

Colfax-Mingo Community School District
Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting
Colfax-Mingo Jr/Sr High Media Center
Monday, September 21, 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, Jan Myers, Dawn Gibson, Doug Van Dyke Mardell Tomlonovic. Chet Williams arrived at 6:08 pm. Administrators present: Superintendent Anderson, Principal Summy and Principal Jones and Director Beals.
2. Approval of Agenda: Tomlonovic moved, Poulter seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Recognition of Guests: Zach Tomas, PE Instructor and coach in the district, spoke to the Board about the pressing issues the staff faces to keep up with on-site and distance-learning students.
4. Celebrations: The Board reiterated support and appreciation to all staff, students and parents/guardians for their continued efforts to comply with covid-related procedures and protocol.
5. Administrator Reports: Elem: School Nurse Lindsey Cummins reported statistics on staff and students who have quarantined for symptoms. None had tested positive to date. She consistently follows guidelines established by Jasper County Health Department, and they have recognized her for following those guidelines with integrity. Jr/Sr High: Principal Jones also recognized and thanked Nurse Lindsey. Courses are being prepped for online in the event the school goes hybrid or distance. Seating is assigned and distanced for meal services. Nice job by the staff to help the students in many ways, both emotionally and academically. Elem: Congratulations to the Colfax-Mingo Elementary for recognition as an emerging Positive Behavior Incentive System school! Traffic in the hallways is minimal. Principal Summy reports that parent support has been great and is appreciated. Focus is on addressing safe delivery of reading fluency exercises, iReady math data, monitoring the attendance of distance learners, and providing social and emotional supports. "Minute meetings" have been implemented to ensure each child is individually approached daily. O&M: Director Beals updated the Board on his staff and the additional duties applied to them as a result of new sanitizing protocols. Repairs to the columns at the Jr/Sr High are scheduled to begin next week.
6. Superintendent's Report – Jasper County covid cases have been increasing. Diligent efforts by all have helped the district's cases to date. Enrollment numbers have declined as anticipated. The Board will consider their 2020-2021 goals at the October 5 worksession. Both the Elder Corporation and the Rochon Corporation are behind schedule on the athletic complex project. The State has allowed continuation of the Summer Food Service Program to distance-learners, so that was re-instated in this district as well, effective today. Verizon units for distance-learning families are scheduled to arrive this week. The Board reviewed administrative assistant duties, and the Durham Transportation contract, due to expire June 30, 2021. The Board will consider continuing with outsourced services, or establishing an internal transportation program. Superintendent Anderson has been in conversation with the City of Colfax regarding parking in the high school area. He plans to attend their meeting on October 7.
7. Consent Agenda
 - 7.1. Myers moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the minutes of the 8/17 regular and the 8/31 and 9/11 special board meetings as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 7.2. Tomlonovic moved, Williams seconded to approve the September 2020 payables as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 7.3. No financials presented due to year-end closing processes.
8. Action Items:
 - 8.1. Personnel:

Myers, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the recommendation to hire Jeff Beener as co-assistant high school varsity wrestling coach. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 8.2. Poulter moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the recommendation that the Colfax-Mingo Board of Education resolve that \$2,978.64 will be transferred from the General Fund to the Student Activity Fund for the purchase of protective and safety equipment required for any extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition that is sponsored or administered by the Colfax-Mingo CSD. Motion carried 7-0.

Poulter moved, Myers seconded to approve the recommendation that the Colfax-Mingo Board of Education resolve that \$3,017.72 be transferred from the General Fund to the Student Activity Fund for the purpose of covering unfunded expenses for extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or competitions sponsored or administered by the Colfax-Mingo CSD, but pandemic events interrupted the revenue source, and that the interfund loan will be repaid to the General Fund prior to October 1, 2020, and that interest on the loan will be calculated and paid by the Activity Fund, as required by the Iowa DE declaratory ruling. Motion carried 7-0.

8.3. Poulter moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve Patrick Utz as the 2020-2021 IASB legislative delegate for the district. Motion carried 7-0.

8.4. Williams moved, Myers seconded to approve the 2020-2021 School Improvement Advisory Committee as amended to delete Maddell Tomlonovic, per her request. Motion carried 7-0.

8.5. There are no special board meeting dates anticipated at this time. The Board will convene next for a worksession on October 5, and the regular board meeting to be held October 17.

8.6. Van Dyke moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the 2020-2021 agreements with Woodward Academy and Grandwood, to serve qualifying students from this district. Motion carried 7-0.

9. Discussion Items

9.1. The Board reviewed the claims filed for damage from the derecho event. The majority of the damage was at the Mingo site. Superintendent Anderson has been in contact with the Mingo mayor and council regarding the anticipated demolition of the three-story building. Board discussion included asbestos abatement, removal of any valuables left in the building, and a potential timeline of events.

9.2. The Board reviewed revisions to Board Policy 407.3, regarding filing dates for early retirement packages. They will take action on the second reading at a future meeting. They also discussed offering the plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

9.3. The October 5 worksession will focus on the 2019-2020 year-end financials.

9.4. Grife IT will not renew his contract beyond June 30, 2021, so the Board will consider outsourcing these services, retaining IT personnel on site, or a combination of both.

9.5. The district will be conducting a Needs Assessment Survey this year, and Superintendent Anderson provided the IASB format and pricing as an example. This has been assigned to the SIAC Committee for review and recommendation.

9.6. The Board Committee assignments and meeting dates were provided and reviewed.

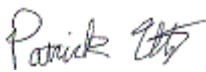
9.7. Superintendent Anderson shared a letter of request for funding the extracurricular athletic programs in the district. His intent is to distribute this to various corporations in the state.

9.8. Superintendent Anderson surveyed the staff to determine their needs to deliver and monitor on-site and distance-learner curriculum. Time was an important need. After discussion, the Board was in consensus that the district consider an additional ninety minutes be added to the Wednesday late-start. This would allow the teachers three hours to allocate as they deemed important: distance-learner contact, small-group professional development, individual or small-group student contact, and other sectors as needed. Students will still be picked up on the 90-minute schedule, arriving at the school and under the supervision of paraeducators. Meal schedules would remain the same. The Board felt this would be least disruptive to students and families, and still provide a time benefit for the teachers.

9.9. In spite of uncertainties, the staff and students are being innovative and adapting to maximize the learning experiences for all students. Good job keeping safety and health at the forefront.

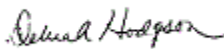
10. Adjournment: Van Dyke moved to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0. Time: 8:02 pm.

APPROVAL



Patrick Utz, Board of Directors President

ATTEST



Debra A. Hodgson, Board of Directors Secretary