

**LAUREL-CONCORD-COLERIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT #54**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting (MS)**  
April 18, 2016 6:30 PM  
BOARD ROOM @ LCC MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Attendance Taken at 6:32 PM:**

Present Board Members:

Richard Brandow  
Robert Colwell  
Carol Erwin  
Jay Hall  
Brian Holcomb  
Betty Jo Leapley  
Marlin Papenhausen  
Steve Schutte  
John Wolfgram

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The regular meeting was convened at 6:32 p.m. in the Board Room at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge School, Coleridge, Nebraska. The meeting notice was published in the April 13, 2016 issue of the Coleridge Blade and the Laurel Advocate, posted at the Community Learning Center-Laurel and LCC Middle School-Coleridge, and posted on the school web site. Said notice stated the agenda is readily available for public inspection at the Superintendent's office during normal business hours. Board members were emailed notice. In addition to board members the following were present: Superintendent Randall Klooz, and Middle School Principal T.J. Shiers. Members of the public were present and welcome. Everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Attention was directed to a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act posted in the room.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CHANGES TO AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve the agenda as provided passed with a motion by Brian Holcomb and a second by John Wolfgram.

**9 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Richard Brandow	Yes
Robert Colwell	Yes
Carol Erwin	Yes
Jay Hall	Yes
Brian Holcomb	Yes
Betty Jo Leapley	Yes
Marlin Papenhausen	Yes
Steve Schutte	Yes
John Wolfgram	Yes

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve consent agenda items including minutes of the March 14, 2016 Regular Meeting; Treasurer reports; the General Fund bills in the amount of \$134,354.17; the Cooperative Fund bill in the amount of \$301.00; and the projected payroll of \$453,693.43 passed with a motion by Betty Jo Leapley and a second by Marlin Papenhausen.

**9 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Richard Brandow	Yes
Robert Colwell	Yes
Carol Erwin	Yes
Jay Hall	Yes
Brian Holcomb	Yes
Betty Jo Leapley	Yes
Marlin Papenhausen	Yes
Steve Schutte	Yes
John Wolfgram	Yes

**IV. EXCUSE ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS**

Discussion:  
All board members were present.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Discussion:  
No member of the public requested to address the board.

**VI. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

**VI.1. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS**

Discussion:  
Elementary Principal Johnson and High School Principal Vance were absent from the Board meeting while attending an AQuEST for Nebraska conference. Middle School Principal Shiers presented their reports for them. Principal Johnson reported on upcoming spring activities, field trips, field day, assessment testing, and the fourth grade visit to the Middle School. The 2016-2017 preschool classes are full and there is a waiting list. The School-wide Title I application has been submitted for the elementary and middle school. Principal Vance reported on upcoming activities, assessment testing being administered, and congratulated the students who achieved honor roll status for the third quarter. A letter from the high school student council expressed student appreciation for the 1 to 1 computer program and other opportunities. They also discussed several of the student council activities. The Advanced external visit for 2017 has been scheduled. A report on the recent BrightBytes survey results was provided for the board. Principal Shiers congratulated Wyatt Taylor and Landen Boysen for being selected to attend the Big Red Stars Program. The Middle School winners of the Americanism Essay Contest sponsored by the Coleridge American Legion Auxiliary were Erica Benson-1st, Katie Schutte-2nd, and Cael Hartung-3rd. He reported on assessment testing and that the percentage of middle school students who reached their AR goals has improved each quarter this year. Middle School track is underway. Mr. Shiers and Mrs. Nordby helped with the peer review of Schoolwide Title I applications for other schools. An update of Middle School Student Council activities was provided and their appreciation for the 1 to 1 computer technology. There are currently 8 students in the Level III program with a maximum capacity of 9. High school track and boys golf are underway. Pat Arens will be the new high school football coach. Justin Bartling will be an assistant football coach. New State Championship and Runner-Up boards are up in the Laurel gym. The boards represent the schools that make up Laurel-Concord-Coleridge. Congratulations were expressed to the winter NSAA/NCPA Academic All-State recipients: Girls Basketball- Katie Jo Leapley, Bryn Schutte; Boys Basketball- Dillan Wolfgram, Jordan Jansen; Wrestling- Billy Barelman, Zach Dietrich; and Speech- Emily Klooz, Connor Cross. Congratulations went to Dillan Wolfgram for

being selected to the Class C-2 All Nebraska Basketball second team, and to Bryn Schutte and Katie Jo Leapley for honorable mention selection.

