

Colfax-Mingo Community School District
Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting
Colfax-Mingo Central Office
Monday, December 6, 2021

1. Call special meeting to order and determination of quorum: President Chet Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present: Patrick Utz, Mary Poulter, Dawn Gibson, and Mardell Tomlonovic. Kendra Perry joined at 6:04 pm. Absent: Jan Myers due to illness. Administrators present: Superintendent Anderson.
2. Tomlonovic moved, Gibson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Action Items:
 - 3.1. Personnel Matters:

Gibson moved, Poulter seconded to approve the following: Resignations: Tina Parks and Kathie Hadsall as para-associates; the hire of Kaylea Fridley as high school basketball cheer coach; and the approval to add a special education teacher effective second semester at the secondary to comply with mandated matrix standards. Motion carried 5-0.
 - 3.2. Utz moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve a change order of \$388,937.18 to address additional curbing, sidewalk, and parking to the north and south of the entrance drive lane at the high school, this all in conjunction with the athletic complex improvement project. Motion carried 5-0.
 - 3.3. Poulter moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the recommendation to offer an Early Retirement package to qualifying staff members this 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 6-0.
4. Discussion Items:
 - 4.1. PPEL/VPPEL – The Board continued discussion regarding the continuation of the Voted Physical Plant and Equipment (VPPEL) levy. Final components of the proposed resolution to call an election on this levy were decided: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 election date; implement the levy for a ten-year period; increase the levy from the current \$.67 levy to \$1.34, which will provide an estimated additional \$170,000 in funding; and to levy a combination of property tax and income surtax for this funding. The current VPPEL expires at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. The Board continued discussion on the proposed uses of these funds: To fund the student transportation fleet, either the expansion of current leased fleet services, or to discontinue leasing and instead purchase a bus fleet, have transportation services operated in-house again, and budget to upgrade fleet annually as needed; to fund the upgrade, replacement, or expansion of playground equipment and associated costs; to fund the upgrade, replacement, or expansion of student and staff technology needs, as related to local and state-mandated requirements; and to fund upgrade, replacement, or expansion of safety and security equipment and licensing. The responsibility to ensure adequate funding coincides with the Board's goals to increase the district's enrollment and to provide essential and innovative equipment and facilities that will best serve current and future Tigerhawks. The Board will take action on this final resolution at the December 20 regular board meeting.
 - 4.2. Superintendent Anderson provided updates on facility projects: At the Mingo building, the restrooms, locker rooms, hallway roof, the HVAC system, and the gym floor have been refurbished or replaced, the parking lot has been asphalted, and the facility will be available in January for use. The entries of the elementary and the junior/senior are scheduled to be finalized over winter break. Many components of the athletic complex are finished. The track asphalt did not get applied during necessary temperature timelines, so the track will not be available for the 2021-2022 track season. Concrete and draining work continues, and Phase II of the gymnasium construction is progressing as well.
 - 4.3. The Iowa Department of Education informed school districts that if virtual learning days are used due to inclement weather, those days will not be counted toward the mandated 1080 hours per school year. The district will continue inclement weather days when necessary, but with no school expectation.
 - 4.4. Superintendent Anderson shared some board development opportunities available through a UNI program. The Board is interested in pursuing this.
 - 4.5. Superintendent Anderson shared current absence rates for students and staff, both illnesses in general, and also covid-related absences.

5. Adjournment: Tomlonovic motioned to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0. 6:57 pm.

APPROVAL Chet Williams
Chet Williams, Board of Directors President

ATTEST Debra A. Hodgson
Debra A. Hodgson, Board of Directors Secretary