

Colfax-Mingo Community School District
Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting
Colfax-Mingo Jr/Sr High School Media Center
Monday, January 13, 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. Administrators present: Superintendent Anderson, Principal Summy and Principal Jones.
2. Approval of Agenda: Tomlonovic moved, Myers seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
3. Recognition of Guests: Principal Summy updated the Board on the elementary DARE program. He introduced Deputy Burdess, who partners with the Jasper County Sheriff's office to deliver programs and information to the elementary students. Students participated in an essay contest to best describe how DARE education and techniques had positively affected their lives. Contest winners Katelyn Steenhoek and Claire Hunsberger recited their essays to the Board. Rylee Northway was also a contest winner, but was unable to be present this evening. The DARE program is a national and world-wide organization that promotes self-awareness, positive decision-making, and addresses topics such as tobacco and alcohol use, vaping, over-the-counter and other drug issues, and suicide prevention. The program will expand to include Deputy Bruxvoort, which may allow the program to expand to the junior/senior high grades also. This is a non-profit organization and is funded by donations and fundraisers. The Board appreciates the compassion and efforts to educate and protect the district's students.
4. Administrator Reports: Curriculum Director Russell reported on the Iowa School Performance Profile Website, which will be accessible to the public the week of January 27. This site houses the district's building ESSA decisions and state school report card designations. District-wide PD in January and February will include Depth of Knowledge (DOK) to ensure instruction and assessment is rigorous and meets Iowa Core Standards. This training is a result of the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) blueprinting documents, in addition to the evaluations by staff of the GVC for our courses. AEA support is working with district math teachers to study Math Practice Standards, which will directly impact math instruction delivery in the classroom. Continuing work in GVC development and time for building level meetings/work.
Elementary Principal Summy is conducting a School Climate Survey of students, parents and staff. The data will provide insight into the culture and safety of the school. Conflict Managers from the 5th and 6th grades are being used on the playground to help resolve conflicts among younger peers. There will be a PBIS update at the February board meeting, and a Guidance Counselor update in following months. 1/13-2/7: Winter FAST Testing K-6, 1/20 no school as it is a PD day for staff, 1/23: 3rd grade to Civic Center program, 1/30: 2-4 Music/Art program, 2/6 and 2/13: Parent/Teacher Conferences and PTA Book Fair.
Jr/Sr High Principal Jones: Congratulation to Jared Myers and Morningside College for winning the NAIA National Championship in football. Morningside held the #1 ranking from start to finish this year. Jared was the Tigerhawk quarterback at C-M and transitioned to an H back at Morningside. Congratulations to Morningside and the Myers family. Finals for first semester begin next week. He is working on some new student academic eligibility concepts to help students who struggle. Although it is only one aspect of how we try to hold our students accountable for their academic success, it is also intended to motivate students to maintain their grades. Currently, the district follows state guidelines for eligibility. If a student fails a class at the end of a semester, they will be ineligible for 30 days of the next season in which they participate. He will provide more information on this new concept at a later date.
5. Superintendent's Report – He has received four applications for the Operations and Maintenance Director's position. He will interview and bring a recommendation to the Board. Bids for asbestos abatement have been let for the buildings at Mingo and the house. A walk-through date has been set and bids are due February 11. The new preschool drop-off/pickup is working well. The Board will meet February 3, 5 pm, to continue the process of the superintendent evaluation. The SICL Superintendents are in consensus that gates to junior high events are allowed as long as all SICL schools comply. Principals and athletic directors

will be voting on this in February. SBO Hodgson is pursuing radon testing information. A surge protector will be installed at the high school over spring break. One will be installed at the elementary once coordinated with the city. He and AEA Maintenance Manager Dustin Gean toured the buildings for safety and security compliance issues. These will be prioritized and addressed as time and funds allow.

