

- 1) The Joint Councils/School Board meeting opened a 6:27 pm. Present: Colfax City Council-Mayor David Mast, Council members Wes Snyder, Curt Small, Brad Magg, Karla Jones, Bryan Poulter, Colfax City Clerk Nancy Earles, and Colfax City Administrator Wade Wagoner. Mingo City Council-Mayor Gary Bartels, Council members Bob Perry, Melanie Pleggenkuhle, John Oberhart, and Cory Bode. School board members: President Patrick Utz, Chet Williams, Mardell Tomlonovic, and Mary Poulter. Administration: Dr. Verlengia, Principal Jones, and incoming Superintendent Anderson.
- 2) Celebrations
 - a) As independent, yet inter-dependent governments: community brochure, mowing agreements with both cities, Master Facility Planning Committee, both volunteer fire departments have quality personnel and equipment, school scholarship program is proof of school pride and support.
 - b) City of Colfax – hired City Administrator, 10th year as Mainstreet community, downtown is now on the National Historic Registry, restoring bowling alley to move City Hall into, Quarry Springs Park continues to evolve and draw visitors.
 - c) City of Mingo – three new houses. Eight lots to build on, which are all sold. Potential for other lots to be created. Hometown Pride received grants and community donations to put water at city park. MedCo and the City coordinating streetscaping projects. DNR grant for old bank building to restore to original spirit. Potential business space. Bike trail is now linked to Des Moines/Ankeny trails.

The attendees then split into two groups to continue discussion of community visions.

- 3) Marketing: Central Community Calendar shared by all three government entities, Wellness Center for recreation, health and family activities, community day at Adventureland or Quarry Springs
- 4) Enhancements for the benefit of all: Webcast board and council meetings, daycare services, incorporate school curriculum into cities such as at Quarry Springs, advertise on drive-time news, connect bike trail to Quarry Springs, share community events, and get the kids involved in these discussions as well.

The group then listed their joint top commitments that will support the children and families of the district:

- a) Community Calendar
- b) Facebook and other social media marketing
- c) Connect with all in the communities, not just those with children in the school
- d) Promote childcare for three-four year olds, and also youth
- e) Mainstreet/MedCo/School welcome packets for newborns, new families
- f) Utilize ISU Extension Department resources to collaborate with both communities. All were invited to attend such a meeting at Georgios at noon on May 3.
- g) Continue these joint meetings at least two times a year.

To wrap up the meeting, the group celebrated the positive vibes and belief that these efforts will benefit the entire school/communities district. They look forward to continuing this collaboration.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

APPROVAL

Patrick Utz, Board of Directors President

ATTEST

Debra A. Hodgson, Board of Directors Secretary