

Official Minutes  
Wednesday, September 9, 2020  
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Virtual Meeting**

**Work Session**

1. **Call to Order** by President Baumgartner at 6:31 pm.
2. **Roll Call** Directors Baumgartner, Grundy, Gustafson, and Jensen were present. All members participated in the meeting electronically.
3. **Review of Agenda**
4. **Discussion**

**4.1 Policy IKF (I-23) Graduation Requirements (1st Reading)**

The State Board of Education voted unanimously to provide flexibility to districts regarding graduation guidelines for the Class of 2021. This class should have been the first to be impacted by the state graduation guidelines; however, districts have been given the discretion to waive or alter local requirements so as not to comply with the state guidelines. Districts are allowed to delay full implementation of compliance with the guidelines until the class of 2022. The Board reviewed information regarding the State Board's decision including the new graduation guidelines prior to the meeting. Mr. Kennedy feels that scheduling challenges regarding the SAT would be the most difficult obstacle in trying to implement the requirements for this year. Director Grundy asked if an SAT date has been scheduled, and Mr. Kennedy reported that students unable to take the exam in the Spring due to the COVID-19 pandemic and stay-at-home orders will be able to take the test on September 23. Administration recommended delay of implementation of compliance with state guidelines, effective with the class of 2022. Director Jensen asked if students had been working towards these new requirements, and Dr. Rabenhorst explained several scenarios and confirmed that there would be no adverse effects on students by delaying these requirements. By consensus, the Board decided to move forward with the allowable flexibility. Policy I-23 (IKF) will need to be revised to reflect this decision which will be placed on a future agenda for a second reading. Mr. Kennedy will communicate to the students and families following a change in policy anticipated at the regular September meeting.

**4.2 Mill Levy Override Discussion and Planning**

Following the unanimous vote on August 26 to place a question on the ballot extending the 2016 MLO, Ms. Wiener sent the ballot content to both Weld and Adams county and received a ballot designation of 5C. Bill Ray filed the campaign name, "Funding our Future" with the state and both a committee chairperson and treasurer have been identified. The Board reviewed a working budget, a media release that was distributed in the Lost Creek Guide and to parents via email and a Factual Summary that will be distributed in a variety of ways. The Factual

Summary was reviewed by legal counsel to ensure compliance with Fair Campaign Practices Act. Brenna Morris submitted a formal request from CEA to secure a donation for the campaign. Mr. Ray noted that further work is being done to create a website, yard sign, and campaign plan. Fundraising letters will be sent out by the campaign committee. The Board discussed their involvement with the campaign.

#### **4.3 CASB Annual Conference**

This year's CASB Conference will be held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The main conference will take place on December 4-5. Board members viewed available information regarding the conference and Ms. Wiener will register the Board for the conference. Additional ideas regarding the time usually spent at the conference were also considered. Dr. Rabenhorst suggested scheduling a work session to discuss the strategic plan. Director Grundy pointed out that some of the CASB information might tie into that work and felt like it would be a good use of the Board's time.

#### **4.4 American Education Week Recognition**

The Board was reminded that American Education Week will take place November 16-20, 2020. Administration noted that several ideas are being considered to show appreciation to the staff. The Board should email Dr. Rabenhorst and Ms. Wiener with any ideas.

#### **4.5 Board of Education Meeting Locations**

As additional cleaning protocols have been put in place regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Rabenhorst and the Board discussed reducing the number of locations of Board meetings to just the District Office and the Hudson Elementary Training Room. These spaces can be more easily cleaned without disrupting custodian schedules which have been altered to accommodate cleaning and sanitizing during the day. Academic spotlights can continue to happen with any staff participating remotely just as principals continue to participate remotely. Director Jensen asked if Cardinal Community Academy would still prefer to have a meeting take place at their location. Dr. Rabenhorst will consult with the CCA director and explain that they would still be able to participate virtually to report to the Board. Director Gustafson asked if the Board will be meeting virtually for all meetings. Director Grundy noted that she feels that reducing locations is a good idea; however, she would like the Board to continue to meet in person when possible while still following local health department guidelines especially when students are attending school in person. Director Jensen asked why some meetings will take place at Hudson Elementary instead of just limiting the meetings to the District Office. Dr. Rabenhorst explained that the training room is larger to ensure more social distancing. Dr. Rabenhorst and Ms. Wiener will prepare a revised calendar and formal action regarding these changes will take place at the next meeting especially since it is already scheduled to be held at Hudson Elementary.

#### **5. Adjournment at 6:58 pm.**

Cynthia Baumgartner

Paul Jensen