

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COOPER COUNTY R-IV SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Session, March 21, 2019**

Members Present

Amy Heilman – President
Anna Kahle – Vice President
Robin Bishop – Secretary - Partial
Tasha Knapheide – Treasurer - Partial
Ron Anderson – Member
Ashley Benny – Member
Justin Hein – Member

Members Absent

Dr. Anderson – Superintendent
Jessica Huth – Principal
Brian Emde – Activities Director - Partial

- I. The Cooper County R-IV Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Amy Heilman at 7:01 PM.
- II. Motion made by Justin Hein to approve the agendas for the March 21, 2019, Regular and Executive Sessions.
Motion seconded by Anna Kahle.
Yeas: 6 (Amy Heilman, Anna Kahle, Robin Bishop, Ron Anderson, Justin Hein, and Ashley Benny)
Nays: 0
Motion Carried: Yes
- III. Motion made by Justin Hein to approve the minutes for the Regular and Executive Sessions from February 25, 2019, and the Special Regular Session from March 14, 2019.
Motion seconded by Ashley Benny.
Yeas: 6 (Amy Heilman, Anna Kahle, Robin Bishop, Ron Anderson, Justin Hein, and Ashley Benny)
Nays: 0
Motion Carried: Yes
- IV. **Public Comment:**
There was no public comment.
- V. **Monthly Bills**
Motion made by Robin Bishop to approve the bills for the current month.
Motion seconded by Justin Hein.
Yeas: 6 (Amy Heilman, Anna Kahle, Robin Bishop, Ron Anderson, Justin Hein, and Ashley Benny)
Nays: 0
Motion Carried: Yes
- VI. **Monthly Financial Report – February 2018**
Superintendent Dr. Anderson reported:
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| Beginning Balance: | \$2,408,374.48 |
| Total Receipts: | \$110,543.67 |
| Total Expenditures: | \$2,518,918.15 |
| Total Cash on Hand: | \$2,032,772.89 |
| Total Investments: | \$302,876.20 |
- VII. **Reports**
1. Marsha Vernon-Farrugia presented information about the Special Education PreK to 12th grade. We currently have 1 student in Young Child Developmentally Delayed, 4 Other Health Impaired, 3 with Autism, 2 with Specific Learning Disabilities, 1 with an Intellectual Disability, and 2 students with 504 plans. She shared the other resource teachers working with our SPED department. She would like to purchase a weighted vest for PreK and Kindergarten. She would like to purchase a computer assessment program for testing students for initial services and reevaluations. She would also like iPads to be used for secondary education curriculum. She shared that the 2019-2020 kindergarten class may need para support for students transitioning from PreK with an IEP and 504. In the future, we might need to offer a resource English and Math class for secondary students. Dr. Anderson is working on obtaining Pearson Online Assessments which will save money on assessments and keep the district from borrowing protocols from other districts, facilitating evaluations.

