03, 0204.04, 0204.05, 0204.06, 0204.07, 0204.08, 0204.09, 0204.10, 0204.11, 0204.12.
After discussion and on roll call vote, motion carried 8-0.
11. Motion by Leapley, second by Van Cleave to approve the final reading of the following board policies:
0205 School Board Policy Process- 0205.01, 0205.02, 0205.03, 0205.04, 0205.05, 0205.06, 0205.07.
After discussion and on roll call vote, motion carried 8-0.
12. Motion by Holcomb, second by Colwell to approve the final reading of the following board policies:
0206 Board Member Services- 0206.01, 0206.02, 0206.03, 0206.04.
After discussion and on roll call vote, motion carried 8-0.

Schutte excused himself from the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

13. Motion by Van Cleave, second by Papenhausen to replace the dishwasher in the kitchen at Laurel at a cost of \$19,500 from Hobart. After discussion and on roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

14. Motion by Colwell, second by Leapley to approve the 2015 school board committees as follows: **Americanism**--Brandow (Chair), Holcomb, Van Cleave, and Colwell; **Transportation/Building/Grounds**--Schutte (Chair), Papenhausen, Hall, and Holcomb; **Curriculum/Instruction**--Colwell (Chair), Schutte, Leapley, and Brandow; **Finance**--Brandow (Chair), Wolfgram, Colwell, and Holcomb; **Negotiations**--Papenhausen (Chair), Van Cleave, Leapley, and Hall; **Policy/Library Board**--Leapley (Chair), Brandow, and Holcomb; **TeamMates Liaison**--Wolfgram. After discussion and on roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

VII. Discussion Items

Agenda discussion items discussed in public session with no official action taken were:

1. Discuss helping the Coleridge Community Club in replacing the electronic sign along the highway in Coleridge.
2. Discuss recognizing Citizens State Bank as a repository for our school.
3. Discuss our school's new social media site called MindMixer.
4. Discuss community engagement proposal from NASB.
5. Discuss first reading of the following board policies:
 - 0301 Administrative Structure-** 0301.01, 0301.03, 0301.04
 - 0302 Superintendent-** 0302.02, 0302.04, 0302.05, 0302.08
 - 0303 Administrative Employees-** 0303.03, 0303.05, 0303.06, 0303.09
 - 0304 Policy Implementation-**0304.03
9. Discuss advertising and hiring process for principal and special education positions. Van Cleave shared a copy of the Wayne Community School employment policy.

Schutte returned to the meeting at 3:02 p.m. following discussion item VII.2.

Principal Petersen asked to be excused for other duties at 3:50 p.m. Board members Schutte and Van Cleave excused themselves from the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Cedar County School District #54

Submitted: _____
Betty Jo Leapley
Secretary