

July 14, 2008

A regular meeting of the Coloma Board of Education was held at the Coloma Junior High School Media Center, in the district, on July 14, 2008. Bill Stowers called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The following members were present:

Libby DeRosa
Scott Garrod
Jon Stibal

Bill Stowers
David Vollrath

Doug LeClear was absent.

The following school administrators were present:

Terry Boguth
Peter Olsen

David Ehlers
Scott Pauley

It was moved by Mr. Vollrath and supported by Mr. Stibal to adopt the agenda of July 14, 2008 as printed.

Ayes: Libby DeRosa, Scott Garrod, Jon Stibal, Bill Stowers, David Vollrath

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mrs. DeRosa and supported by Mr. Stibal to elect Bill Stowers for Board of Education President for the 2008-2009 school year as recommended by the personnel committee.

Ayes: Scott Garrod, Jon Stibal, Bill Stowers, David Vollrath, Libby DeRosa

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Garrod and supported by Mr. Stibal to elect Libby DeRosa for Board of Education Vice-President for the 2008-2009 school year as recommended by the personnel committee.

Ayes: Jon Stibal, Bill Stowers, David Vollrath, Libby DeRosa, Scott Garrod

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Stibal and supported by Mr. Vollrath to elect Scott Garrod for Board of Education Secretary for the 2008-2009 school year as recommended by the personnel committee.

Ayes: Bill Stowers, David Vollrath, Libby DeRosa, Scott Garrod, Jon Stibal

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mrs. DeRosa and supported by Mr. Garrod to elect Jon Stibal for Board of Education Treasurer for the 2008-2009 school year as recommended by the personnel committee.

Ayes: Libby DeRosa, Scott Garrod, Jon Stibal, Bill Stowers

Nays: David Vollrath

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. DeRosa and supported by Mr. Garrod 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: Libby DeRosa, Scott Garrod, Jon Stibal, Bill Stowers, David Vollrath

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Vollrath and supported by Mrs. DeRosa 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: Scott Garrod, Jon Stibal, Bill Stowers, David Vollrath, Libby DeRosa

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Vollrath and supported by Mr. Garrod to appoint Doug LeClear as Coloma's 2008-2009 representative to the Berrien/Cass School Board Association.

Ayes: Jon Stibal, Bill Stowers, David Vollrath, Libby DeRosa, Scott Garrod

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mrs. DeRosa and supported by Mr. Stibal to appoint Scott Garrod as Coloma's 2008-2009 legislative liaison to the Michigan Association of School Boards.

Ayes: Bill Stowers, David Vollrath, Libby DeRosa, Scott Garrod, Jon Stibal

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Stibal and supported by Mr. Vollrath to appoint the following committee members for the 2008-2009 school year:

Committee assignments:

Buildings & Grounds – Doug LeClear, Scott Garrod, Jon Stibal
School Improvement – Doug LeClear, Libby DeRosa, Jon Stibal
Finance – Libby DeRosa, Bill Stowers
Personnel – Jon Stibal, David Vollrath
Athletic – Libby DeRosa, Bill Stowers, David Vollrath

Ayes: David Vollrath, Libby DeRosa, Scott Garrod, Jon Stibal, Bill Stowers

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Michigan Liquid Asset Fund	National City Bank
Fifth Third Bank	Edgewater Bank
Chemical Bank	Chase 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: Bill Stowers, David Vollrath, Libby DeRosa, Scott Garrod, Jon Stibal

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mrs. DeRosa and supported by Mr. Vollrath 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	Lee Wilson - Middle School Asst. 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	Kenneth Schmaltz – Athletic Director
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	Lee Wilson - Asst. Middle School Principal
Daryl Ost - Coloma Elem. Principal	William Dygert - Washington Principal
Roger Arndt - Maintenance Supervisor	Rudy Keipke - Transportation Supervisor
- Library Supervisor	Rick Irons - Migrant Director

Ayes: David Vollrath, Libby DeRosa, Scott Garrod, Jon Stibal, Bill Stowers

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Vollrath and supported by Mr. Garrod 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: Libby DeRosa, Scott Garrod, Jon Stibal, Bill Stowers, David Vollrath

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Ayes: Scott Garrod, Jon Stibal, Bill Stowers, David Vollrath, Libby DeRosa

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- A. Minutes of the regular meeting held June 9, 2008
- B. Minutes of the special meeting held June 30, 2008
- D. Minutes of the closed meeting held on June 30, 2008.
- C. Approval of the bills.