2. Seth Pirtle presented information about his business classes, yearbook, and middle school keyboarding. This year he has been focused on writing curriculum for the classes being offered and building the business program. He is hopeful that the numbers of students enrolled in business classes for 2019-20 school year will be almost double. The yearbook raised about \$1500 in ad sales this year, and he reduced the cost of the yearbook to \$1700. This year we have also introduced middle school keyboarding for the 8th graders. He is hopeful that next year we can offer the keyboarding class to 7th or 6th graders. Mr. Pirtle would like to purchase textbooks for career readiness and an ACT prep book or workbook. He would also like for the middle school students to also be given a personal laptop provided by the school. It helps with a multitude of skills, especially responsibility.
3. Bill Moser submitted information on maintenance concerns.
 - MoDot inspections are done. Bus 2000 had to have work to pass. All are good to go now.
 - 2008 is now running fine.
 - Tina is going to retire end of the year. Glenda will stay on.
 - This summer we will establish snow routes; using main roads which are plowed by the county.
 - We may re-organize the bus routes. He is considering going to one route.
 - Examining the Propane bill: The tanks are on a percentage gauge. He refills it on a route schedule, and the percentage of propane required will vary. Bill is recording the percentages and figuring the amounts used per month, so we can accurately predict costs for next year.
 - Have one estimate for glass, and two more coming.
 - One estimate for tuckpointing and two more coming.
 - Snow removal does not include ice melt. The district purchased a spreader and we take care of it inhouse now.
 - We will gravel the lot before graduation.
 - The ballfield needs score board lights and two spot-lights. Estimate is \$4000.00
 - LED replacement light project is continuing. Waiting on more bulbs. It's ½ done.
 - Contractor meeting with Joe Brazil will begin in April, after our indemnity contract is signed.
 - Other summer projects: Using the lift we will work on the Flag Pole Light.
4. Assistant Principal / Activities Director's Report: Mr. Emde presented information on all of the following areas.
 - Mr. Emde has submitted a cooperative sponsorship with Prairie Home to MSHSAA to be the host school for Girls Volleyball, Girls Basketball and Girls Spring Softball for the 2019-2020 school year. Prairie Home will do the same but they will submit to be the host for Boys Baseball and Boys Basketball. At that time, MSHSAA will approve and the coop will be official. A meet and greet with Prairie Home school board is also planned for March 26.
 - Varsity basketball girls final record was 11-14 and the boys final record was 8-15. Taylor Burnett completed her high school eligibility scoring 1017 total points. CCAA Girls Conference Co-MVP was Chloe Moser. First team included Taylor Burnett and Madelynn Myers received an honorable mention. CCAA Boys All Conference included Brayden Doyle, Jason Burnett, and Dillon Alpers to first team. Girls All District team included Chloe Moser and Taylor Burnett and Boys All District Team included Dillon Alpers.
 - The track schedule is complete and all meets require an entry fee and leaving school before the end of the day. They are March 21 in Marshall (HS) at 3:30, April 4 at MSD (HS), April 17 Harrisburg (JH/HS) at 4:00, April 23 CCAA Conference (JH/HS) in Ashland at 9:00.
 - All athletic schedules are revised and updated on the school website.
 - He will call Sweet Springs to discuss the process for developing an athletic co-op contract.
5. Principal's Report: Mrs. Huth reported on the following areas.
 - The teachers are working on pre and posttests, Study Island, Exact Path and practicing for the EOC/MAP testing.
 - The leadership team is working on evaluating standards.
 - PBIS has gotten the National Guard posters delivered and a Dragon Den event is scheduled for April 18.
 - Attendance and discipline reports were shared.
 - All staff are working within departmental meetings and turning in reports of information discussed. They are also breaking down testing information (MAP, EOC, and ASPIRE)
 - Mrs. Huth created 4 different schedules for 2019-2020.
 - The Garden Club currently has 13 students enrolled. Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Ray and Mrs. Huth are leading this group. So far, they have planted tomatoes, spinach, lettuce, carrots, peas, an herb garden and flower bulbs. They have also made a craft egg bug.
6. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Anderson
 - Dr. Anderson's reports appear below in old and new business.

VIII. Old Business

- The lawyers are drawing up an indemnity document for the district to protect us from liability issues during our roofing project.
- Co-op Update: Prairie Home has accepted our invitation to the Meet and Greet on March 26 at 6:30 PM.

IX. New Business

A. MEUHP update

- There will be \$15,552 in Assessment Pool Costs (to cover a seven-million-dollar deficit), and an additional 7.5% increase for next year. Dr. Anderson recommended continuing with the self-funded pool. The 7.5% increase will be an additional increase of \$48 per month per employee. We can choose to pay the shortfall assessment fee of \$15,552 in one lump sum or monthly.

B. State Funding Update

- Education Budget is fully funded, but will not improve our economic outlook, as we're hold harmless. It holds us to a level of funding that cannot drop below the amount received in 2005-2006 (when attendance rates were higher). The bill to eliminate Hold Harmless is up for debate now, but not expected to pass this year.

C. Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

- Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is the program that allows students a free breakfast and lunch. While this program will not make our district any money, we should break even unless our numbers change drastically. If we are approved, we would receive the program for 4 years. In order to make this work best for our district, we must ensure that ALL students take a tray for breakfast and lunch even if they do not intend to eat it. We are paid by the number of trays we take. Adults could also be allowed to eat for free, (item for further discussion) but we cannot claim them for credit.

Motion made by Ashley Benny for the district to pursue becoming a CEP district.

Motion seconded by Justin Hein.

Yeas: 6 (Amy Heilman, Anna Kahle, Tasha Knapheide, Ron Anderson, Justin Hein, and Ashley Benny)

Nays: 0

Motion Carried: Yes

X. Monthly Meeting

The next monthly meeting will be Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at 6:30 PM.

XI. Adjourn to Executive Session

Board President, Amy Heilman, entertained a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting.

Motion made by Ron Anderson to adjourn Special Regular Session meeting.

Motion seconded by Anna Kahle.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: 6 (Amy Heilman, Anna Kahle, Tasha Knapheide, Ron Anderson, Justin Hein, and Ashley Benny)

Nays: 0

Motion Carried: Yes

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Board President

Board Secretary