Colfax-Mingo Community School District Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting Colfax-Mingo Jr/Sr High Media Center Monday, October 19, 2020

- Call regular meeting to order and determination of quorum: President Patrick Utz called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Present: Chet Williams, Mary Poulter, Jan Myers, Dawn Gibson, Doug Van Dyke, Mardell Tomlonovic. Administrators present: Superintendent Anderson, Principal Summy and Principal Jones.
- 2. Approval of Agenda: Tomlonovic moved, Gibson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
- 3. Recognition of Guests: None registered.
- 4. Celebrations: The Board congratulated the following student-athletes: The high school Volleyball team finished third in the SICL Conference; Noah Strohmeyer selected to 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference in Cross Country; Carter Gibson received Honorable Mention in Cross Country. The Board thanks them for their fine representation of the Colfax-Mingo School District! The Board also thanked Superintendent Anderson for the clarity in the latest public update on new guidelines pertaining coronavirus identification, reporting and school protocol.

5. Administrator Reports: Elementary: The extended late start has allowed staff more time to contact distance

learners, monitor reading progress plan math pilots and assessments, create student videos for parent/teacher conferences, update standards-referenced report cards, and create lessons in Google Classrooms. In addition, classroom goals and activities are incorporated into PBIS to keep the school days meaningful and incentivizing. Thank you to the Mitchellville Pumpkin Patch for the donated pumpkins, and to Nicole Warrick for delivering them. The SOAR Store is stocked with new and donated items.

Jr/Sr High: Multiple programs are being used to deliver class lessons to both on-site and distance learners. Staff is challenged with monitoring students and use the late start to follow up. Also, as students return, reintegrating them back to the classroom requires more oversight. Attendance of distance learners has become a focal point, and administration will be meeting with parents of distance learners to collaborate for the student's success. Discussion about providing adequate staff prep periods with the block scheduling. The

teachers were again commended for their adaptability and dedication to each student's need.

6. Superintendent's Report – October is National Principals Month, and the Board recognized Elementary Principal Brian Summy and Jr/Sr High Principal Todd Jones in appreciation for their passion and commitment to the district students, staff and patrons. The State has extended the free and reduced meal program to the end of the fiscal year. Drew Otto, elementary art teacher, along with other volunteers, has painted a mural on the school playground, incorporating social and behavioral rules into it using color-association to help young and challenged students understand. Special Education Coordinator Tina Ross and Curriculum Director Josh Russell are contacting distance learners who are not maintaining class status, or who may be considered truant. Superintendent Anderson provided information on the latest room-clearing guidelines per Senate File 2360. Administration is developing expectations and guidelines. The use of therapeutic classrooms was discussed. A study of the drop in certified enrollment showed the largest majority were move-out's. The Superintendent has developed a survey to collect information on open-enroll out reasons.

## 7. Consent Agenda

- 7.1. Myers moved, Poulter seconded to approve the minutes of the 9/21 regular and the 9/24 and 10/5 special board meetings as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
- 7.2. Tomlonovic moved, Williams seconded to approve the October 2020 payables as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
- 7.3. Financials addressed in Action Items.

## 8. Action Items:

## 8.1. Personnel:

Gibson moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the resignation of Cory Beals as assistant high school boys' basketball coach, and Jacob Lietz as assistant junior high boys' basketball coach. Motion carried 7-0. Myers, Williams seconded to approve the recommendation to hire Skyler Koder as assistant varsity wrestling coach. Motion carried 7-0.

- 8.2. Williams moved, Gibson seconded to approve the fiscal year 2019-2020 treasurer's report, fund balances, and GAAP balances. Motion carried 7-0.
- 8.3. Poulter moves, Van Dyke seconded to approve the request for allowable growth and supplemental aid of \$319,771.69 for the Colfax-Mingo School District's 2019-2020 special education deficit. Motion carried 7-0.
- 8.4. Myers moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the request for allowable growth and supplemental aid of \$49,225.16 for the costs in excess of weightings and other resources for the 2019-2020 limited English proficiency program. Motion carried 7-0.
- 8.5. Poulter moved, Williams seconded to approve the recommendation to accept the bid for asbestos abatement of the three-story building in Mingo from Environmental Protection Services in the amount of \$21,450. Motion carried 7-0.
- 8.6. Poulter moved, Myers seconded to approve Ahlers & Cooney, PC as the District's legal counsel for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried 7-0.
- 8.7. Tomlonovic moved, Gibson seconded to approve the 2020-2021 depository limits at Bank Iowa and ISJIT/UMB as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
- 8.8. Van Dyke moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the recommendation to continue the three-hour late starts on Wednesday's through December 16, to be re-assessed at the December 21 board meeting. Motion carried 7-0.
- 8.9. Williams moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the second reading of Board Policy 407.3 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
- 8.10. Williams moved, Poulter seconded to approve the recommendation that the district offer an Early Retirement Packet to qualifying personnel this 2020-2021 school year. Motion failed 3-4. Nays: Myers, Tomlonovic, Gibson, Van Dyke.
- 9. Discussion Items
  - 9.1. Superintendent Anderson presented cost history for snow removal in the district. O&M Director Beals will incur more of the snow removal with current staff, but there may be a need to outsource some sites again this year. More information will be gathered and quotes pursued.
  - 9.2. Superintendent Anderson continues with fundraising possibilities, to include promoting the sale and engraving of a brick to be placed in the corridor of the stadium press box, or in the plaza around the press box.
  - 9.3. The Board had approved the continued use of gaiters and shields, along with safe-distance protocols, and Superintendent Anderson reported there were no new quarantine cases to report since that decision.

10. Adjournment: Van Dyke moved to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0. Time: 6:49 pm.

APPROVAL

Patrick Utz, Board of Directors President

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Debra A. Hodgson, Board of Directors Secretary