

Colfax-Mingo Community School District  
Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting  
Colfax-Mingo Jr/Sr High School Media Center  
Monday, February 24, 2020

1. Call regular meeting to order and determination of quorum: President Patrick Utz called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present: Mary Poulter, Chet Williams, Dawn Gibson, Jan Myers, Doug Van Dyke, Mardell Tomlonovic. Absent: Jan Myers due to work conflict. Administrators present: Superintendent Anderson, Principal Summy and Principal Jones.
2. Approval of Agenda: Gibson moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Recognition of Guests: Principal Jones introduced Tryston Ross, who placed ninth at the Iowa HS Wrestling tournament this past week, and also recorded a 100-win career. Josh Strohmeier, who was not present, also placed ninth at state in his weight class. Cyden Fitch, who was not present, also posted a 100-win career in wrestling. Brady Berkey was present to be recognized for scoring his 1000-point career in basketball. Principal Jones identified these men as leaders and examples of the quality students that attend our school. Congratulations to Tryston, Josh, Cyden and Brady! Principal Jones then introduced Samantha Pierce, who delivered her qualifying speech essay to the Board. The Board recognizes the hard work and commitment required by all students to achieve academically, and in extracurricular events as well. The Tigerhawk nation is proud of and dedicated to the success of its students.
4. Administrator Reports: Jr/Sr High Principal Jones: Principal Jones updated the Board on chronic absences of students. This first semester has seen an increase, and they are documenting reasons for those absences. The goal is to identify and alert the student and parent/guardian of this trend, and work in conjunction together to overcome any obstacles or issues.  
Elementary Principal Summy notified the Board that the elementary has been awarded the Emerging Level of Recognition from the Iowa Department of Education for your implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) in the 2018-2019 school year. We are one of thirty-one recipients of this award. Congratulations to the elementary staff for this achievement! The spring Parent-Teacher conferences have been rescheduled to March 5, due to inclement weather on February 13. Professional development has been focused on math and problem-solving logic and application. A needs assessment tool of the MTSS implementation will help leadership identify areas of strength and areas to focus during the implementation of MTSS, and guide action planning.  
Special Education Director Tina Ross continued with the explanation of the Individualized Education Plan process required for some students. She stressed the importance of progress monitoring every two weeks in order to identify if the student has achieved a level that is now a standard, and can begin the next level of goals.
5. Superintendent's Report – He thanked the Board for submitting their components for the superintendent evaluation process. Monty Beals, Operations & Maintenance Director, began his duties this week, and intends to present a report to the Board in March. The SICL Conference voted down the request to charge fees for junior high sport events. As a result, no schools in the SICL Conference will charge admission fees. JuiceBox continues its work on the district website, and plans to launch later this spring. Superintendent Anderson is pursuing electronic document storage options. The Calendar Committee will consider May 29, June 1 and June 2 as inclement-weather makeup days for this school year. The district Facebook promotion page has been launched, and already there has been reaction and interest from parents in the area. The Labor Management Committee is scheduled to meet February 27. There are several projects being considered by the Master Facilities Committee, and Director Beals will now join and inform this committee on scheduling and progress of projects.
6. Committee Reports: Boardmember Gibson reported that the Calendar Committee highlights: propose to move the professional development to Wednesday mornings, build the calendar for 1124 hours, build in a non-school day for October, begin school on Wednesday, August 26, high school graduation May 23, 2021, eighth-grade promotion May 26, 2021, and last day of school May 27, 2021.

Communications and Public Relations: Committee members continue their work on social media, and are contacting appropriate entities for information re: billboards, posting signs. In addition, there is work on a newsletter, radio ads, and many other promotional opportunities.

7. Consent Agenda

- 7.1. Tomlonovic moved, Williams seconded to approve the minutes of the 1/13, 1/30, 2/3 and 2/11 regular and special board meetings. Motion carried 6-0.
- 7.2. Williams moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the February 2020 payables. Motion carried 6-0.
- 7.3. Financials will be presented in 9.5.

8. Action Items:

8.1. Personnel:

Van Dyke moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the hire of Monty Beals as Operations & Maintenance Director, effective February 25, 2020. Motion carried 6-0.

Poulter moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the resignation of Janice Hoefs as elementary instructional coach, effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried 6-0. The Board thanked Janice for the amazing and important work she's done to enhance the educational environment for both staff and students.

Van Dyke moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve Steve Smith as Maintenance/Custodian at the high school, effective February 25, 2020. Motion carried 6-0. Steve was Head District Maintenance/Custodial prior to this assignment.

- 8.2. Gibson moved, Poulter seconded to approve the recommendation to retain Access Services to provide print/office function equipment for the district. Motion carried 6-0. Annual savings is anticipated to be approximately \$5,300.
- 8.3. Van Dyke moved, Williams seconded to approve the resolution authorizing the redemption of General Obligation School Bonds, Dated June 1, 2005, and Approving the First Amendment to the Escrow and Amended and Substituted Paying Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement. Motion carried 6-0. This will satisfy the remaining balance of this issue in May, 2021, four years prior to the original mature date of May, 2025.
- 8.4. Poulter moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the resolution authorizing the redemption of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2013, dated May 21, 2013, and levying a tax for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the redemption of General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series, 2013, dated May 21, 2013. Motion carried 6-0. Interest savings as a result of these two redemptions will be in excess of \$127,000.
- 8.5. Tomlonovic moved, Williams seconded to approve March 23, 2020 as the date to hold the public hearing for the 2020-2021 school calendar. Motion carried 6-0.
- 8.6. Williams moved, Gibson seconded to approve the April 6, 2020 as the date to hold the public hearing for the 2020-2021 budget. Motion carried 6-0.
- 8.7. The Board did not identify any need to set any special board meeting dates at this time. No board action required.
- 8.8. Van Dyke moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the recommendation to approve the 2020-2021 DMACC Academy and Concurrent Course Offering Agreement. Motion carried 6-0.

9. Discussion:

- 9.1. The Board discussed a one-year extension of the Grife IT Support agreement for the 2020-2021 school year. Due to the pending retirement of Mr. Grife from these services, Superintendent Anderson will pursue opportunities to restructure the technology department and provide appropriate support beyond the 2020-2021 school year.
- 9.2. The Board was in consensus that the district pursue a summer food service program for a trial period this summer. Superintendent Anderson will continue to develop criteria on this for future board action.
- 9.3. The Board further discussed 2020-2021 school calendar criteria and suggestions.
- 9.4. The Board was in consensus that the bid for the high school athletic complex/gym include 30% efficiencies to obtain \$20,000 in rebates and annual savings of \$14,000/year, for an additional

\$100,000. Other options such as wind turbines and solar panels may be utilized in the science curriculum.

- 9.5. The Board reviewed current 2019-2020 financial status as of January 2020, and were notified an amendment may be required to account for adds-to-staff, facility projects, and the athletic complex construction project. More information will be provided before the May 31 amendment deadline. The 2020-2021 budget was presented and discussed. SSA has not yet be set by the Legislature, which will be needed in order to finalize the budget. In addition, the Board reviewed the current and projected UAB. Projections are based on conservative enrollment and SSA assumptions, but still project a healthy UAB. Additional financial information will be covered at the March 11 special meeting.
10. Van Dyke moved to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0. Time 8:16 pm.

APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_

Patrick Utz, Board of Directors President

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Debra A. Hodgson, Board of Directors Secretary