

## **Regular Meeting – January 25, 2021**

Unapproved

The Charles City Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 25, 2021 in the High School (HS) Library. President Mack called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Present via zoom: Board members Freund, Dight, Rottinghaus and Bergland. Absent: Student Board member Ruzicka. Staff members present included Superintendent Fisher, Board Secretary O'Brien (via zoom), and Communication Director DeVore. Four others attended via zoom.

The Mission/Vision statement was read by Director Rottinghaus.

(Freund/Dight) to approve the agenda as amended. Item 7, COVID update, the date of reopening to every day learning was amended to January 27, 2021. Motion carried 5-0.

There was no public comment.

Superintendent Fisher reported District progress on the three Strategic goals: equity and achievement, culture and climate and facilities and infrastructure.

Strategic Goal 1: Our Comet Store at the HS continues to grow and evolve. They now have a board of directors and are even looking at locations in the community to start a store front. We continue to develop authentic learning through our vision of creating compassionate competent problem solvers. We have also worked on metrics for determining our health as a school district. More on this to come at a future meeting. Our Leader in Me leaders are working hard at our Elementaries with 7 habits of highly effective people learning and starting student leadership groups called Lighthouse Teams. We also continue our equity work. We had a student equity learning pilot last week and we are following up on next steps. The Career Academy is putting land acquisition plans forward.

Strategic Goal 2: Congratulations to Lily Luft and Kiki Connell for winning state championships at Girls State Wrestling this weekend. We continue to work on professional learning and systems for cultivating healthy culture at our campuses. We will be presenting more learning about our systems around cultural health as a family and how we continue to improve our systems to keep our organization always meeting our mission and vision.

Strategic Goal 3: We are excited to share our facilities and infrastructure improvement plans that will continue to move our mission forward. All of our facilities work continues to be equity minded and improving access for all kids regardless of who they are.

A Facilities committee report was received from Director Bergland.

(Freund/Bergland) to reopen grades 7-12 for every day learning per the matrix effective Wednesday, January 27, 2021. Superintendent Fisher provided a COVID update. We are in constant contact with public health. Our 14-day positivity average has been below 10%. Vaccines should be available to staff in the next few weeks, but taking the vaccine will be a personal decision of each staff member. Per the matrix, the District should reopen when the Floyd County 14-day rolling positivity rate and student absence rate are less than 10% for 5 consecutive days with a

negative trend line. School To You learning will still be available for students that choose not to attend in person. There was much discussion. Director Rottinghaus and Dight expressed their concerns with reopening. Roll call vote. Motion carried 3-2. (Rottinghaus and Dight dissenting).

Alexis Whealy, HS Music teacher and Chealsey Moen, HS counselor shared information on the District's Leaders In Training (LIT) program which they are part of. This is a program for staff who are pursuing or have completed an administration program. It offers authentic opportunities to build skills and benefit students through LIT service and growing our own future leaders for administrative and leadership opportunities.

Jerry Mitchell, Director of Operations, provided an update on the relocation of Central Services from the North Grand Building (NGB). Within the next six to nine months the NGB developer, Shawn Foutch, will begin renovations requiring a move. The District has been looking at possibilities for relocation within the District and properties around town. He believes the ideal location for Central Services is in the Transportation Center, which would then house Central Services, Finance, Technology, Buildings and Grounds and Transportation services from one location, close to the secondary campus. A diagram of the current vehicle garage on the west side of the Transportation building was shown, remodeling the area into offices. The budget for the project is low because much of the work would be completed by District staff. A new vehicle garage would be constructed. These projects are included in the 2021-22 facilities projects to be discussed later in the meeting. Approval of the plans will be on the next Board agenda.

(Dight/Freund) to table action on the lease agreement with the Charles City Armory until the agreement is available. The final details of the agreement to lease Armory property next to Comet Field are being worked out. Director Mitchell explained the great partnership evolving with the Armory. Motion carried 5-0.

(Rottinghaus/Freund) to approve the Apple Inc. Education Price Quote for \$72,739.90 and the journeyEd.com adobe license quote for \$2,425.00 and waive the bid requirements for this purchase as recommended. The HS would like to purchase two new carts of 30 MacBook Pros each to be used for some of our HS Career Pathway Courses that need additional advanced software that is not available from a Chromebook. Schools are only allowed to purchase Mac devices from Apple directly as no other vendor is allowed to sell mac devices to an educational institution. Our staff utilizes MacBook's to instruct from and the District already has a management server and licensing for Mac devices in place to easily accommodate these new devices so that is why we are going with this platform. We propose to use COVID money to support this purchase. The cost quotes are for software, (2) charging carts and (60) 13-inch MacBook Pros. Motion carried 5-0.

(Bergland/Dight) to approve an amendment to the terms of Exhibit A to the May 26, 2020 state and local government master lease purchase agreement number 5532333781 between Hewlett-Packard Financial Services Company (HP), as lessor, and Charles City Community School District, as lessee, as recommended. On May 26, 2020 the Board approved a lease purchase agreement with HP financing. In September 2020, the Board authorized the use of \$72,635 Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funds to finance part of the purchase. Now that the Chromebook have been received, part in December and January, the District is ready to amend

the original lease purchase agreement with HP financing. The total lease is decreasing from \$273,985 to \$201,350. Motion carried 5-0.

(Freund/Dight) to approve the 2021-22 facility projects as presented. The total budget is \$906,881. Director Mitchell explained the projects.

<b>Description of Project</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Build New Maintenance Shed	Transportation Facility	125,000
Build Vehicle Garage	Transportation Facility	105,000
Move Central Services Office	North Grand Build	70,000
Demolish Building & Grounds Building	College Grounds	40,000
Move LP tanks to Transportation Facility	Transportation Facility	12,000
Land Improvements	Comet Field Area	40,000
Prekindergarten Closet	Washington Elementary	10,000
Buy 2 Mowers	Building & Grounds	45,000
Concrete - curbs & sidewalks	District Wide	40,000
Technology Lease payments		257,436
Consortium Building Cost payments		30,300
Carrie Lane Lease		5,040
Football Lights Lease payment		52,105
Carpet Budget	District Wide	25,000
Band/Orchestra/Choir/CTE	Equipment	50,000

Motion carried 5-0.

(Rottinghaus/Dight) to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- Approval of the resignation of Tom Harskamp as Middle School Co-Principal effective 6/30/21.
- Approval of the appointments of Tom Harskamp as Executive Director of Student Engagement and Leadership, \$95,000, effective 7/1/21, Carter Shaull as instrumental fill-in, \$150, effective 1/26/21 and Sam Naumann as Pit Director, \$600, effective 1/26/21, contingent upon completion of positive background checks if necessary.

Motion carried 5-0.

The Board identified some of the Big Ideas that came out of the Board meeting.

- We appreciate and thank all our staff, including the Elementary staff who have been teaching School To You and every day learning all year, as well as the Secondary staff who will begin doing both on Wednesday.
- The decision to reopen is not taken lightly, but it is time to reopen. We trust our leadership.
- The Leaders In Training is a great program for those pursuing a degree.

The Board discussed other important upcoming dates. The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 8, 2021. A listening post is being scheduled for this Saturday.

President Mack adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Terri O'Brien, Board Secretary