Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting

The Board of Education regular meeting of the Crofton Community School was held on Monday, October 19, 2026, at 7:00 pm, with the following attendance: **Absent:** Michael Janssen, **Present:** Jayne Arens, Jeremy Buschkamp, Amy Hoffman, Craig Marsh, Lisa Van Heek. Present: 5, Absent: 1.

The motion was made by Lisa Van Heek and seconded by Amy Hoffman to declare the meeting open and properly advertised by the certificate attached to these minutes. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Absent, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea; Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The motion was made by Craig Marsh and seconded by Amy Hoffman to approve excusing absent board member Michael Janssen. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Absent, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea; Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The motion was made by Jeremy Buschkamp and seconded by Lisa Van Heek to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Absent, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea; Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Public comment was given by two people.

In Administrative time, Mr. Wragge, Mr. Ostermeyer, and Ms. Higgins, referenced their reports to the Board members.

Mr. Wragge updated the board members on additional storm damage that had happened, which included all the football field light poles leaning, a leaning parking lot light pole at the high school, and the bell tower at the elementary had a tree fall on it. The insurance company has come and accessed all the areas of damage, and it looks like we will need to replace all the poles. We have halogen bulbs and fixtures, and ALICAP suggested going to LED, as halogen bulbs and fixtures are no longer in production, and inventory is being used up. Mr. Wragge will be getting quotes, and will be working with ALICAP on the insurance claim part of it.

The motion was made by Jeremy Buschkamp and seconded by Lisa Van Heek that the agreement on the north farmland for 2027 will be farmed with the north half being sown into grass for haying as a buffer strip, and the south half being able to be farmed with no restrictions, and a percentage split of the income being divided 80% to the FFA and 20% to other activities. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Nay, Michael Janssen: Absent, Craig Marsh: Nay, Lisa Van Heek: Yea; Yea: 3, Nay: 2, Absent: 1

Mr. Ostermeyer and Ms. Higgins shared information with board members regarding the recently held staff in-service. During the data retreat in-service, they reviewed the school's student data reports, along with doing activities and brainstorming, to focus on the area of writing. The area

of writing is the state's next area of focus over the next several years. They also did some curriculum planning across the grade spans.

The motion was made by Craig Marsh and seconded by Jayne Arens to approve the option enrollment resolution, as presented. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Absent, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea; Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The motion was made by Jeremy Buschkamp and seconded by Craig Marsh to approve the quote from Miller Painting for the caulking of control joints on the high school building for $10,950.00, to be paid for using depreciation funds. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Absent, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea; Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Discussion was held on possible extra staffing decisions for the 2027-2028 school year, for high school special education, and an extra first grade teacher. After discussion, it was agreed to at least pursue advertising for an additional high school special education teacher.

During project and plan discussion, Mr. Wragge updated the board members that windows would soon be going in, and the drywall would be going up. The asbestos abatement is complete, and air quality has passed inspection. ESI will now be coming back for mold removal that has developed in some of the old school areas. After the abatement, we will now need to replace the stage flooring that was removed, and then paint the two small offices that are on the stage. The east girls' restroom at the elementary will also be switched to three stalls instead of four for better spacing, which will include new partitions and plumbing.

The motion was made by Craig Marsh and seconded by Lisa Van Heek to go into closed session at 8:19 pm, to only discuss collective bargaining for certified staff. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Absent, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea; Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The motion was made by Jayne Arens and seconded by Craig Marsh to come out of closed session at 8:44 pm, with only having discussed collective bargaining for certified staff. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Absent, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The motion was made by Jeremy Buschkamp and seconded by Amy Hoffman to set the next meeting for November 9, 2026, at 6:30 pm, and to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy BuschkampP Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Absent, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Dana Wortmann, Acting Secretary