Cochrane-Fountain City School District Board Retreat April 22, 2024

## Call to Order

Larry Cyrus called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm in the high school board room #335. Board members present were Larry Cyrus, Lisa Wolfe, Amanda Lacey, Darrin Dillinger, Lynn Doelle, Michael Ayala, and Niki Secrist. Also present was Troy White.

## Statement of Notice Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 19.84

Larry Cyrus attested to the publication of the meeting.

#### Review

Organizational portion of the April 24th meeting

- Board Policy 141 Board Officers-Election of Officers
- Policy 142 School District Legal Counsel
- Policy 165.1 School Board Member Conflicts of Interest
- Policy 170 Regular and Special Board Meetings
- Policy 185 Committee of the Whole

Board meeting agendas - https://www.cfc.k12.wi.us/district/2022-2023-agendas.cfm

Board meeting minutes - https://www.cfc.k12.wi.us/district/2023-2024-minutes.cfm

Board meeting documents - https://www.cfc.k12.wi.us/district/meeting-documents.cfm

Troy White explained the process and procedures for the organizational portion of the upcoming meeting on April 24, 2024, which involves the board policies 141, 142, 165.1, 170, and 185.

More in-depth discussion was had regarding the following:

- Policy 141 was recommended to be adjusted to add that all members can vote including those nominated.
- O Policy 142 was clarified that the district administrator or designee when unavailable is authorized to engage the District's legal counsel and shall promptly notify the Board. Individual Board members are generally not authorized to initiate or engage the services of legal counsel unless there is an official Board action authorizing or directing them to do so. The Board president is authorized to initiate or engage the services of the District's legal counsel if there is a need for legal advice relating to the employment or performance of the District Administrator.

Troy White explained that Board agendas for regular meetings are posted on the website the Friday before meetings and committee meeting agendas are emailed to Board members the Friday before meetings. It was also noted that the minutes and documents are also located on the district website.

#### Information

# Insurance update

### Professional and support staff salary and compensation

Troy White gave an update on the district's insurance and salaries.

# Speech and language pathologist contract

Troy White provided information to the Board about contracting with a speech and language pathologist.

## **Enrollment projections**

## 3- and 4-year-old five days a week

Enrollment projections for the district were shared to help the Board understand how staffing and budgeting are affected by the enrollment numbers.

#### Discussion

# **Purpose**

Vision, mission, motto
 Roles and responsibilities
 Organizational chart – chain of command
 Norms / Collective agreements

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# Goals

District strategic plan
Board professional development
Open meeting law
Board policies – review plan

Facility and budget assessment for a potential referendum

The Board discussed they would need an additional retreat to discuss the vision, mission, roles and responsibilities, norms, collective agreements, goals, and continue reviewing Board policies.

# **Adjourn**

Darrin Dillinger made a motion to adjourn, Lynn Doelle seconded the motion. Motion carried at 7:35 p.m.

Cochrane-Fountain City School District Board Meeting in Committee May 6, 2024

#### Call to Order

Darrin Dillinger called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm in the high school board room #335. Board members present were Larry Cyrus, Lisa Wolfe, Amanda Lacey, Darrin Dillinger, and Lynn Doelle. Michael Ayala and Niki Secrist were absent. Also present were Troy White, Allen Bollinger, Tom Hiebert, Cindy Lambert, and Alisha Pronschinske.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Mission Statement was read by Darrin Dillinger.

Darrin Dillinger attested to the publication of the meeting.

# Approval of the Agenda

Lynn Doelle made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Lisa Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **Presentation**

Previous board member recognition.

Darrin Dillinger presented Allen Bollinger with a framed certificate honoring the time he served on the school board. Don Baloun was not present to receive his plaque.

## **Information Items**

- **Staff appreciation week May 6-10.** Troy White presented that staff appreciation week included treats and each group that was sponsoring the event.
- i-Ready testing The similarities and differences between the i-Ready and MAP testing platforms was presented by Troy White. It was shared that the staff has been piloting the i-Ready platform and has brought back good reviews. The district is looking to move to i-Ready versus MAP for grades 3 8 and continue with MAP testing in 5K-2 until the ESGI platform could replace it.
- School end time The school start time of 8:00 a.m. and end time of 3:14 p.m. every day for the entire district was shared with the board by Troy White. The change was presented by the principals to provide more consistency for parents, transportation, and shared staffing.
- **Sol Simon resignation and post-employment benefits** Troy White told the Board that Sol Simon has submitted his resignation and will be taking his post-employment benefits.

#### **Discussion Items**

- Policy 141 update Policy 141 was updated to reflect that all board members can vote for officers.
- Live streaming board meetings -- Live streaming board meetings was brought forward by Lisa Wolfe. A discussion about being more transparent was raised. The board agreed that the audio recordings currently being made should be posted on the district's website. Mr. White will investigate board policies before making this decision.
- Western Dairyland's removal of playground equipment -- Lisa Wolfe inquired whether there would be a conversation with Western Dairyland about purchasing the playground equipment. Garek Barum, maintenance director, has communicated the need for the area to be cleaned and excavated by July to allow the district time to prepare for the school year. Ongoing conversations are welcomed, but it would be up to Western Dairyland Head Start.

## **Future Agenda Items**

Administrative contract

## Review Timelines and Items for Future Board Agendas and Meetings.

Wednesday	May 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday	June 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024	Committee of the Whole	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	June 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.

#### Adjourn

Amanda Lacey made a motion to adjourn, Lynn Doelle seconded the motion. Motion carried at 6:15 p.m.

Cochrane-Fountain City School District Board Retreat May 6, 2024

The purpose is to review board member roles and responsibilities as well as discuss district priorities, board-superintendent relationship, communication, and board goals. A quorum of the Board of Education will attend. No formal board action will occur during the retreat.

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# **Statement of Notice Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 19.84**

Darrin Dillinger attested to the publication of the meeting.

## **Review**

Board meeting agendas
Board meeting minutes
Board meeting documents
The above documents were reviewed.

### Discussion

- Purpose
  - Vision, mission (policy 110), and motto
- Policy 150 Board Governance
  - Roles and responsibilities
  - Administrative evaluation instrument
  - Norms and Collective agreements
  - Organizational chart chain of command
- Goals
  - Policy 112.1 Strategic Planning and Goals
  - Policy 153 Board Self-Evaluation and Goal Setting
- Policy 163 Board Member Development Activities
- Policy 171.2 Agenda Preparation and Dissemination
  - Establishing the subject matter of meeting agendas
  - Meeting notices under the open meetings law
- Policy 183 Voting and School Board Meetings
- Board policies review plan

The Board felt with two board members being absent they would need an additional retreat to discuss the vision, mission, roles and responsibilities, norms, collective agreements, goals, and continue reviewing Board policies.

The board discussed the organizational chart and chain of command and the goal of reviewing the Board policies monthly at committee meetings.

There was discussion of the administrative evaluation instrument and the need for the Board to discuss this at the regular meeting in May.

# **Adjourn**

Amanda Lacey made a motion to adjourn, Lisa Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion carried at 7:31 p.m.