

Colfax-Mingo Community School District
Board of Directors Special Board Meeting
Colfax-Mingo Central Office-Video/Phone Conference Call
Monday, May 4, 2020

1. Call special meeting to order and determination of quorum: President Patrick Utz called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present: Jan Myers, Chet Williams, Mary Poulter, Dawn Gibson, Mardell Tomlonovic. Jan Myers joined. Absent: Doug Van Dyke. Administrators present: Superintendent Anderson and Principal Jones. The Board met in a video/phone conference call originating from CMCSO Central Office to comply with recommended safety practices in regard to COVID-19. Per Iowa Code Section 21.8, when an in-person meeting is "impossible or impractical," a governmental body is permitted to conduct a meeting by electronic means.
2. Approval of Agenda: Tomlonovic moved, Poulter seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Personnel: Williams moved, Tomlonovic seconded the recommendation to hire Amber Joyce as secondary counselor for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Tomlonovic moved, Gibson seconded to approve the recommendation to update the Pandemic Response and Emergency Suspension of Policy with current language regarding school closure, the Return to Learning Plan, and the powers of the Superintendent to conduct his district during this pandemic. Motion carried 5-0.
5. There were no updates from the State in regards to school operations, so no items for the Board to consider.
6. Poulter moved, Williams seconded to approve the plans for the Class of 2020 graduation as presented. Motion carried 5-0. The Board heard from Class of 2020 President Sydney Hostetter, Principal Jones, and representatives of the planning committee the following schedule: Cancel May 24 graduation date. Move to Saturday, June 20, with appropriate social-distance guidelines. If State guidelines do not allow this, then move ceremonies to July 25. If not possible, then virtual graduation on Friday, July 31. Details continue to be developed. 8th Grade Promotion ceremonies will be postponed until fall. Jan Myers joined the meeting at 6:23 pm.
7. Williams moved, Gibson seconded to approve the facility projects priority list for the remainder of the current school year, and the 2020-2021 school year, as presented by Director Beals. Motion carried 6-0.
8. Williams moved, Myers seconded to approve the recommendation to waive the portion of Policy 902.5 that requires advertisement of obsolete equipment, as the Board instead would like the desks donated to interested families in the district, as the pandemic has forced student education back into the homes, and as the equipment can continue to serve the students of the district. Motion carried 6-0.
9. Tomlonovic moved, Williams seconded to approve the recommendation to retain Mid-States Demolition for \$18,224 for the demolition of the three outbuildings at the Mingo site. Motion carried 6-0.
10. Williams moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve a two-percent salary increase for the 2020-2021 school year for the following positions: Superintendent, Superintendent's secretary, Director of Operations and Maintenance, Curriculum Director, Special Education Director, Jr/Sr High Principal, Elementary Principal, the School Business Official. Motion carried 6-0. Package cost \$12,614.51.
11. Tomlonovic moved, Poulter seconded to the recommendation to increase student lunch price from \$3 to \$3.05, and adult lunch from \$3.75 to \$3.85 for the 2020-2021 school years. All other meal and milk prices will remain the same. Motion carried 6-0.
12. Tomlonovic moved, Myers seconded to approve the list of 2020 graduates as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
13. There were no special board meeting dates to consider. No board action required.
14. Williams moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the recommendation that the last instructional day of school for the 2019-2020 school year is May 28, and the staff will fulfill their contractual duties through June 3. Motion carried 6-0.
15. Discussion Items
Athletic Complex Update: Superintendent Anderson will schedule board members, staff, and other pertinent personnel in small, social-distance compliant groups for ground-breaking ceremonies at the athletic site in the next few weeks. Pre-construction meeting will occur next week. Cameras will oversee the construction site to record

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progress. He recommends trees be planted along west side of high school parking lot to deter street parking. He is gathering estimates on the property owned by the school at 121 North League Road to determine value of selling. The City of Colfax is concerned with traffic speed on North League Road and is considering school zone designation of the area.

Superintendent Anderson is pursuing installation of appropriate internet at the Mingo site to support access to school programs, and also security equipment.

Superintendent Anderson reiterated the State's mandate that all school grounds, including the outside sports facilities, are closed and not available to students, staff or public until further notice.

The Transitional Learning Team continues work on the Return to Learn plan, to include three scenarios: buildings open, staff/students return; split onsite/distance-learning schedules; and all distance learning. Any situation could occur and preparation for all is necessary. Board members are invited to join the committee.

Superintendent Anderson provided information for an administration early retirement package. The Board would consider such a package for superintendent and principal positions.

Superintendent Anderson provided a Resolution of Appreciation to be presented to all teachers and the school nurse in recognition and appreciation of their service and commitment to students and families of Tigerhawk Nation.

16. Adjournment: Tomlonovic moved to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0. Time: 7:17 pm