

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Laurel-Concord-Coleridge School, District 14-0054
June 8, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Laurel-Concord-Coleridge School Board of Education was conducted in open session in the Community Learning Center at the Laurel-Concord-Coleridge School, Laurel, Nebraska on June 8, 2015. Board members present were Richard Brandow, Robert Colwell, Jay Hall, Brian Holcomb, Betty Jo Leapley, and Marlin Papenhausen. Board members absent were Steve Schutte, Ryan Van Cleave and John Wolfgram. Also present were Superintendent Randall Klooz, Principal Stephanie Petersen, and Principal Jay Vance. The meeting notice was published in the June 3, 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, June 5, 2015.

I. Call to Order

President Brandow duly called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. 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 Papenhausen to approve the agenda as presented. Carried 6-0 on roll call vote.

III. Consent Agenda

Motion by Hall and second by Leapley to approve the consent agenda items including minutes of the May 11, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting; Treasurer reports; the General Fund bills in the amount of \$122,256.41; the Cooperative Fund bill in the amount of \$809.54; the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund bills in the amount of \$3,108.75; projected Laurel-Concord-Coleridge District payroll of \$456,906.46; and to excuse absent Board members Steve Schutte, Ryan Van Cleave, and John Wolfgram. Carried 6-0 on roll call vote.

IV. Public Comment

President Brandow read the statement regarding Public Comment Protocol and Procedures. Each person who signed up to address the Board was allowed five minutes to speak. Four persons signed up to address the Board during the "Public Comment" item on the agenda. Lyle Van Cleave commented to the Board on the new administration structure and on board conduct at meetings. Mark Patefield thanked the board members for serving. He expressed appreciation to Mr. Klooz for his leadership during the consolidation and changes the district has worked through. Patefield shared a quote from James Madison in "The Federalist No. 63". He thanked the school for the positive programs it offers such as the "Good Character Award" for students. Karla Hansen said she supported Mr. Patefield's comments. She thanked board members and administrators for their leadership, and for always putting the kids first. She acknowledged the consolidation was a big step and it was not easy. She said she trusted the Board and the leadership of the district.

Robert Colwell excused himself from the board table and addressed the board as a patron. Mr. Colwell read a letter addressed to the Board, Administration, Patrons, and Teachers. He would like the public to submit written letters to be given to the Board President and Vice President so the Board can research concerns and be knowledgeable with their responses or actions. He wants a great school where our kids flourish and head on to be great citizens. He does “not want to be manipulated by information that is not researched and factual, conjured up, or is just plain hear say.” President Brandow thanked each person at the conclusion of their comments and he thanked the public for taking the time to attend the meeting.

V. Information and Proposals

1. Principal Petersen reported she was meeting with, and working with Principal Johnson and Principal Shiers to try to provide a smooth transition for their new positions as principals. Board members thanked Mrs. Petersen for her years of service and dedication to the education of our students, and wished her the best in her new position as superintendent at Creighton Community School.

Highlights in Principal Vance’s report included: Upcoming Activities; NESA testing results; and he expressed thanks to Citizen’s State Bank for helping sponsor a cookout for the junior class as a reward for the effort they put forth on the NESA exams. He expressed congratulations to the state track qualifiers: Sadie Petersen-1600 m run, and 3200 m run (7th place); Ellie Arduser-200 m dash (6th place), 400 m dash (5th place), triple jump and 100 m dash; Audra Corbit-high jump (3rd place); Bayley Holloway-pole vault; Collin Dirks-high jump; Jayden Reifenrath-100 m dash and long jump; and Aaron Haarh-3200m run. He also congratulated all the students who earned all A’s or all A’s and B’s for the 4th quarter and for the second semester. Congratulations to Audra Corbit and Ellie Arduser for being selected to play in All-Star Basketball games, and Chayce Hirschman for his selection to play in the Northeast Nebraska All-Star Football game.

2. Superintendent Klooz’s report included: information from the community meetings held regarding activities; the newspaper article he submitted for the June 3rd issues of the Coleridge Blade and Laurel Advocate; and working to improve communication through the professional development calendar, faculty meetings, all-patron newsletters, annual board calendar, monthly newspaper articles on social media, and community coffees. He discussed the video, “5 Dysfunctions of a Team”, that all staff and board members were asked to view and provide feedback. He thanked Mrs. Petersen for all her help, and he expressed his appreciation to Mrs. Petersen and Mr. Frerichs for their help in the consolidation process. Superintendent Klooz thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Written reports were provided from Principal Jay Vance and Superintendent Randall Klooz. The written reports are available at the office of the superintendent and online at www.lccschool.org.

3. President Brandow shared thank you notes received from the Brandow/Test Family, the Vance Family, the Mary Hansen Family, the Myron Peterson Family, and the Rehnstrom Family for expressions of condolence from the school.

A thank you note was read from teachers Karla Pippitt and Sue Stingley for the teamwork mugs they received for Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you notes were shared from two students, Jake and Rachel, for their class field trip to Lincoln.

Brian Holcomb, Betty Jo Leapley and Mr. Klooz reported on the School Law Seminar they attended on June 5. Board members were reminded to register for the upcoming Open Meetings Law Workshop in Norfolk on the evening of June 17th.

VI. Action Items

1. Motion by Hall, second by Colwell to approve the second semester attendance/credit administrative recommendations. After discussion and on roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.
2. Motion by Holcomb, second by Papenhausen to approve Hansen Repair (Dan Hansen) and Hefner Oil and Feed Co. (Kerry Hefner) as District Motor Vehicle Mechanics for vehicle inspections for the 2015-16 school year. After discussion, and on roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.
3. Motion by Leapley, second by Hall to approve the bid from Cornhusker State Industries in the amount of \$5940 to replace 60 desks at the middle school. After discussion and on roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.
4. Motion by Papenhausen, second by Leapley to accept the bid from Fay's Furniture & Floor Covering for flooring in 2 rooms at the middle school in the amount of \$6,251.85 and 3 rooms at the high school in the amount of \$12,139.55. After discussion and on roll call vote, For: Brandow, Hall, Holcomb, Leapley, Papenhausen; Against: none; Abstain: Colwell, because of employment. Motion carried 5-0-1.
5. Motion by Holcomb, second by Colwell to approve the use of "local" substitute teachers for the 2015-16 school year. After discussion and on roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.
6. Motion by Leapley, second by Papenhausen to approve a contract with Denise Kinkaid for the middle school language arts teaching position for the 2015-16 school year. After discussion and on roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.
7. Motion by Colwell, second by Holcomb to table action on the Crown Global service agreement. After discussion and on roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.
8. Motion by Papenhausen, second by Holcomb to approve the Superintendent's salary for the 2015-16 school year at \$119,348.44, and to extend the Superintendent's contract through the 2016-17 school year. After discussion and on roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.
9. Motion by Papenhausen, second by Leapley to approve the salary for the high school principal at \$84,870.00 for the 2015-16 school year. After discussion and on roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.

10. Motion by Colwell, second by Leapley to approve keeping the Activity Pass rates at the current rates for the 2015-16 school year. These rates are—Adults: \$20 per season (fall and winter); Senior Citizens (age 65 and over): \$25 per year; Students: \$25 per year. After discussion and on roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.
11. Motion by Hall, second by Colwell to approve the mileage reimbursement rates as set by the Nebraska Department of Education for the 2015-16 school year. After discussion and on roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.
12. Motion by Hall, second by Leapley to approve the classified staff contracts and salary schedule for the 2015-16 school year. After discussion and on roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.
13. Motion by Colwell, second by Hall to approve the district Mission Statement, Vision, and Belief Statement as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, motion carried 6-0. The staff, board members, administration, and public were thanked for their input in developing these statements.
14. Motion by Colwell, second by Hall to approve Perry Law Firm to develop Laurel-Concord-Coleridge School Board Policies. After discussion and on roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.
15. Motion by Colwell, second by Hall to approve the LCC curriculum for the 2015-2016 school year. After discussion and on roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.

VII. Discussion Items

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

1. Discuss scheduling a date for the school board retreat.
2. Update on summer building maintenance projects-painting in old gym and ceiling, stage curtains and back drops, bus purchase, roof drainage, concrete near weight room at Laurel, two cars, 60 desks, benches and trash cans at the playground and how to acknowledge memorial donations, and the entryway project.
3. Discuss the Voluntary Early Retirement Incentive Plan. Mr. Klooz will work with the architects to set up community meetings to discuss the entryway project. The Policy/Library Board Committee will be meeting to work on the policies.

VIII. Executive Session

All proceedings of the meeting were held in public session.

IX. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

Cedar County School District #54

Submitted by: _____

Betty Jo Leapley
Secretary