

Board of Education
Cochrane-Fountain City School District
Committee of the Whole Meeting
February 10, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Karen Knospe.

Board members present: Rita Greshik, Kalene Engel, Don Baloun, Bonnie Breza, Karen Knospe, Larry Cyrus. Lynn Doelle was absent.

Others present: Jo-Ellen Fairbanks, Linda Hesch, Savannah Sixty, Ariana Hesch, Kelsey Baures, Amanda Lacey, Theresa Henderson, Dan Rolbiecki, Nicki Bagniewski

Changes to the agenda included:

Adding communication to our community to item 8C

Adding discussion of RTL plans to item 8G

Adding discussion of live streaming of minutes as item 8K

Rita Greshik moved to accept the amended agenda. Kalene Engel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Materials were distributed explaining each of the agenda items. Questions were answered and discussed in preparation for action at the regular business meeting.

Initial budget projections were identified and explained.

Charts were shared showing a comparison of co-curricular pay in area schools. Additional information about job expectations, etc made it hard to determine differences.

Larry Cyrus made the motion to go to closed session at 8:50 pm. Kalene Engel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Report was given about changes to administrator contracts recommended by legal counsel. Larry Cyrus made the motion to adjourn from closed session. Kalene Engel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 pm.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COCHRANE-FOUNTAIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Development & Communications Committee Meeting
High School Library
February 25, 2022
4:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order:** Kalene Engel called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. **Attendance:** Kalene Engel and Bonnie Breza.
3. **Discuss/develop professional development curriculum for board members:** Members reviewed and revised the proposed 2022 C-FC School Board Development Curriculum. Several recommendations for the delivery of the curriculum were discussed with the final recommendation as follows:
 - a. the full board participates in the training
 - b. training take place in several one-hour sessions, scheduled prior to regular and/or committee meetings
 - c. trainings will include some “homework” to be done between in person sessions
 - d. the committee will take the lead on trainings by default, but welcome volunteers who may want to lead trainings
4. **Discuss/revise Board Accomplishments list:** Members reviewed and revised the Overview of the Work of the C-FC Leadership Team document and made revisions. The committee recommendation is to request superintendent and board feedback/revisions by March 9th with the final approval at March 16th Board Meeting, after which the information will be posted on the website and available for other public communications about board work.
5. **Discuss/revise Board FAQs:** Members reviewed and revised the School Board Operations FAQ document. The committee recommendation is to request superintendent and board feedback/revisions by March 9th with the final approval at March 16th Board Meeting, after which the information will be posted on the website and available for other public communications about board work. Continued input on FAQ will be welcomed and addressed by the committee on an ongoing basis.
6. **Schedule Next meeting Date:** TBA.
7. **Adjourn:** Meeting Adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Board of Education
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March 3, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by President Karen Knospe.

School board members present: Karen Knospe, Larry Cyrus, Don Baloun, Kalene Engel, Lynn Doelle, Bonnie Breza, Rita Greshik. Also present: Superintendent Jo-Ellen Fairbanks.

Larry Cyrus moved and Kalene Engel seconded the motion to accept the agenda with the addition of the item that we discuss potential opportunities for school board members to assist our new tech ed teacher. Motion carried.

Survey results were shared showing teacher responses to most recent changes to the Ready to Learn plan.

Adjusted 22-23 and 23-24 school calendars were shared showing changes made based on staff input and parent preferences.

School board elections results will be canvassed at 5:30 pm on Thursday, April 7th before the next committee of the whole meeting. Dr Fairbanks, Karen Knospe and Bonnie Breza will do the canvassing.

Elected school board members will take the oath of office at 6:00 pm on Monday, April 25th, at the beginning of the annual organizational meeting.

\$78,000 has been earmarked in the budget to purchase a one-year-old bus from Stanley Boyd schools. Even with fewer students, we are not able to operate with fewer buses because of the geographic layout of our district.

Rural Virtual Academy was presented as a source that could enable us to offer multiple educational options to our students that our size prohibits us from offering on site.

More information will be coming about the viability of livestreaming our meetings in the future.

Updates to the staff handbook were presented that would give specific guidelines to staff for how to bring forward issues that they want addressed.

Current superintendent evaluation form was shared.

For the business meeting on March 16th, each board member is to bring the goals they want to assess over the 22-23 school year with any suggestions for a different process or changes to the current process. Many ideas were presented on what and how to share to make the transition to board service easier for new members and refresh the knowledge of current board members.

Suggestions were shared for how we might assist the new tech ed teacher in his building and updating of the curriculum.

Status of each category of expenditures within the 21-22 school budget was updated.

As part of the March business meeting, Andrea Robinson will share with us the new reading series chosen. Mrs McKay will also update us on the current MAPS results.

In April, representatives of each action plan team will update the progress made during the year.

Kalene Engel moved and Don Baloun seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:50 pm. Motion carried.