

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Of LAUREL-CONCORD-COLERIDGE SCHOOL, DISTRICT 14-0054
August 11, 2014**

The first regular meeting of the newly reorganized 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 August 11, 2014.

Board members present were:

Richard Brandow, Robert Colwell, Jay Hall, Brian Holcomb, Betty Jo Leapley, Marlin Papenhausen, Steve Schutte, Ryan Van Cleave, John Wolfgram.

Absent: None

Administration Present: Superintendent Randall Klooz, High School Principal Jay Vance, and PK-8 Principal Stephanie Petersen.

The meeting notice was published in the August 6, 2014 issues of the Coleridge Blade and the Laurel Advocate, and posted at Security Bank-Laurel, the Post Office-Laurel, and the Community Learning Center-Laurel. 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 Saturday, August 9, 2014.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Superintendent Klooz. Members of the public were welcomed. Everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance. Attention was directed to a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act posted in the room. The order of the agenda items was reviewed by the board members. The "Public Comment" item on the agenda will be conducted prior to the action items. A Public Comment Statement/Request Card was available for persons wishing to speak during agenda item "Public Comment".

II. Install appointed Board Members

The Oath of Office was read aloud jointly by all nine members of the newly appointed Laurel-Concord-Coleridge School Board of Education.

III. Elect/Appoint Board offices for 2014

Superintendent Klooz opened the nominations for Board President. Schutte nominated Wolfgram. Brandow seconded the nomination. Holcomb nominated Papenhausen. Colwell seconded the nomination. Hearing no further nominations Brandow moved and Schutte seconded the motion to cease nominations for president. Wolfgram was elected President by a 5-4 secret ballot. Superintendent Klooz turned control of the meeting over to President Wolfgram.

Nominations were opened for Vice President. Holcomb nominated Papenhausen for Vice President. Colwell seconded the nomination. Hearing no further nominations, Brandow made a motion that nominations cease and the board cast a unanimous ballot. Schutte seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 9-0 vote to elect Papenhausen as Vice President.

Nominations were opened for Secretary. Colwell nominated Leapley for Secretary. Van Cleave seconded the nomination. Hearing no further nominations, Holcomb made a motion that nominations cease and the board cast a unanimous ballot. Brandow seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 9-0 vote to elect Leapley as Secretary.

Motion by Holcomb and second by Papenhausen to appoint Sheri Krei as the Treasurer. Motion carried 9-0 on roll call vote to appoint Sheri Krei as Treasurer.

IV. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

Motion by Brandow and second by Colwell to approve the agenda as presented. Carried 9-0 on roll call vote.

V. Consent Agenda

Motion by Van Cleave and second by Holcomb to approve the consent agenda items including minutes of the July 14, 2014 Coleridge Regular Monthly Meeting and Laurel-Concord Regular Monthly Meeting; Treasurers' reports; the Coleridge General Fund bills in the amount of \$33,841.72; the Coleridge Cooperative Fund bills in the amount of \$3,140.76; the Laurel-Concord General Fund bills in the amount of \$110,633.18; the Laurel-Concord Cooperative Fund bills in the amount of \$301.00; and projected Laurel-Concord District payroll of \$277,275.40. Carried 9-0 on roll call vote.

VI. Public Comment

President Wolfram read the statement regarding Public Comment Protocol and Procedures. No audience members wished to speak during the "Public Comment" item on the agenda.

VII. Information and Proposals

Reports were presented and reviewed from Principal Stephanie Petersen, Principal Jay Vance, and Superintendent Randall Klooz. The written reports are available at the office of the superintendent. Enrollment numbers, new programs, playground equipment, upcoming activities, bus routes, and state aid were reviewed. Board members were reminded to sign up for upcoming board development opportunities including the Board Retreat, Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB) Area Membership Meeting, NASB Labor Relations, and the NASB Annual Conference.

Brandow shared information he obtained at the National School Board Association conference. More information from the conference will be shared by board members at the board retreat. Superintendent Klooz reported that the staff was appreciative of the breakfast prepared by board members and administrators on their first day back. Holcomb encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming board development sessions at the NASB Area Meeting and the NASB Annual Conference. He also shared that the Western Region meeting of the National School Board Association will be held in Omaha.

Superintendent Klooz congratulated past and present members who will be recognized with board development awards at the area meeting and state conference. These members include: Robert Colwell, Brian Holcomb, Betty Jo Leapley, Marlin Papenhausen, Loren Paulsen, Patsy Gubbels, Jay Hall, and John Wolfram. The Coleridge Board will receive the President's Board Award (formerly the Outstanding Board Award). Past members Patsy Gubbels, Karla Hansen, and Loren Paulsen will be invited to attend when the awards are presented.

VIII. Action Items

Motion by Papenhausen and second by Hall to affirm Security Bank as primary custodian of district funds for 2014. Carried 9-0 on roll call vote.

Motion by Leapley and second Brandow by to approve the administrative recommendation to hire Jordan Taylor as night custodian for the 2014-15 school year. Carried 9-0 on roll call vote.

Motion by Holcomb and second by Colwell to appoint Hansen Repair (Dan Hansen) and Hefner Oil and Feed Co. (Kerry Hefner) as District Motor Vehicle Mechanics for vehicle inspections for the 2014-15 school year. Carried 9-0 on roll call vote.

Motion by Hall and second by Leapley to approve the use of “local” substitute teachers for the 2014-15 school year. Carried 9-0 on roll call vote.

Motion by Brandow and second by Van Cleave to approve the Activity Pass Rates for the 2014-15 school year at Adults: \$20 per season (fall and winter), Senior Citizens: \$25 per year, and Students: \$25 per year. Carried 9-0 on roll call vote.

Motion by Van Cleave and second by Colwell to approve the mileage reimbursement rates as set by the Nebraska Department of Education for 2014-15 school year. Carried 9-0 on roll call vote.

Motion by Holcomb and second by Van Cleave to approve interlocal agreements for the Level III Program with Bloomfield, Hartington-Newcastle, and Wynot. Carried 9-0 on roll call vote.

Motion by Papenhausen and second by Schutte to table action on a playground equipment bid pending more information. Carried 9-0 on roll call vote.

Motion by Leapley and second by Hall to approve the administration recommendation to hire Shannon Arduser as a bus driver for the 2014-15 school year. Carried 9-0 on roll call vote.

IX. Discussion Items

Agenda discussion items discussed with no official action taken were: board committee appointments for 2014.

Speaking as a member of the NASB Board of Directors, Brian Holcomb congratulated the past board members of the Laurel-Concord Public School and the Coleridge Community Schools, and the new board members of the Laurel-Concord-Coleridge School district for all the planning and efforts to reorganize into the new Laurel-Concord-Coleridge School District established August 1, 2014.

President Wolfgram thanked the board members, administration, staff, patrons, and communities for the support in reorganizing the new school district.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Dated this 11th day of August, 2014

Cedar County School District #54

Submitted by: _____
Betty Jo Leapley, Secretary