

**Coopersville Area Public Schools
Board of Education**

**Regular Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2025
7:00 pm**

1. **Roll Call**: Members Present: J. Buth, A. Gillhespy, M. Michalak, S. Nelson, R. Post, G. Twietmeyer, L. VanSickle

Members Absent: None

Also Present: M. Spencer, Superintendent; L. Adams, Secretary to the Board; Kara Heacox and Ava Maycroft, Student Board Representatives

2. **Communication**

- a. **Student Board Representatives** – Senior Kara Heacox and Junior Ava Maycroft, reported on current events at the High School.
- b. **Audience Comments** – None
- c. **Special Recognition** – The Board recognized the Art Students for having their artwork displayed in the Administration Building, the top 100 State Art Show recipients, and having artwork displayed at WMU Gallery; FFA for the State winners this year; plus, Band achieving a Division 1 rating.
- d. **Board Communications** – Mike Michalak continues to be impressed by the Board's involvement in the district and thanked them. Lynn VanSickle let the Board know they were recognized by MASB for achieving the Honor Board Award in 2024. This was the "Michalak #1 Challenge". He also recognized Mike Michalak for achieving the Award of Merit for Level 2 from MASB.

3. **Informational and Discussion Items**

- a. **Personnel Report** – The Personnel Report was provided showing the most recent changes in staff.
- b. **Student Recognition** – Each month, the Board recognizes students for their significant contributions or recognitions.

4. **Consent Agenda**

MOTION by VanSickle, supported by Twietmeyer, to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:

- a. **Minutes, Bills, and Payrolls** as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

5. **Action Items**

- a. **FFA Barn** – MOTION by Twietmeyer, supported by Buth to approve the FFA Barn construction work with a bid from Tailored Building Systems in the amount of \$458,500.
Motion unanimously carried.
- b. **Weight Room Equipment** – MOTION by Gillhespy, supported by Buth, to approve the Weight Room Equipment bid from Legend Fitness in the amount of \$261,421.
Motion unanimously carried.
- c. **HS ELA – Books** – MOTION by Gillhespy, supported by VanSickle, to approve a ***The Great Alone*** by Kristin Hannah. MOTION by VanSickle, supported by Twietmeyer, to table ***Educated*** by Tara Westover, due to language and heavy topics. The Board is requesting more information to determine if this book is in line with the ELA curriculum expectations.
Motion unanimously carried.
- d. **Food Service Agreement** – MOTION by Buth, supported by Twietmeyer to approve the 2025-2026 food service agreement with Chartwells. This is year one of our four one-year renewals.
Motion unanimously carried.
- e. **Closed Session** – A roll call vote was taken to meet in Closed Session, following the business portion of the meeting, as provided under the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of discussing the CEA negotiations. No action will be taken following the Closed Session.
Roll call vote: Yays: all. Nays: none.

6. **Superintendent's Report**

Matt Spencer, Brent Hadden, and Tennille Woodward presented CAPS Flexible Learning Institute. This is an opportunity to expand personalized educational opportunities for online, hybrid, or homeschool learning in grades potentially K – 12th. More information will be provided to the Board at a later date.

7. **Adjournment** – The Regular Meeting ended at 8:09 pm at which time the Board met in Closed Session. The Closed Session ended at 8:48 pm and a MOTION was made by VanSickle, supported by Gillhespy to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa Adams
Recording Secretary*