

July 13, 2009

A regular meeting of the Coloma Board of Education was held at the Coloma Junior High School Media Center, in the district, on July 13, 2009. William Stowers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Robert Hirsch	William Stowers
Heidi Ishmael	David Vollrath
Doug LeClear	Apryl Watson

Scott Garrod was absent.

The following school administrators were present:

Terry Boguth	Ken Schmaltz
David Ehlers	

It was moved by Mr. Vollrath and supported by Mr. LeClear to adopt the agenda of July 13, 2009 as printed.

Ayes: Heidi Ishmael, Doug LeClear, William Stowers, David Vollrath, Apryl Watson, Robert Hirsch

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

The Oath of Office was administered to the following newly elected Board members:

Heidi Ishmael	David Vollrath
Bob Hirsch	Apryl Watson

It was moved by Mr. Vollrath and supported by Mr. LeClear to elect Bill Stowers for Board of Education President for 2009-2010 as recommended by the personnel committee.

Ayes: Doug LeClear, William Stowers, David Vollrath, Apryl Watson, Robert Hirsch, Heidi Ishmael

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Hirsch and supported by Mrs. Ishmael to elect David Vollrath for Board of Education Vice-President for 2009-2010 as recommended by the personnel committee.

Ayes: Doug LeClear, William Stowers, David Vollrath, Apryl Watson, Robert Hirsch, Heidi Ishmael

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. LeClear and supported by Ms. Watson to elect Scott Garrod for Board of Education Secretary for 2009-2010 as recommended by the personnel committee.

Ayes: Doug LeClear, William Stowers, David Vollrath, Apryl Watson, Robert Hirsch, Heidi Ishmael

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mrs. Ishmael and supported by Mr. Vollrath to elect Doug LeClear for Board of Education Treasurer for 2009-2010 as recommended by the personnel committee.

Ayes: Doug LeClear, William Stowers, David Vollrath, Apryl Watson, Robert Hirsch, Heidi Ishmael

Nays: None

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. LeClear and supported by Mr. Hirsch to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION:**

1. Regular meetings of the Coloma Board of Education shall be held at 7:00 o'clock p.m., in the Coloma Junior High School Media Center, Coloma, Michigan, in the district, on the second Monday of each month, and that no further notice of such meetings shall be required to be given to the members of said Board.
2. Special meetings of the Coloma Board of Education may be called by the President of the Board, or any two members thereof, by serving on the other members a written notice of the day, time and place of such special meeting. Public notice of

special meetings shall be given by posting a copy of the notice in the F.J. Merritt Administration Building at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time of the meeting.

Service of notices shall be by:

- a. Leaving the notice at the member's residence with some adult person of the household at least twenty-four (24) hours before such meeting is to take place; or
  - b. Depositing the same in a governmental mail receptacle enclosed in a sealed envelope plainly addressed to such member at his/her last known residence address at least seventy-two (72) hours before such meeting is to take place.
- Service as above prescribed may be made by a member of the Board, the Secretary of the Board or any employee of the Board.

3. All resolutions or parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: William Stowers, David Vollrath, Apryl Watson, Robert Hirsch, Heidi Ishmael, Doug LeClear

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. LeClear and supported by Ms. Watson to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION:**

The Board of Education meeting shall follow a planned agenda developed by the Superintendent and Board President and mailed or delivered in advance to members of the Board, news media and administrative staff.

A request by the public to place an item on the board agenda must be made to the superintendent or president at least seven days in advance of the meeting at which it is desired to have the item discussed. The request should include a brief statement of the matter to be brought before the board along with any background information available which may be provided to the board in advance of the meeting.

Items not placed on the agenda upon the request of a member or the public may be added to the agenda by the unanimous vote of the members elected to and serving on the board if the item is an action item. Generally, it shall be the board's policy to add items for action only in critical or urgent situations. Discussion items may be added by a majority vote of those members elected to and serving on the board.

This in no way shall be interpreted to prevent exercise of citizen rights under the Open Meetings Act. The Board will provide an opportunity for citizen comments, providing the citizen comments will not exceed five (5) minutes. Citizen should identify himself/herself by name and address. If Citizen represents a group, or someone other than himself/herself, he/she should identify them.

The Board will listen to citizens, but need not attempt to comment or give answers at this particular meeting. It is the practice to refer the inquiry to the Superintendent, who will investigate or give consideration to the matter and report to the citizen or group making the inquiry and to the Board of Education. If Board action is necessary, it may be added to the agenda of this meeting or to the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Ayes: David Vollrath, Apryl Watson, Robert Hirsch, Heidi Ishmael, Doug LeClear, William Stowers

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mrs. Ishmael and supported by Mr. LeClear to make the following Board of Education appointments for 2009-2010:

Berrien/Cass School Board Association	Doug LeClear
Michigan Association of School Boards Legislative Liaison	Scott Garrod
Buildings & Grounds Committee	Scott Garrod, Doug LeClear, Heidi Ishmael
School Improvement Committee	Doug LeClear, Bob Hirsch, Apryl Watson
Finance Committee	Bill Stowers, Heidi Ishmael, Apryl Watson
Personnel Committee	Dave Vollrath, Bob Hirsch, Scott Garrod
Athletic Committee	Dave Vollrath, Bill Stowers, Doug LeClear

Ayes: Apryl Watson, Robert Hirsch, Heidi Ishmael, Doug LeClear, William Stowers, David Vollrath

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Vollrath and supported by Mr. Hirsch to designate the following financial institutions as school depositories:

Michigan Liquid Asset Fund	National City Bank
Fifth Third Bank	Edgewater Bank
Chemical Bank	

The Michigan Class Pool administered by MBIA Asset Management

It was further moved to authorize the administration to invest district monies in any legally permissible investment under the Michigan School Code.

