



April 17, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

Hans Hjort called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Board chair Hans Hjort, vice-chair Patricia Conatser, Secretary Josh Andrews, member Julie McDonald, and member Ben Page attended in person. Student Representative Isabel Priddy also attended in person.

Also present in the meeting were Chris Reitan, David Harris, Heather Mendonsa, Christy House, Trampus Conatser, and Daniel Nelson.

Jen Whicker, Tanya Clark, Jr., Karen Packer, Jessica Priddy, Amanda Vickers, Kimberly McMillan, Melinda Bass and Kristie Kuhnert attended via video/audio conference.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion: Approve the agenda

By: Andrews

Second: McDonald

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Approve the regular meeting minutes from March 28, 2024 **By:** Andrews

Second: Page

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed

Discussion: Julie McDonald liked being able to read the minutes after missing the meeting and knowing what happened.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion: Move to approve the financial statements as submitted for 3/24/2024

By: McDonald

Second: Page

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed

APPROVAL OF CORRESPONDENCE

Motion: Motion to approve the correspondence as presented **By:** Conatser

Second: Page

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Hans Hjort - Hjort enjoyed watching the elementary basketball games. Hjort and McDonald met with the union for negotiations. It was a productive meeting.

Josh Andrews - The budget committee met and reviewed the budget. This year was especially stressful. He thanked Julie McDonald, Chris Reitan, and Melinda Bass for the time they put in and the information they provided. The upcoming culture day was canceled. He thanked Loni Lingley for her willingness to step up and help. As a parent, he would like to see more notifications and communication from the school regarding student travel.

Patricia Conatser - Verbalized appreciation of indigenous community work. The high school Music Fest was a long trip. She enjoyed watching it on Youtube. She also gave a shout out to the PTSA for all the hard work this year with the events. Conatser is grateful to people who are willing to go above and beyond for the kids.

Julie McDonald - The budget has enabled the school and community to come together. Two budget meetings were held with the city. The open collaboration and communication with the city has been valuable.

Ben Page - Page had nothing to add to the report.

Isabelle Priddy - The high school counselor took students to Seward and Fairbanks. Last week was the modern band/choir trip to Music Fest. The Art Fest is later this week.

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Betty Hall - Submitted a written report. Hall was absent/excused from the meeting. McDonald asked Reitan about some classes that were going to be cut next year because of budget cuts. She was surprised that Yearbook was a regular class and asked if it could be moved to an after-school club? Andrews responded that it is typical in the region to have a yearbook as a regularly scheduled class. Conatser requested that the Board speak with

Hall about adding the yearbook back into the schedule. Reitan provided clarification between the post-prep course and a guidance counselor. The counselor works with all students and PACE seniors approaching graduation. Andrews added that the post-prep is a class that was created twenty years ago.

David Harris - Submitted a written report. Harris shared appreciation with the PTSA and all the work Amy Hjort has done. He said it takes a lot of work for the events to go off smoothly. Donuts with Grownups was a great event. Christy House prepared students, teachers, and staff for testing and everything went smoothly. House should be commended.

Christine Woodward - Submitted a written report. PACE was on day one of two inservice days.

SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR REPORT

Mike Hautala - Submitted a written report.

MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR REPORT

Daniel Nelson - Submitted a written report.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Chris Reitan - Submitted a written report. The city was supposed to meet tomorrow but had to reschedule until April 25 because they did not have a quorum. The biomass program will go out for bid for woodshop construction on Friday for a three-week period. Andrews asked what was budget and what was not, and what was covered by a grant and what was not? Reitan responded that the district used the USDA funding through the Southeast Conference. Conatser asked if we have a timeline for construction after we receive the bids. Reitan explained the new shop will be moved over, and then we will go out for bid for the biomass boiler and wood chip hopper, and the heat exchange. We have verbal acceptance for the PACE principal position but do not have a signed letter of intent.

OLD BUSINESS

CCSD Board Policies and Administrative Regulations Updates

Motion: Move to approve the presented Board Policies and Administrative Regulations as a 2nd and final reading.

By: Conatser

Second: Andrews

Board Vote: Yea: 5: Nea: 0

Resolved: motion passed

Discussion: Conatser said board bylaw number 9200-5 was not amended during the policy meeting since it was passed as a first reading. Hjort

explained that last time we voted to pass the policy, but changes were needed before it could pass. It needs to be amended and it can still pass as a second reading. Andrews moved to amend Board Bylaw 9200-5 that currently reads, "requests for legal advice or opinions by a board member that will incur a cost for the district must be approved by a majority vote of the board before the request is made to legal council. Legal council is responsible to the board." Andrews moved to strike the language "that will incur a cost for the district; read must be approved by" insert the language, " the board chair and a second board member." Striking the language "a majority vote of the board before the request is made to legal council". Keep the sentence "legal council is responsible to the board."

Amended Motion: Move to amend board bylaw 9200-5 to read, "Requests for legal advice for opinions by a board member must be approved by the board chair and a second board member. Legal council is responsible to the board."

By: Andrews

Second: McDonald

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nea: 0

Resolved: motion passed

NEW BUSINESS

PERSONNEL REPORT

Motion: Move to approve the personnel report as presented.

By: Conatser

Second: Page

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nea: 0

Discussion: Andrews was happy to see people on the PACE hiring committee that was consistent with the new policy changes. Andrews asked about how far along the new hire is with the third grade hire, and do we have arrangements for ample support. Reitan answered that discussions have taken place and there will be appropriate support with a stipend for the supporting teacher.

CCSD BOARD POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, AND EXHIBITS UPDATES

Motion: Motion to approve the presented Board Policies, Administrative Regulations and Exhibits as a 1st Reading

By: Conatser

Second: Page

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nea: 0

Discussion: Conatser said board policy 6146.1 was changed. Andrews spoke with Mrs. Hall about this. She was 100% in support of the change. It was an attempt to get people back in class.

EF EDUCATIONAL TOUR SPAIN STUDENT TRIP

Motion: Motion to approve the out-of-state travel opportunity for CHS students to participate in a EF Educational Tour to Spain.

By: Andrews

Second: Page

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nea: 0

Discussion: Hjort was excited for students to have this opportunity and to have something to look forward to. Conatser was grateful to have ample time for fundraising.

CHS Course Catalog

Motion: Move to approve the CHS course catalog as presented

By: Conatser

Second: McDonald

Board Vote: Yea: 0; Nea: 5

Resolved: motion defeated

Discussion: Andrews noted a few conflicts within the course catalog and wanted to have time to update the catalog with the current changes. Discussion ensued about having students accountable for free periods and employer input for work study. Hjort requested that Reitan take the suggestions back to Hall.

CCSD BOARD SCHOLARSHIPS

Motion: Move to approve three \$1,000 scholarships for graduating seniors, one \$250 scholarship to the student board representative, and two \$500 scholarships for continuing education.

By: Andrews

Second: Conatser

Board Voice Vote: Yea: 5; Nea: 0

Hjort: Yea

Conatser: Yea

Andrew: Yea

Page: Yea

McDonald: Yea

Resolved: motion passed

Discussion: Andrews expressed support of this structure because some of the local scholarships are cumbersome. He did not feel it was commensurate with the amount of effort required. He felt it was more worth the students' time and recognition of the board to make a substantial contribution.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

May 22, 2024 at 7:00 PM (General meeting)

Motion to Adjourn

By: Conatser

Second: Page

Resolved: motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM