

The Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Board of Directors held their Regular meeting on Thursday, February 13, 2025. In attendance was Troy Seaba, Elizabeth Severson, Craig Warnke, Loren Lienemann, Jenny Smith, Aaron Patrick, Wright County Monitor Editor Amanda Rink, Supt. Joe Nelson, and Board Secretary Anita Frye.

President Seaba Called the Meeting to Order at 4:03 P.M., he then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Forum: No one addressed the board.

Motion by Severson to Approve the Agenda. Second by Warnke. Motion carried 3-0.

CGDEA Initial Proposal : Loren Lienemann representing the CGDEA presented the board with their Initial Proposal of a 5% increase in salaries with a one- year contract. The next Open Negotiations meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, February 25 th , 2025, at 1:00 P.M., with exempt sessions to follow. Lienemann and Smith

Education Report: Middle School Principal Aaron Patrick updated the board on Friday's Guiding Coalition trip to a PLC school in Twir Grove Middle School in Illinois. He felt this was a very productive trip for his team, along with the Elementary Team that visited an Elementary PLC School. Testing in Middle School is wrapping up, and he feels the interventions that his staff has in place have been helping students prepare for the tests.

Old Business: Supt. Nelson gave the board an update on the Virtual Learning Days. The district has utilized two Virtual Learning Days so far this school year. He has distributed two different FY26 calendars, both to be presented next month for approval. It will depend on changes made at the state house during this session as to which calendar the district will follow. We have several teaching positions that are currently advertised on Iowa Works and Teach Iowa. Interviews will be held on Monday, February 17th for the AD position.

New Business: Motion by Severson to Approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Warnke. Approve Minutes of Meeting held on January 9, 2025, and Work Session held on February 5, 2025; Approve Payment of Bills Between Meetings; Approve Payment of Monthly Bills; Approve FY26 High School Principal Contract for Adam Vorrie – 12 month contract, at \$110,000.00, use of district cell phone, laptop, family insurance and 10 days of vacation; Approve Lane Movement Requests from Jeannette Corrow – MA to MA+10, Laura Odland MA to MA+10; Patricia Tegland MA to MA+10; Taylor Katz MA+20 to PHD; Approve Resignations from Tom Klave – MS Band effective March 31, 2025; Gale Draves – FT Nutrition effective February 28, 2025; Ruth Katz – Yerbook Sponsor end of FY25; Patty Stockman-Sann – Concession Coordinator effective end of FY25; Jill Stanton – HS Math effective end of FY25; Joseph Granzow – MS/HS Vocal end of FY25; Approve Review of Policies 102-Equal Educational Opportunity; 401.01-Equal Employment Opportunity; 401.06- Limitations to Employees References; 501.09-Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy; 501.09R1-Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy Regulation; 710.01R1-School Food Program-School Nutrition Program 710.01E1-School Food Program-School Food Program – School Nutrition Program Notices of Nondiscrimination; 710.01E2-School Food Program-School Nutrition Program Civil Rights Complaint Form; Approve 2 nd Reading of Policies - 700-Purpose of Noninstructional and Business Services; 701.01-Depository of Funds; 701.02-Transfer of Funds; 701.03-Financial Records; 701.04-Governmental Accounting Practices & Regulations; 701.05-Fiscal Management; 701.05-R(1)-Fiscal Management-Financial Metrics; 702-Cash in School Buildings; 704.02-Debt Management; 704.02-R(1)-Debt Management-Post Issuance Compliance Regulation for Tax-Exempt Obligations; 704.0-Gifts, Grants, Bequests; 704.06-R(1)-Fundraising Within the District-Regulation; 706.01-Payroll Periods; 706.02-Payroll Deductions; 707.01-Presentation and Publication of Financial Information; 707.04-Audit; 707.05-Internal Controls; 709-Insurance Program; 710.02-Free or Reduced Cost Meals Eligibility; 710.03-Vending Machines; 710.04-Meal Charges; 711.01-Student School Transportation Eligibility; 711.03-Student Transportation for Extracurricular Activities; 711.04-Summer School Program Transportation Service; 711.05-Transportation of Nonresident and Nonpublic School Students; 711.06-Transportation of Non-school Groups; 711.0-School Bus Safety Instruction; 711.10-School Bus Passenger Restraints; Approve Fundraiser Request from Tanja Jensen for CGD Lighthouse and TAG New York Trip; Sonia Vinsand – Prom; and Ryan Nail – Baseball Target Field game; Approve Overnight Trip Request from Angie Charlson FFA State Convention in Ames April 14-15, 2025; Approve 28E Agreement with Iowa Central for a shared counselor, CGD responsible for 20% of employee contract for FY26-FY28. Motion carried 3-0.

Facility Report: Supt. Nelson will set up a meeting with Jeff Friesleben and board committee members to compile a list of projects.

Transportation: Motion by Warnke to Approve the Purchase of 2026 65-Passenger Bus from School Bus Sales in the amount of \$148,433.00. Second by Severson. Motion carried 3-0.

Finance Report: FY25 Reports to Date may be viewed at the district office during normal business hours. FY26 Proposed Tax Notice needs to be submitted to the Department of Management by 4:00 P.M. on March 5, 2025.

Communications: The Thompson Times was shared with the board – a weekly report from Mark Thompson.

Next Regular Board Meeting and FY26 Calendar Hearing are scheduled for March 13 th , 2025, at 4:00 P.M. The FY26 Budget Proposed Tax Rate Public Hearing is scheduled to be held on March 27 th , 2025, at 4:00 P.M.

Motion by Severson to Adjourn. Second by Warnke. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:01 P.M.

Anita Frye, Board Secretary
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