NOTE: If any member has an interest (member of Board of Directors, etc.) in any of the above firms, they must disclose this interest and abstain from voting on this motion.

Ayes: Robert Hirsch, Heidi Ishmael, Doug LeClear, William Stowers, David Vollrath, Apryl Watson

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Vollrath and supported by Mrs. Ishmael to authorize the following individuals to sign checks on school district accounts:

Board President	Board Secretary
Board Vice President	Board Treasurer
Terry Boguth – Superintendent	
John Brown - High School Principal	Fred Paulsen - High School Asst. Principal
Peter Olsen – Jr. High Principal	David Ehlers - Jr. High Asst. Principal
Scott Pauley - Middle School Principal	
Daryl Ost – Coloma Elementary Principal	
William Dygert - Washington Principal	

It was further moved to authorize the following individuals to approve bills for payment:

Terry Boguth – Superintendent	Roger Arndt - Maintenance Supervisor
John Brown - High School Principal	Fred Paulsen - High School Asst. Principal
Peter Olsen – Junior High Principal	David Ehlers - Asst. Jr. High Principal
Scott Pauley - Middle School Principal	Kenneth Schmaltz – Athletic Director
Daryl Ost - Coloma Elem. Principal	Rudy Keipke - Transportation Supervisor
William Dygert - Washington Principal	Rick Irons - Migrant Director

Ayes: Heidi Ishmael, Doug LeClear, William Stowers, David Vollrath, Apryl Watson, Robert Hirsch

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. LeClear and supported by Mr. Vollrath to employ the following legal counsel and auditor:

Thrun Law Firm – general counsel  
Scholten Fant - general counsel  
William Dennis – counsel for desegregation and Schools of Choice  
Ullrey and Company – auditor

Ayes: Robert Hirsch, Heidi Ishmael, Doug LeClear, William Stowers, David Vollrath, Apryl Watson

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. LeClear and supported by Mr. Hirsch to approve the following organizational memberships: MASB, MASB – Legal Trust Fund.

Ayes: Doug LeClear, William Stowers, David Vollrath, Apryl Watson, Robert Hirsch, Heidi Ishmael

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Vollrath and supported by Mrs. Ishmael to adopt the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Minutes of the regular meeting held June 8, 2009
- B. Minutes of the two closed meetings held on June 8, 2009
- C. Minutes of the special meeting held June 29, 2009
- D. Minutes of the closed meeting held on June 29, 2009
- D. Approval of the bills.

Ayes: William Stowers, David Vollrath, Apryl Watson, Robert Hirsch, Heidi Ishmael, Doug LeClear

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Tony Bertuca (representing Multi-County Rocket Football) and Joe Green spoke about Rocket Football. Tony shared with the Board the field requirements for Rocket Football. The men expressed their concerns about being charged for using McDaniels Field. The Board informed them that Rocket Football may use the practice field at no charge. It was referred to committee.

The Superintendent's report included:

- QZAB
- Jim Hogue – Kids Hope USA. School year 2008-2009 was the third year. Twenty mentors have served at least 1 hour per week.

It was moved by Mr. Vollrath and supported by Mr. Hirsch to authorize the administration to proceed with the attorney to borrow for cash flow purposes and to authorize the administration to accept bids and proceed with selecting the bidder.

Ayes: David Vollrath, Apryl Watson, Robert Hirsch, Heidi Ishmael, Doug LeClear, William Stowers

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Vollrath and supported by Ms. Watson to adopt the Guidelines for Use in Schools for Free and Reduced Price Meals or Free Milk for the 2009-2010 school year.

Ayes: Apryl Watson, Robert Hirsch, Heidi Ishmael, Doug LeClear, William Stowers, David Vollrath

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Vollrath and supported by Mr. LeClear to adopt a resolution regarding the Superintendent's authority to exclude a disruptive person or persons from attendance at all Lakeland Conference events.

Ayes: Robert Hirsch, Heidi Ishmael, Doug LeClear, William Stowers, David Vollrath, Apryl Watson

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Vollrath and supported by Mr. Hirsch to approve the Family Medical Leave request of Denise Dunleavy, from the beginning of school through November 29, 2009.

Ayes: Heidi Ishmael, Doug LeClear, William Stowers, David Vollrath, Apryl Watson, Robert Hirsch

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Vollrath and supported by Mrs. Ishmael to approve the quote from Speedshine to clean the district's hard surface floors at a total cost of \$9,000.46.

Ayes: Doug LeClear, William Stowers, David Vollrath, Apryl Watson, Robert Hirsch, Heidi Ishmael

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Further discussion was held regarding Rocket Football.

President Stowers adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Garrod  
Secretary, Board of Education