6. Committee Reports: The Calendar Committee of Boardmember Myers and Boardmember Gibson met January 8 to discuss committee members and purpose. The committee will develop a calendar, supported by stakeholders, that meets state and local requirements, and supports student success. A draft will be presented to the Board for discussion and approval for the 2020-2021 school year. The committee will consist of one teacher from each building, one support staff from each building, two parents and two students from grades 9-11.
Communications and Public Relations: Committee members are Board President Utz, Vice-President Williams, Mayor Bartels, Mayor Mast, and teacher Jen Snyder. The focus of this group is to create/enhance the positive outreach regarding Colfax-Mingo schools. They identified marketing outlets such as ads, promotional videos, billboards, and posted signs, in addition to distributing materials at events.
7. Consent Agenda
 - 7.1. Poulter moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the minutes of the 12/18 regular board meeting. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 7.2. Gibson moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the January 2019 payables. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 7.3. No financials presented.
8. Action Items:
 - 8.1. Personnel: No resignations or hires presented.
 - 8.2. Van Dyke moved, Myers seconded to approve the recommendation to authorize the district's administration to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of \$135,000 for MSA to fund the 2020-2021 At-Risk/Dropout program. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 8.3. Poulter moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the recommendation to accept the At-Risk/Dropout Plan for Colfax-Mingo CSD for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 8.4. Myers moved, Williams seconded to approve the recommendation to accept the schematic design plans presented by the DLR Group and reviewed by the Board at the January 6 work session, with additional comments received by board members during discussion. Motion carried 7-0. These designs are for the new gym, wrestling room, fitness and weight-training facilities that were voter-approved at the November 5, 2019 election.
 - 8.5. Williams moved, Myers seconded to approve the recommendation to adopt the Resolution Directing the Sale of Approximately \$8,265,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2020, to Bank Iowa. Motion carried 7-0. Two bids were received. Bank Iowa interest rate is 2.9%, no reserve required, principal amount of \$8,035,000, call date of 2024, and maturity date of 2035.
 - 8.6. The Board did not identify any need to set any special board meeting dates at this time. No board action required.
 - 8.7. Poulter moved, Myers seconded to approve the recommendation to approve the agreements regarding 2019-2020 special education administrative costs for students served in the Grandwood and Academy Daycare programs in the Woodward-Granger School District, as required by the School Budget Review Committee. Motion carried 7-0.
9. Discussion:
 - 9.1. The Board discussed painting and mowing services that could be brought in house instead of being hired out. Superintendent Anderson will pursue on-staff personnel for painting, and will retain the agreements with both cities for mowing services at this time.
 - 9.2. The Board was in consensus to continue sharing agreements for the positions of Nutrition Director, Curriculum Director, guidance counselor, Media Director, hay mowing at the Mingo site, and grounds mowing with the two cities for the 2020-2021 school year. In addition, Superintendent Anderson will pursue a sharing agreement for a social worker to be added.

- 9.3. Poulter moved, Tomlonovic seconded to move into closed session to review and discuss the district's High-Quality Emergency Operations Plans. The plan shall be confidential and shall not be a public record subject to disclosure under Chapter 22. Ayes: Myers, Poulter, Williams, Tomlonovic, Van Dyke, Gibson, Utz. Nays-none. Motion carried 7-0. Time: 8:02 pm.
Poulter moved, Van Dyke seconded to return to open session. Ayes-Poulter, Williams, Tomlonovic, Van Dyke, Gibson, Myers, Utz. Nays-none. Motion carried 7-0. Time: 8:14 pm. No board action taken.
- 9.4. Poulter moved, Tomlonovic seconded to move into closed session pursuant to Section 21.5(1) (j) of the Open Meetings Law to Discuss the Purchase of Particular Real Estate. Ayes: Myers, Poulter, Williams, Tomlonovic, Van Dyke, Gibson, Utz. Nays-none. Motion carried 7-0. Time: 8:15 pm.
Williams moved, Myers seconded to return to open session. Ayes-Poulter, Williams, Tomlonovic, Van Dyke, Gibson, Myers, Utz. Nays-none. Motion carried 7-0. Time: 8:25 pm. No board action taken.
10. Van Dyke moved to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0. Time 8:26 pm.

APPROVAL _____
Patrick Utz, Board of Directors President

ATTEST _____
Debra A. Hodgson, Board of Directors Secretary