

Colfax-Mingo Community School District
Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting
Colfax-Mingo Central Office
Monday, February 14, 2022
Minutes are Unofficial until Board Approval

1. Call regular meeting to order and determination of quorum: President Chet Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present: Patrick Utz, Mary Poulter, Kendra Perry, Jan Myers and Mardell Tomlonovic. Absent: Dawn Gibson. Administrators present: Superintendent Anderson, Principal Summy, and Principal Lancaster.
2. Tomlonovic moved, Perry seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Recognition of Guests: None registered
4. Administrative Reports:

Behavioral Interventionist Tara Surprenant updated the Board on the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) The core is based on what students already know, then the process applies evidence-based practices to instruction and assessment. The framework examines the educational system and identifies students for additional areas of support. The Board discussed implementing a SOAR Bucks system for teaching staff, to recognize their outstanding efforts and successes these past few years. Outside funding will be pursued for this.
5. Superintendent's Report: As required by contract, school nurse Lindsay Cummins reported her pregnancy due date this summer, and does not anticipate maternity leave at the start of the new school year. Legislative news released today supports 2.5% supplemental state aid for the FY23 school year, to be considered by the Governor. Members of the Jasper County Emergency Response Team meet bi-monthly and have compiled common messaging to be used by the schools in the county, and also local and Jasper County law enforcement officials. The Board reviewed Sumrall Coaching, a support system focused on connecting with and motivating students to close gaps and learn to achieve, both academically and in athletics. RJ Sumrall has been on site in the district this past year as a volunteer, meeting with students, and evaluating a process to continue successful connections. More consideration will be given to continuing these services for a fee. The SICL Conference is considering reinstating gate fees for junior high and junior varsity events. Larry and Shirley Ladd, CMCSO residents, have generously funded a Des Moines Metro Opera performance of "The Little Mermaid" for K-6 students at the CMCSO Elementary in April. In addition, they will also fund a trip to the Des Moines Metro Opera for high school students to see a performance of "The Magic Flute". The Board expresses their appreciation and gratitude to the Ladd's for this generous offer and their interest in the CMCSO Tigerhawks! The Board reviewed the February 21 interview process timeline for the School Business Official position. There was discussion about retaining a search firm to assist in candidate search if necessary. Superintendent Anderson shared the results of his ongoing meetings with first-year teachers: good relationships with students and proud of students' individual growth, good mentor and admin support, and team growth. They requested additional JMC support. Superintendent Anderson informed the Board of a resolution to consider for a Prairie Meadows grant opportunity. Elementary art and high school baseball coach Drew Otto provided information about how this grant will be used to support the art and high school baseball programs. The Board will consider this resolution at the March board meeting. The district is considering sharing opportunities for the Special Education Director position for the 2022-2023 school year.
6. Consent Agenda:
 - 6.1. Tomlonovic moved, Utz seconded to approve the minutes of the 1/17 regular board meeting as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
 - 6.2. Poulter moved, Myers seconded to approve the February 2022 payables as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
 - 6.3. Financials not available due to board meeting moved up one week.
 - 6.4. Change orders: The Board was directed to the Hub to review latest updates regarding change orders.
7. Action Items:
 - 7.1. Personnel Matters:

Poulter moved, Perry seconded to approve the resignations of Rachel Russell and Jason Staley as special education teachers, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. In addition, due to internal staff shifts, there is an elementary teaching position opening for the 2022-2023 school year, to be filled from within if possible. Motion carried 6-0. Utz moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the hire of Susan Valtman, nutrition, Willow Near, high school secretary, Megan Wright, paraprofessional, Joe Krieger, assistant junior high track, Mark Earles, assistant high school baseball, Rachel Van Zante, head junior high softball, and Tammy Wickett, full-time paraprofessional, for the 2021-2022 school year; and MacKenzie Van Zante as special education teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

- 7.2. Myers moved, Poulter seconded to approve the recommendation that, as part of the district's response to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the district's administration is authorized to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for funding related to the 2021-2022 Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program increased enrollment in the amount of \$25,294.50. Motion carried 6-0.
 - 7.3. Myers moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the recommendation to approve the Resolution for the sale of not-to-exceed \$2M in general obligation bonds, and to levy taxes for \$518,274 on the 2022-2023 school budget for related bond payments. Motion carried 6-0.
 - 7.4. Poulter moved, Utz seconded to approve the guidelines presented for Senior Open Campus for the remainder of this school year as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
 - 7.5. Poulter moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the second reading of board policy Series 200 as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
 - 7.6. Utz moved, Myers seconded to approve the three-year contract with Infinite Campus Student Information System, beginning the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried 6-0.
 - 7.7. Myers moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve March 21 as the hearing date for the 2022-2023 school calendar. Motion carried 6-0.
 - 7.8. Utz moved, Perry seconded to approve the Business Associate Agreement between the Department of Education and CMCSO as it relates to the Medicaid program and the protection of information exchanged. Motion carried 6-0.
 - 7.9. There are no special board meetings for the Board to take action on at this time.
 - 7.10. There are no contracts or agreements for the Board to take action on at this time.
8. Discussion Items:
- 8.1. The Board reviewed the 2022-2023 school calendar. It has been reviewed by staff, the SIAC Committee, and the CIA Committee. The Board will consider approval at the March 21 board meeting.
 - 8.2. Superintendent Anderson will host a virtual community meeting to present information and answer questions in regard to the upcoming March 1 VPPEL election to consider renewal of the levy.
 - 8.3. The Board discussed options to safely access the baseball and softball complexes this summer, with the construction project still in process. It may be a combination of handicap parking in the east lot with access by the new press box, and the parking in the main lot and street, offering van or golf cart rides to the fields.
 - 8.4. Superintendent Anderson provided information about the newly-sanctioned girls' wrestling program. As this is just a one-class sport at this time, schools most likely will consider sharing programs and coaches. More input and discussion is needed.
 - 8.5. The Superintendent had no additional information regarding operational sharing opportunities.
 - 8.6. Updated information on student and staff absences due to illness was shared. The stats include both covid and non-covid illnesses.
9. Adjournment: Tomlonovic motioned to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0. 7:22 pm.

APPROVAL _____
Chet Williams, Board of Directors President

ATTEST _____
Debra A. Hodgson, Board of Directors Secretary