

- I. Public Hearing on FY2015 Proposed School Calendar – Johnna Donahue and Amy Engle presented oral comments on the published school calendar. They are in favor of a start date later than August 14. No written comments were received regarding the published calendar.
- II. Public Hearing on FY2015 Proposed Budget – No written or oral comments received regarding the published budget.
- III. Call to Order: President Goodman called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. Roll call: Skylar Rawlins, Dr. Rebecca Maher, Jan Myers, Billie Jo Russell, Doug Garrett, Mardell Tomlonovic. Administrators present: Superintendent Lucas, Principal Summy and Principal Jones.
- IV. Approval of Agenda: Tomlonovic moved, Russell seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
- V. Recognition of Guests: Two persons spoke to the Board expressing disfavor of outsourcing the district's janitorial services. One person inquired about changing athletic conferences. One person requested that the district not consider reducing a kindergarten class next year and to keep the class sizes small.
- VI. Shannon Maher, President of the Colfax-Mingo Education Foundation, informed the Board that Dollar General is interested in purchasing the Foundation's property north of the river for building. The Foundation currently leases to the school the Central Office building and bus barn that sits on that property. Discussion between the Foundation and the Board will continue as both parties consider the effects of releasing this property. Mr. Maher will continue discussions with Dollar General and identify potential timelines.
- VII. Board Member Reports: None presented.
- VIII. Administrator Reports:

Elementary – Professional Development focused on technology and reading. An AEA representative advised on websites and resources. Staff will utilize resources and collaborate with a teammate on the results. A new K-6 reading series will be adopted next school year, and the staff is reviewing options now. Additional Smart Board training was provided. A Kindergarten Parent meeting was held March 12. Twenty-one families attended. Principal Summy anticipates approximately forty kindergarten students next fall.

High School – Iowa Assessments results should be available in April. Seniors have only eight weeks left. Track, soccer and golf seasons are in progress. Speech contest is underway with Speech Night, State speech March 15 and All-State speech March 29. Principal Jones thanked all who hosted an exceptional HOIC Fine Arts Festival on March 6. Students selected for HOIC All-Conference basketball, state speech contestants, and the state wrestling participant was presented. Staff was recognized for their contributions to Student of the Month, the HOIC Fine Arts, and professional development. A schedule for senior exit interviews was presented. Board members are invited to participate.
- IX. Consent Agenda: Tomlonovic moved, Maher seconded to approve the 2/18 minutes, the March payables, and the February financials as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
- X. Action Items:
  - 10.1 Personnel Matters:

Myers moved, Maher seconded to approve the recommendation to hire Greer Millage as assistant high school baseball coach for the 2013-2014 season. Motion carried 7-0.
  - 10.2 Rawlins moved, Maher seconded to approve the recommendation to approve a contract with ABM Janitorial Services to provide janitorial services for the district. After Board discussion, Rawlins withdrew his motion. Rawlins moved, Tomlonovic seconded to table action on this item and hold a board workshop to review. Motion carried 7-0.
  - 10.3 Myers moved, Rawlins seconded to approve the recommendation to form an ad hoc committee to review district practices in guiding students toward post-secondary education. The committee consists of High School Principal Jones, Dr. Maher, Billie Jo Russell and Doug Garrett. Motion carried 7-0.
  - 10.4 Maher moved, Rawlins seconded to approve the recommendation to accept the 2014-15 school calendar as presented. Motion carried 6-1. Nay-Myers.

10.5 Russell moved, Myers seconded to approve the recommendation to accept the 2014-15 budget as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

10.6 Tomlonovic moved, Rawlins seconded to approve the recommendation that the district enter into a cooperative agreement with UNI for pre-service clinical placement. Motion carried 7-0.

10.7 Russell moved, Rawlins seconded to approve the recommendation that the district enter into a sharing agreement with Newton schools for girls' swimming and diving for 2014-15. Motion carried 7-0.

XI. Discussion Items:

11.1 Superintendent Lucas updated the Board on the Teacher Leadership and Compensation Plan. A community survey will be conducted. Information will be published in the newsletter. The goal is to finalize the plan to submit by the November 2014 deadline.

11.2 The Board reviewed recommendations to amend the FY14 budget. The amendment will be published and a hearing will be held at the April board meeting, followed by board action.

XII. Superintendent's Report: He provided information regarding persons on the sex offender registry attending school events. There will be discussion about the school's policy on this at the April board meeting. Fundraisers approved by the Superintendent are: coaches and players pump gas at Casey's or Kum n Go for tips, and a youth baseball camp held for the Colfax-Mingo Little League. Both events will raise monies for the baseball program. The district is applying to join the Iowa Cedar Conference. A staff and community survey will be provided for input. It will be a discussion item on the April agenda, and possible action in May or June. If accepted, the change will occur the 2015-16 school year. Bids are being accepted for repair or replacement of a rooftop unit at the elementary.

XIII. Adjourn: Tomlonovic motioned to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0. Time 8:33 pm.

APPROVAL

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Don Goodman, Board of Directors President

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Debra A. Hodgson, Board of Directors Secretary