

## **MARCH 21, 2024 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda of the March 21, 2024, board meeting was approved as presented.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the Regular Board meeting of March 7, 2024, were approved as presented.

### **Reports: Superintendent – Mr. Timothy Brown**

1. Mr. Brown shared that we received one bid from Chartwells for our Food Service Management Company RFP. This will be approved by the DOE before a recommendation is made to the Board. Mr. Brown shared that all the parking lot lights will be updated to LED by I & M. This will result in a savings of about \$50 per month with no installation costs. Gravel has been added to the back parking lot in preparation for the spring athletic season. More will be added over spring break to finish the project.
2. Mr. Brown provided several updates related to future facility projects. The culinary arts winning bid was from JG Bowers. The approval of this bid is later on the agenda. Mr. Brown reviewed the financial advising contract from Baker Tilly for our next bond sale. This is up for approval later on the agenda. Mr. Brown shared the proposed roof project timeline with the Board. The Board reviewed the updated priority list of potential projects for consideration as well as the various HVAC projects around the district. There was also discussion about the renovation plan for the restrooms around the district. A presentation from Baker Tilly was reviewed about the potential circuit breaker impact on various potential debt service rates. The work to ensure all critical updates are considered and evaluated within the district will continue for several more months.
3. Mr. Brown reviewed the winning bid for the e-Rate equipment project and discussed our plan to update our entire technology infrastructure over the summer. The equipment will be purchased with category 2 e-Rate funds with the district paying our 20% portion using Rainy Day funds. The cabling portion of the project will be paid using ESSER III funds. This entire project will ensure that Cowan has a solid technology infrastructure in place for many years.
4. Kindergarten Enrollment for the 2024-25 school year will take place on April 10<sup>th</sup>. New kindergarten families should contact the elementary school to register.
9. The first Board meeting in April will be Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> instead of Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.
10. Professional leave requests approved by the Superintendent as of Tuesday, March 19, 2024, were presented.

### **Opportunity for Public Comments**

*(No negative comments toward Corporation employees are permitted during the public meeting. Alleged misconduct by a Corporation employee is to be addressed in an Executive session of the Board following meeting with appropriate members of the Administration.)*

None

### **Business Office Recommendations**

### Treasurer's Report and Approval of Claim Docket

The claims #24051 to #24099 and the payroll of March 15, 2024, as listed in Appendix #2348 were approved for payment.

### Financial Engagement Agreement

The Board approved the Financial Engagement Agreement with Baker Tilly to serve as the financial advisor for the district as listed in Appendix # 2349.

### E-Rate Contract

The Board approved the E-Rate contract agreement for network equipment as listed in Appendix #2350.

### Culinary Arts Recommendation

The Board approved the culinary arts winning bid from JG Bowers, Inc for the culinary arts classroom renovation as listed in Appendix #2351.

### Roof Timeline Agreement

The Board approved the Jr/Sr High School and Elementary Cafeteria 2025 roofing project timeline agreement with Moisture Management as listed in Appendix #2352.

## **Personnel**

### Resignations

The Board accepted the resignation of Whitney Huff as our district school nurse effective at the end of the 2023-24 school year.

The Board accepted the resignation of Tony Abbott as Varsity Wrestling Head Coach effective March 10, 2024.

### Employment

The Board approved Casey Bradley as the Varsity Wrestling Head Coach for the 2024-25 season.

The Board approved Bruce Qualls for approximately 20 hours weekly as Groundskeeper from April 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024 as assigned by the Maintenance Director.

The Board approved up to 30 hours of remediation for our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students in preparation for the IREAD-3 summer exam.

### **Opportunity for Board Communication:**

Mr. Vick Conway and the other Board members thanked Tony Abbott for his years of service to our wrestling program. Mr. Rick Jones commented that he won't be too far away, and we are very lucky to have Casey Bradley taking over as Head Coach with his vast amount of experience.

### **Adjournment**

The March 21, 2024, regular board meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.