Ayes: Scott Garrod, Jon Stibal, Bill Stowers, David Vollrath, Libby DeRosa

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Richard Lyons recognized Dick Becht's service as Athletic Director.

The Buildings & Grounds Committee reported that the tennis courts look very nice.

The Superintendent's report included:

- A special meeting is set for July 28th, 2008 to interview BOE candidates.
- About 95% of the realignment move is complete according to Ed Irvin.
- Summer carpet cleaning.

It was moved by Mr. Vollrath and supported by Mr. Stibal 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: Jon Stibal, Bill Stowers, David Vollrath, Libby DeRosa, Scott Garrod

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Garrod and supported by Mr. Vollrath to adopt the Guidelines for Use in Schools for Free and Reduced Price Meals or Free Milk for the 2008-2009 school year.

Ayes: Bill Stowers, David Vollrath, Libby DeRosa, Scott Garrod, Jon Stibal

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Vollrath and supported by Mr. Stibal to grant Val Owen an unpaid leave of absence for the 2008-2009 school year.

Ayes: David Vollrath, Libby DeRosa, Scott Garrod, Jon Stibal, Bill Stowers

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Vollrath and supported by Mr. Stibal to approve the resignation of Carol Kiel effective August 25, 2008.

It was further moved to approve the resignation of Elizabeth Pockrandt effective immediately.

Ayes: Libby DeRosa, Scott Garrod, Jon Stibal, Bill Stowers, David Vollrath

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Ayes: Scott Garrod, Jon Stibal, Bill Stowers, David Vollrath, Libby DeRosa

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Stibal and supported by Mr. Vollrath to award a contract to Heaven Scent Professional Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning in an amount not to exceed \$19,960 for cleaning of carpets.

Ayes: Jon Stibal, Bill Stowers, David Vollrath, Libby DeRosa, Scott Garrod

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Vollrath and supported by Mrs. DeRosa to increase the annual salary of Superintendent Terry Boguth by 2.0 percent.

Ayes: Bill Stowers, David Vollrath, Libby DeRosa, Scott Garrod, Jon Stibal

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Garrod and supported by Mr. Stibal to grant a two-year extension of administrative contracts as provided for in District Policy CG to the following administrators:

John Brown	2008-2010	Scott Pauley	2008-2010
William Dygert	2008-2010	Fred Paulsen	2008-2010
Rita Moore	2008-2010	Lee Wilson	2008-2010
Peter Olsen	2008-2010	Daryl Ost	2008-2010
David Ehlers	2008-2010		

Ayes: David Vollrath, Libby DeRosa, Scott Garrod, Jon Stibal, Bill Stowers

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Vollrath and supported by Mr. Stibal to approve the health insurance proposal for support staff and administration as follows:

- Administrators pay:
2 person – 9.32% of the total monthly premium

- Family coverage – 7.77% of the total monthly premium
- Custodians/secretaries pay:
 - Single coverage – 6.21% of the total monthly premium
 - 2-person coverage – 12.71% of the total monthly premium
 - Family coverage – 17.79% of the total monthly premium
- All other classified staff – fund pool up to \$58,000

Ayes: Libby DeRosa, Scott Garrod, Jon Stibal, Bill Stowers, David Vollrath

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Vollrath and supported by Mr. Stibal to approve the purchase of 16 new art tables from Nationwide Drafting & Office Supply at a cost of \$3,221.68 and 16 new stools from SAX at a cost of \$736.

Ayes: Scott Garrod, Jon Stibal Bill Stowers, David Vollrath, Libby DeRosa

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Laurie Jarvis and Jackie Sullens expressed concerns regarding math classes on the trimester plan. They also asked about the possibility of posting meeting notices on the Instant Alert system.

Charles Kreitner and Karen Davis asked when the busing schedule will be available.

It was moved by Mr. Vollrath and supported by Mr. Garrod to adjourn.

Ayes: Jon Stibal, Bill Stowers, David Vollrath, Libby DeRosa, Scott Garrod

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Garrod
Secretary, Board of Education