

Colfax-Mingo Community School District
Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting
Colfax-Mingo Central Office-Video/Phone Conference Call
Monday, July 20, 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, Jan Myers, Dawn Gibson, Doug Van Dyke, Mardell Tomlonovic. Administrators present: Superintendent Anderson, Principal Summy and Principal Jones.
The Board met in a video/phone conference call originating from CMCSJ 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: Williams moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
3. No written or oral comments received regarding the public hearing for the plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated costs for the CMCSJ Jr/Sr High Athletic Improvements. The notice was published on the district website as required.
4. Recognition of Guests: None registered.
5. Celebrations: Teachers and all staff were recognized for their parts in preparing for a safe and effective learning environment for students to return to in August. The Town Hall meetings hosted by Superintendent Anderson were well-attended and involved good participation and questions.
6. Administrator Reports: The Board reviewed reports from Principals Summy and Jones, and O&M Director Beals. Curriculum Director Josh Russell presented three topics of relevance: the past years' studies and evaluations will result in a reconfiguration of the K-12 math program. The staff will pilot a couple of math series this year, and will adopt the final series for implementation next school year. He is proud of the staff for tackling this tough challenge and moving the district in the right direction. He is contacting SIAC members to see if they intend to continue to serve on this committee, or otherwise recruit new members. Professional development will continue with the current format, with enhancements requested by the Superintendent. The established past practices of focusing on standards and evaluation students will continue to serve the students well in this pandemic environment. At-Risk/DropOut Coordinator Hume reported that seven more students were able to complete their requirements during the summer program, and have now graduated.
7. Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Anderson had praise and thanks for the team of teachers who helped develop the Return to Learn plan. In addition to the community Town Halls, he also held a staff meeting; many solution-focused questions and suggestions from all groups. A recent parental survey revealed fourteen percent unsure, and fourteen percent no to the question on whether their student would return to school in the buildings this year. The high school science position is not filled yet. New teachers will be on site for orientation on Monday. Future board meetings will return to live after July 25, per state mandate.
8. Consent Agenda
 - 8.1. Poulter moved, Myers seconded to approve the minutes of the 6/29 and 7/6 special board meetings as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 8.2. Van Dyke moved, Myers seconded to approve the July 2020 payables as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 8.3. No financials presented due to year-end closing processes.
9. Action Items:
 - 9.1. Personnel:

Van Dyke moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the following: Resignation from Phil Grant from the co-assistant high school football coach, and the Jr High boys' basketball head coach position; and the hire of Jessica Fritch as preschool teacher. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 9.2. Myers moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the base bid and alternates as presented from Rochon Corporation of Iowa for \$13,326,634, for the completion of the CMCSJ J/Sr High Athletic Complex project. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 9.3. Williams moved, Poulter seconded to approve the Terracon Contract for \$75,010 as presented for the CMCSJ Jr/Sr High Athletic Improvements as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

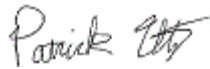
- 9.4. Van Dyke moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve 2020-2021 Classified and NonClassified Employee Handbooks as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
- 9.5. Poulter moved, Williams seconded to approve the appointment of Debra Hodgson as the 2020-2021 Board Secretary and Board Treasurer. Motion carried 7-0. Superintendent Anderson delivered the Oath of Office to Ms. Hodgson.
- 9.6. Williams moved, Poulter seconded to approve the 2020-2021 Administration Retirement Package as presented. Motion failed 3-4. Nays-Van Dyke, Gibson, Myers, Tomlonovic.
 - 9.6.1.1. Van Dyke moved, Williams seconded to approve Thursday, July 30 as a special board meeting date to consider recommended changes to the Return-to-Learn, as may be necessary due to State guidance. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 9.6.1.2. 7.8 Tomlonovic moved, Gibson seconded to approve the 2020-2021 agreement with West Academy in Newton for student services if necessary. Motion carried 7-0.
- 9.7. Van Dyke moved, Williams seconded to approve Thursday, July 30 as a special board meeting date to consider recommended changes to the Return-to-Learn plan, as may be necessary based on State guidance. Motion carried 7-0.
- 9.8. Tomlonovic moved, Gibson seconded to approve the 2020-2021 agreement with West Academy in Newto for student services as necessary. Motion carried 7-0.

10. Discussion Items

- 10.1. The Board reviewed the current board committees and members. If any request changes, they are to notify Superintendent Anderson.
- 10.2. Superintendent Anderson updated progress made on new website, and discussed a kick-off campaign and other items of interest to be posted.
- 10.3. Superintendent Anderson updated the Board on the recent happenings and speculations surrounding Return-to-Learn processes that may be forthcoming. If any, they will require board action at the July 30 special board meeting.
- 10.4. Board Take-Away: The Board sites positive actions being taken in regard to safe return to school, the teacher team's major efforts and input to build a learning plan, the successful bid process on the athletic complex, and the school/community cooperation that will be the basis for success in this district.

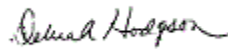
11. Adjournment: Tomlonovic moved to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0. Time: 8:16 pm.

APPROVAL



Patrick Utz, Board of Directors President

ATTEST



Debra A. Hodgson, Board of Directors Secretary