

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE CORNBELT EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE

A meeting of the Board of Directors for the Cornbelt Educational Cooperative was held in person and via teleconference (Zoom) at the Cornbelt Cooperative office in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 9:45 A.M. The following members were present: Bridgewater-Emerly – Hofer (Zoom) & Bailey (Zoom); Canistota – Jacobsen (Zoom) & Campbell (Zoom); Ethan – Vogel (Zoom) & Hawkins; Hanson – Oltmanns (Zoom); Marion – Schmidt (Zoom); McCook Central - Alley; Montrose – McAreavey & L. Johnson and Parker – Fosheim & J. Johnson (Zoom). Also in attendance were Dean Kueter, Director; Pamela Selken, Business Manager and Randy Schoenfish, CPA (left at 9:58). Absent: Freeman – Andersen & Tietje; Hanson – McManus; Marion – Brosnahan and McCook Central – Stiefvater;

At 9:45 A.M. President McAreavey called the meeting to order, had the roll called, and determined a quorum was established for conducting business.

Action # 25-32 - Agenda - Fosheim moved seconded by Jacobsen to approve the December 10, 2024 Agenda as presented. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Randy Schoenfish presented an overview of the FY 2024 Audit Report for the Board.

President McAreavey asked for any possible conflict of interest disclosures. There were none presented.

President McAreavey asked for any persons wishing to address the Cooperative Board. None were present.

Action # 25-33 - Minutes - Fosheim moved seconded by Schmidt to approve the Minutes from the November 20, 2024 Advisory Board meeting as presented. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action # 25-34 - Financial Reports – Hofer moved seconded by Vogel to approve the following monthly Financial Reports as presented:

November 2024: General Fund Beginning Balance: \$7,313.66; **Closing Balance:** \$7,313.66. **SPED Fund Beginning Balance:** \$863,486.23; **Revenue - Interest:** \$373.84; **Local Shared Assessment:** \$15,260.00; **IDEA 611:** \$71,426.00; **IDEA 619:** \$4,188.00; **Expenditures:** \$137,593.40; **Closing Balance:** \$817,140.67. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action # 25-35 - Monthly Claims - Fosheim moved seconded by Schmidt to approve the following Monthly Claims as presented:

December 2024 Claims: IMPREST Fund: EASY TIME CLOCK, INC....NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES-IMPREST...10.00; WALMART...NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES-IMPREST...4.24. **SPED Fund:** CARLSON...TRAVEL IDEA 611...56.28; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS...REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES IDEA...147.32; CLEVELAND...TRAVEL IDEA 611...243.88; DOWRUMMEL VILLAGE...RENTALS...1,258.39; FIRST INTERSTATE BANK FIDUCIARY FUND...NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES...4.24; FIRST INTERSTATE BANK FIDUCIARY FUND...OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES...10.00; HEALY...TRAVEL IDEA 611...125.96; JOHNSTON...TRAVEL IDEA 611...43.55; KOCER...TRAVEL IDEA 611...391.28; KUETER...COMMUNICATION ...72.22; KUETER...TRAVEL...321.60; MILLER...TRAVEL IDEA 611...125.29; NEUGEBAUER...TRAVEL IDEA 611...422.10; PEARSON CLINICAL ASSESSMENT...NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES...1,800.00; PETERSON...TRAVEL IDEA 611...791.27; RANDALL...TRAVEL IDEA 611...71.69; SCHOENFISH & CO, INC....OTHER PROFESSIONAL & TECH SERVICES ...10,500.00; TEACHER SYNERGY, LLC...NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES...30.25; WAGeworks...OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES...11.85; WIEBERS...TRAVEL IDEA 611...935.99; ZULK...TRAVEL IDEA 611...168.84. **Total Claims December 2024 \$17,546.24; November 2024 Payroll \$101,544.77; Benefits \$27,291.43; Grand Total Expenditures \$146,382.44. ALL VOTED YES.**

Action # 25-36 - Approve the FY24 Audit Report - Hofer moved seconded by Schmidt to approve the FY24 Audit Report (pending acceptance by the Department of Legislative Audit). **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action # 25-37 - Approve the amended background check policy - Fosheim moved seconded Vogel by to approve the amended background check policy. **ALL VOTED YES.**


Action # 25-38 – Appoint Board's Negotiations Team – President McAreavey appointed Vogel, Bailey and L. Johnson to the Board's Negotiations Team with Fosheim as the alternate board member.

Action # 25-39 - Approve re-employment of Cooperative Director - Fosheim moved seconded by Hofer to re-employ Mr. Kueter and offer him a two-year contract with his current contract provisions for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school terms, with salary to be negotiated. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Mr. Kueter discussed the following items with the Board: a) December 1st Child Count; b) Governor's FY26 Budget Address; c) Medicaid billing update; d) Director's concerns; e) Superintendent's concerns; f) Board member's concerns.

Action # 25-40 - Adjournment - At 10:22 A.M. Schmidt moved seconded by Fosheim to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting with the next Advisory Board meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 9:45 A.M., at the Cornbelt Cooperative office in Sioux Falls, SD. **ALL VOTED YES.**


Pamela Selken, Business Manager


Jason McAreavey, President Board of Directors

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