

Colfax-Mingo Community School District
Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting
Colfax-Mingo Jr/Sr High School Media Center
Monday, January 21, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER: President Patrick Utz called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Roll call: Chet Williams, Doug Van Dyke, Brandie Gean, Jan Myers, Mary Poulter and Mardell Tomlonovic. Administrators present: Superintendent Verlengia, Jr/Sr High Principal Jones, Elementary Principal Summy, and Director of Specials Tina Ross.
2. Approval of Agenda: Tomlonovic moved, Myers seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
3. Celebrations –Congratulations to Coach Hume, his assistants, and the seven girls that participated in the first-ever Girls’ State Wrestling Tournament. Six medaled, and the team brought home second-place overall: Ilia Hostetter 6th, Mariah Webster 5th, Kylie Doty 4th, Samantha Pierce DNP, Destiny McBride-Dannels 4th, Jaycie Webster 3rd, Rilee Slycord 1st. The Board appreciates the efficiency of Dickerson’s to clear the school’s parking, and thanks the City of Colfax for salt and sand. Board members Utz and Tomlonovic reported on the latest DLR community meeting activities: participants divided into two groups and each presented possibilities for each site. There were many similar visions between the groups. At a board workshop to be held February 4, the DLR Group will present an update to the Board.
4. Recognition of Guests: Jr High Instructor David Brahn presented information about ESports gaming. There is interest in starting a club.
5. Administration Reports: The Board reviewed reports from Activities, Jr/Sr High, Specials, and Elementary administrators.
6. Superintendent’s Report: The 2019-2020 school calendar will be presented for board review next month. It is proposed that the late-start days move to Monday’s in order to collaborate with area schools for professional development. He met again today with area Jasper County schools and emergency personnel regarding a school Safety Plan. Ray & Associates has received thirty applications to date for the school’s superintendent position. The Board is assigned to provide a list of community members to partake in interviewing candidates February 25, 26, and 27. The Board will meet in closed session January 30 to review candidate applications. Website RFP’s have been received and the committee will review.
7. Consent Agenda: Tomlonovic moved, Poulter seconded to approve the minutes of 12/17 regular board meeting. Motion carried 7-0. Myers moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the January payables as presented. Motion carried 7-0. Tomlonovic moved, Van Dyke seconded to approve the December financials as presented. Motion carried 7-0. The Board reviewed state supplemental aid scenarios and priorities for immediate 2019 legislative action: 2.3% state supplemental aid, transportation equity aid, and extension of the SAVE 2029 sunset.
8. Action Items:
 - 8.1 Personnel: Myers moved, Williams seconded to approve the resignation of Katelyn Grant as co-football cheer coach. Motion carried 7-0. Poulter moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the hire of Erin Hume as head junior high girls’ track coach for the 2018-2019 season, and Sarah Thorsbakken as football cheer coach for the 2019-2020 season. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 8.2 Tomlonovic moved, Van Dyke seconded to approve the resolution to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for Modified Supplemental Amount and Supplemental Aid for the 2019-2020 Dropout Prevention Program in the amount of \$164,556 for expenditures necessary to implement the 2019-2020 At-Risk and Dropout Prevention Program plans as presented to and approved by the Colfax-Mingo Community School District Board of Directors. Ayes: Myers, Williams, Tomlonovic, Gean, Poulter, Van Dyke, Putz. Nays-none. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 8.3 Poulter moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the recommendation to table action on the Website services until a future board meeting. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 8.4 Poulter moved, Gean seconded to approve the recommendation to offer an Early Retirement Package for the 2018-2019 school year. Ayes: Williams, Tomlonovic, Putz, Poulter, Gean. Nays: Myers, Van Dyke. Motion carried 5-2.
 - 8.5 Gean moved, Poulter seconded to approve the recommendation to set Monday, March 4 at 6 pm as a special board meeting date to finalize contract conditions with superintendent candidate. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 8.6 Gean moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the recommendation to enter into these contractual agreements: Jasper County Academy Schools and DMACC, effective July 1, 2019, to provide college curriculum and programming to the district’s students; and CenterPoint Energy for the purchase of natural gas for all sites except the 1000 North Walnut location from March 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Motion carried 7-0.
9. Discussion Items:
 - 9.1. The Board directed Dr. Verlengia to pursue renewal of the lease agreement with the Colfax-Mingo Education Foundation for the 1000 North Walnut site. The current lease is due to expire June 30, 2019.
 - 9.2. The Board reviewed evaluation tools used for various staff classifications, and discussed processes and the organization of authority.
 - 9.3. The Board directed Dr. Verlengia to discuss renewal of the mowing agreements with the City of Colfax and City of Mingo in preparation for the upcoming season.
 - 9.4. The Board directed Dr. Verlengia to discuss renewal of the 28E agreements with Baxter and Newton to share Curriculum and Specials directors again for the 2019-2020 school year. Pursue adding more time to these positions.

10. Board Take-Away: The Board is pleased to have a large response to the superintendent position; Facility Master Plan progress with DLR and the community is encouraging; discussion around the board table continues to be progressive and they appreciate sharing the committee work so all of the Board is informed.
11. Van Dyke moved to adjourn. Time 8:04 pm.

APPROVAL

Patrick Utz, Board of Directors President

ATTEST

Debra A. Hodgson, Board of Directors Secretary