## **VI.2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Discussion:

Superintendent Klooz provided updates on CJUMP, a branch of NASB that helps with contracting our natural gas purchase; on a civil engineer evaluating the back parking lot at the Laurel site; training in and use of the new hiring process has been beneficial; seeking more information for the proposed new entryway at the Laurel building; Building, Grounds, and Transportation committee will be looking at information on replacing the Bobcat that broke down. He shared the only response received from a parent when public feedback was requested on our vision for LCC. He thanked the principals for making sure our AdvancED needs are being met. Appreciation was also extended to the steering committee for helping put together the vision for our school.

## **VI.3. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Discussion:

President Hall read thank you messages from: the Youngerman Family, Camp Assurance (Shannon, Marie, and Pearl Arduser), the family of Gene Martin, the Charlie Paulsen Family, and the family of Bill Leapley. The thank you from Camp Assurance for the use of facilities included a donation. Superintendent Klooz and board members Brandow, Colwell, Erwin, Hall, Holcomb, Leapley, and Papenhausen reported on various sessions they attended recently at the National School Board Association Conference in Boston. Everyone felt it was an excellent conference and well worth attending. We will be sharing and discussing more of the information in the coming months.

## **VII. ACTION ITEMS**

### **VII.1. Consider, discuss, and take necessary action to accept staff resignations.**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to accept the resignation of Becky Miller and thank her for her years of service passed with a motion by Steve Schutte and a second by Richard Brandow.

#### **9 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Richard Brandow	Yes
Robert Colwell	Yes
Carol Erwin	Yes
Jay Hall	Yes
Brian Holcomb	Yes
Betty Jo Leapley	Yes
Marlin Papenhausen	Yes
Steve Schutte	Yes
John Wolfgram	Yes

Discussion:

Superintendent Klooz thanked Mrs. Miller for her service. With the permission of Becky Miller, President Hall read her letter of resignation aloud.

### **VII.2. Consider, discuss, and take all necessary action to approve proposed list of 2016 Graduates.**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve proposed list of 2016 Graduates passed with a motion by Richard Brandow and a second by Brian Holcomb.

**9 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Richard Brandow	Yes
Robert Colwell	Yes
Carol Erwin	Yes
Jay Hall	Yes
Brian Holcomb	Yes
Betty Jo Leapley	Yes
Marlin Papenhausen	Yes
Steve Schutte	Yes
John Wolfgram	Yes

**VII.3. Consider, discuss, and take necessary action to approve 2016-17 certificated staff contracts (excluding those who have already resigned).**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve 2016-2017 certificated staff contracts (excluding those who have already resigned) passed with a motion by Betty Jo Leapley and a second by John Wolfgram.

**9 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Richard Brandow	Yes
Robert Colwell	Yes
Carol Erwin	Yes
Jay Hall	Yes
Brian Holcomb	Yes
Betty Jo Leapley	Yes
Marlin Papenhausen	Yes
Steve Schutte	Yes
John Wolfgram	Yes

**VII.4. Consider, discuss and take necessary action to fill teaching positions.**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve a teaching contract for Jennifer Van Meter passed with a motion by Brian Holcomb and a second by Richard Brandow.

**9 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Richard Brandow	Yes
Robert Colwell	Yes
Carol Erwin	Yes
Jay Hall	Yes
Brian Holcomb	Yes
Betty Jo Leapley	Yes
Marlin Papenhausen	Yes
Steve Schutte	Yes
John Wolfgram	Yes

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve a teaching contract for Anna Gansebom passed with a motion by Betty Jo Leapley and a second by Robert Colwell.

**9 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Richard Brandow	Yes
Robert Colwell	Yes
Carol Erwin	Yes
Jay Hall	Yes
Brian Holcomb	Yes
Betty Jo Leapley	Yes
Marlin Papenhausen	Yes
Steve Schutte	Yes
John Wolfgram	Yes

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve a teaching contract for Jared Garthoff passed with a motion by Richard Brandow and a second by Robert Colwell.

**9 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Richard Brandow	Yes
Robert Colwell	Yes
Carol Erwin	Yes
Jay Hall	Yes
Brian Holcomb	Yes
Betty Jo Leapley	Yes
Marlin Papenhausen	Yes
Steve Schutte	Yes
John Wolfgram	Yes

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve a teaching contract for Tayler Hall passed with a motion by Marlin Papenhausen and a second by Betty Jo Leapley.

**9 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Richard Brandow	Yes
Robert Colwell	Yes
Carol Erwin	Yes
Jay Hall	Yes
Brian Holcomb	Yes
Betty Jo Leapley	Yes
Marlin Papenhausen	Yes
Steve Schutte	Yes
John Wolfgram	Yes

**VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Discussion:  
There were no items for discussion at this time.

**IX. ADJOURN**

Discussion:  
Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Cedar County School District #54

Submitted by:

---

Betty Jo Leapley  
Secretary of the Board