Cochrane-Fountain City School District Board Meeting in Committee July 8, 2024

Call to Order

Darrin Dillinger called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the high school board room #335. Board members present were Larry Cyrus, Lisa Wolfe, Amanda Lacey, Darrin Dillinger, Michael Ayala, Lynn Doelle, and Niki Secrist. Also present were Troy White and Tom Hiebert.

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.

District celebrations

• Hope4U \$2,500 donation to support the Everyday Speech social-emotional learning curriculum purchase. Darrin Dillinger read that Hope4U donated \$2,500. Other items listed include FFA at the state convention and summer school classes.

Information Items

- Spending money as needed until the adoption of a final budget Mr. White and the Board discussed the designation of Fund 10 money until the final budget is adopted.
- Designation of Depositories for District Funds: Waumandee State Bank, Alliance Bank, the Local Government Investment Pool, and Pershing Advisor Solutions, LLC (Ehlers). Mr. White told the Board who the depositories were for the district funds.
- Staffing update. Mr. White shared details of the new staff, staff changing roles, and open positions.
- Notice of Academic Standards Mr. White explained the academic standards that he recommends the board adopt.

Discussion Items

- **2024 2025 Board goals –** The 2024 2025 board goals were reviewed. The board decided to focus on staff retention through stress management, balancing workloads, and supporting student behaviors as well as a connection with the community through more transparency and engagement.
- **2024 2025 Fee Schedule** The 2024 -2025 fee schedule was discussed with the only increase being the price of an individual milk carton going up to \$0.60.
- **Discuss amendment to Policy 173 Closed session** Policy 173 amendments were discussed.
- Discuss adding national board certification to the salary schedule. Mr. White and the board discussed adding a National Board Certification to the class I enhancement of the professional staff salary schedule, but not having a National Board-certified teacher move to the master's section of the pay scale.
- **Discuss the 2024-25 Student Academic Standards** Mr. White and the board discussed the standards being added to the essential learning outcomes on the website would not be beneficial.
- 2024-2025 Calendar changes
 - o 2025 Graduation Friday, May 23, 2025, at 7:00 pm.
 - March 31 from no school day to staff development no student day.
 - April 18th from staff development no student day to no school day.

Mr. White and the board discussed switching the March 31 no-school day with the April 18th staff development. There was also discussion about moving graduation to Friday, May 23, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Discuss changing the regular board meeting on August 21st to August 14th at 4:00 pm to avoid open house and
invite new staff to attend. – The board discussed keeping the board meeting as scheduled and inviting new staff to
attend board meetings in August or September to be introduced.

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Reports

CESA report

Larry Cyrus and the board discussed the last CESA meeting.

Future Agenda Items.

A safety presentation will be added to a future meeting.

Review Timelines and Items for Future Board Agendas and Meetings.

Wednesday	July 17 [™] , 2024	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday	August 5 th , 2024	Committee of the Whole	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	August 21 st , 2024	Regular Meeting/Open House	6:00 p.m.

Adjourn

Amanda Lacey made a motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Michael Ayala seconded the motion. Motion carried