

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Vice-President Rawlins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call: Doug Garrett, BJ Russell, Mardell Tomlonovic, Jeanine Baldwin. Absent: Don Goodman and Mike Routh. Administrators present: Superintendent Lucas, Principal Summy and Principal Jones.
- II. Approval of Agenda: Tomlonovic moved, Garrett seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.
- III. Recognition of Guests: None registered
- IV. Board Member Reports: Board member Baldwin spoke in appreciation of the invaluable skill and professionalism of the school athletic trainer Sarah Short, and hoped she'd be retained by the school in the future to serve our students.
- V. Administrator Reports:

Elementary - Principal Summy thanked the custodial, nutrition and teaching staff for their preparation for the new school year. Class sizes are as follows: K=55 in three sections, 1st=48 in two sections, 2nd=58 in 3 am sections and 2 pm sections, 3rd=45 in two sections, 4th = 43 in two sections, 5th=49 in two sections and 6th=69 in three sections. Students and staff reviewed Positive Behavior Supports and Interventions (PBIS) for the year. The Response to Intervention (RTI) framework will go in to effect when DIBELS testing begins next week. In addition to reading, math supports will be implemented in conjunction with the new math curriculum adopted this year. All grade levels will be assessed the first week. Results of that assessment will be the baseline to monitor student growth and for Data Day discussions.

Jr/Sr High - All but two of the Class of 2013 graduated. The focus on math and reading will continue this year. High school fall sports have begun. Cross country will have a full boys' and girls' roster this year. Junior high sports start next week. All Wednesday evenings and Sundays will be free of school-sponsored activities now that school has begun. The Athletic Booster Club will sponsor its Fall Sports Kickoff on Thursday evening, August 22, with a beef burger supper, volleyball and football scrimmages, and performances by the drill team and cheer squad. The football team will scrimmage at Lynnville-Sully on Friday night, as allowed by the Iowa Boys' Union. Homecoming will be held Friday, September 6 against Southeast Warren. Enrollment is approximately 339 and fifteen are in the Alternative program. Principal Jones updated some staff information and acknowledged all staff for their preparation and cooperation to begin the new school year. Principal Jones reported an increase in the ACT scores taken last spring. Discussion included implementing methods to prepare students for ACT testing and transitioning the current Saxon math series to the 1:1 student initiative. Although the district scores remain below state level, Principal Jones reiterated that ACT testing in this district is unique. In most districts, only those who intend to be college-bound take ACT tests. Those students are typically academically high. This district pays for every student to take the ACT test. As a result, the ACT scores are reflective of all academic levels of students. To measure improvement, the district compares test scores of the district from year to year. Improvement is proof that all students are achieving at a higher level.
- VI. Consent Agenda: Tomlonovic moved, Russell seconded to approve the 7/15 and 8/8 board minutes, the July payables and the July financials as presented, and the 7/31 board minutes as amended to correct the attendance of Board member Rawlins from absent to present. Motion carried 5-0.
- VII. Action Items:
 - 07.1 Personnel Matters – None
 - 07.2 Vice-President Rawlins administered the oath of office to Debra Hodgson to serve as Board Secretary and Board Treasurer for the 2013-2014 school year. Action to approve taken at July 15, 2013 board meeting.
 - 07.3 Russell moved, Garrett seconded to approve the recommendation to declare the following items of school property as obsolete per board policy: modular at the middle school site, semi-trailer at the Central Office location, and various pieces of furniture and equipment. Motion carried 5-0. The district will maintain possession of the stair-stepper. The shop class may scrap out the semi-trailer. A date for the sale of the furniture and equipment will be set. Bids will be taken for the modular.
 - 07.4. Baldwin moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the recommendation to accept the list of music department fundraisers for 2013-14 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.
 - 07.5. Russell moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the recommendation to accept the list of high school girls' track fundraisers for 2013-14 as presented. Motion carried 5-0. The Board reviewed a list of all approved fundraisers and the scheduled dates of these fundraisers.

VIII. Discussion Items:

08.1 The Board reviewed the overnight trip request to St. Louis in the spring. Action will be taken at the next board meeting.

IX. Superintendent's Report:

All staff participated in ALICE training to prepare for intruder situations. Jasper County has a drug dog in training. The school will be notified when training is complete and a walk-through can be scheduled. New equipment has been installed at the high school kitchen. Kitchens have been thoroughly cleaned, outdated foods disposed of, and staffing issues are being resolved. New guidance regarding background checks on all employees was discussed, and also the responsibilities of on-site vendors to provide proof of the validity of their employees. The new junior/senior high school format has transitioned smoothly, with positive input from staff. A rooftop unit at the elementary is not working. One estimate of approximately \$35,000 to repair it has been received. An estimate to replace it was approximately \$58,000. Superintendent Lucas will pursue more estimates. The affected rooms will be cooled by fans and window air conditioning units in the meantime. The City of Colfax has loaned the school a line sprayer for painting lines on the football field and parking lots. