

LAUREL-CONCORD-COLERIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT #54
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Monthly Meeting (HS)
July 11, 2016 7:30 PM
BOARD ROOM @ LCC SCHOOL (LAUREL)

Attendance Taken at 7:30 PM:

Present Board Members:

Robert Colwell
Carol Erwin
Jay Hall
Brian Holcomb
Betty Jo Leapley
Steve Schutte
John Wolfgram

Absent Board Members:

Richard Brandow
Marlin Papenhausen

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting was convened at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge School, Laurel, Nebraska. The meeting notice was published in the July 6, 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 Elementary Principal Heath Johnson. Members of the public were present and welcomed. 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 Betty Jo Leapley and a second by John Wolfgram.

7 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: Motion to approve consent agenda items including minutes of the June 13, 2016 Hearings, June 13, 2016 Regular Meeting, and July 6, 2016 Board Retreat; Treasurer reports; the General Fund bills in the amount of \$158,305.54; the Cooperative Fund bill in the amount of \$301.00; and the

projected payroll of \$404,160.10 passed with a motion by Robert Colwell and a second by Brian Holcomb.

7 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

IV. EXCUSE ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS

Discussion:

No action was taken to excuse absent board members.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion:

No member of the public requested to address the board.

VI. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

VI.1. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Discussion:

Dr. Graves, agricultural education instructor, gave the board a summary of her education and work background. She explained an application she and the FFA Alumni submitted for a America's Farmers Grow Rural Education grant sponsored by Monsanto. Their application is a national finalist with the recipients to be selected in August. The purpose of the local application is to work on purchasing and installing a greenhouse. Dr. Graves explained how several curriculum areas could be involved in constructing and utilizing the greenhouse for education. The Annual Professional Development calendar for the staff is close to completion. Principal Johnson, Principal Vance, and Principal Vanderheiden will meet to discuss the calendar, and the staff will have some input on choosing BYOC work days. Principal Johnson explained how the preschool could benefit from the addition of a full-time paraprofessional. He provided the board with the requirements for a preschool para as set forth by the Nebraska Department of Education in Rule 11. If the board hires a preschool para, our current wait lists can be eliminated.

VI.2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Discussion:

Superintendent Klooz reported the administration is verifying the certification of assigned activity and athletic coaches. He gave updates on the entryway project, and a meeting with representatives of the Library Board, City of Laurel, LCC School Board, and others to discuss the changes in the Learning Center. Gates will be installed on the playground that can be closed for student safety during times students are outdoors. Anticipated work on the back parking lot will take place in the summer of 2017. Mr. Klooz will check if the lighting outside the west gym doors is sufficient for the safety of persons using those doors. The 2016-17 Budget Workshop will be August 30, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Future school board meetings in Laurel will be held in the Learning Center Conference Room. The administration continues to look for a certified trainer to work with the school.

VI.3. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Discussion:

A thank you note was read from the Family of Arlyn Myers. Board members and administrators discussed the recent Board Retreat with Marcia Herring, Director of Board Leadership with NASB. Topics included professional development, community engagement, board goals, and the board-superintendent calendar. Changing the board meeting time to 7:00 p.m. to allow committee meetings to be held at 6:00 p.m. on the same nights was discussed.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

VII.1. Consider, discuss and take necessary action with regard to first reading of the following board policies--3090, 3130, 3570, 4026, 4027, 5003, 5006, 5104, 5203, 5418, 5418 Forms, 5419, 6020, 6212, 6282, 6284, 6286, 6410, 6800, 6920, 6920A, 8270, 8344 and 9341.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the first reading of the following policies as provided: 3090, 3130, 3570, 4026, 4027, 5006, 5104, 5203, 5418, 5418 Forms, 5419, 6020, 6212, 6284, 6286, 6410, 6800, 6920, 6920A, 8270, 8344 and 9341; and policy 6282 with the colors as discussed passed with a motion by Brian Holcomb and a second by Robert Colwell.

7 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

Discussion:

There were no changes to policy 5003 and it was excluded from any action. Principal Vance will work with the Board Policy Committee to review policy 5003 and bring any proposed changes to the Board by the regular meeting in March 2017. Policy 6282 will read: The official colors of Laurel-Concord-Coleridge High School shall be Orange and Black. The official colors of Laurel-Concord-Coleridge Middle School shall be Columbia Blue and White. An additional color or colors may be used for trim.

VII.2. Consider, discuss and take necessary action with regard to LCC School accreditation.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve signing up the Laurel-Concord-Coleridge Elementary School Building and the Laurel-Concord-Coleridge Middle School Building for AdvancED accreditation passed with a motion by Steve Schutte and a second by John Wolfgram.

7 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Richard Brandow	Absent
Robert Colwell	Yes
Carol Erwin	Yes
Jay Hall	Yes
Brian Holcomb	Yes
Betty Jo Leapley	Yes

Marlin Papenhausen	Absent
Steve Schutte	Yes
John Wolfgram	Yes

VII.3. Consider, discuss and take necessary action with regard to Handbooks for the 2016-17 school year.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the Student-Parent Handbook, Teacher Handbook, and Classified Staff Handbook as presented passed with a motion by Robert Colwell and a second by Brian Holcomb.

7 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

VII.4. Consider, discuss and take necessary action with regard to board/superintendent goals for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the board/superintendent goals for the 2016-2017 school year as presented passed with a motion by John Wolfgram and a second by Betty Jo Leapley.

7 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

VII.5. Consider, discuss and take necessary action with regard to replacing a skid loader.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the bid of \$29,774 to purchase a Bobcat Skid-Steer Loader from Sooland Bobcat passed with a motion by Robert Colwell and a second by Betty Jo Leapley.

7 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

Discussion:

Bids were received from Sooland Bobcat and Grossenburg Implement for skid loaders.

VII.6. Consider, discuss and take necessary action with regard to carpet bid.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve carpet bids for the gym hallway (\$9901.39), new entryway (\$6818.81) and steps/hallway to the high school (\$5212.24) for a total amount of \$21932.44 from Fay's Furniture & Floor Covering passed with a motion by Steve Schutte and a second by John Wolfgram.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays - 1 Abstained.

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

Discussion:

The cost of \$5212.24 to replace the carpet on the steps/hallway to the high school will be covered by insurance. Board member Colwell abstained from the vote because of his affiliation with Fay's Furniture & Floor Covering.

VII.7. Consider, discuss and take necessary action with regard to a preschool paraprofessional.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve hiring a preschool paraprofessional passed with a motion by Robert Colwell and a second by Carol Erwin.

7 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

Discussion:

Principal Johnson explained that adding a paraprofessional in the preschool would allow expanding the enrollment capacity from 10 students per section to 20 students per section.

VII.8. Consider, discuss and take necessary action with regard to transportation safety.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve purchasing transportation safety packages totaling \$8143.20, including Full Option #1 in the amount of \$3816 and Camera Option #2 in the amount of \$4327.20 from Synovia Safety passed with a motion by Steve Schutte and a second by Brian Holcomb.

7 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

VIII.1. Update on preparing 2016-2017 bus routes.

Discussion:

The new bus is scheduled to arrive in late August. The Middle School bus will depart for Coleridge at 7:45 a.m.

VIII.2. Discuss proposed Board/Superintendent Annual Calendar

Discussion:

The proposed Board/Superintendent Annual Calendar was reviewed. Discussion was held on moving board meeting time to 7:00 p.m. and to hold committee meetings at 6:00 p.m. when needed.

IX. ADJOURN

Discussion:

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

Cedar County School District #54

Submitted by:

Betty Jo Leapley
Secretary of the Board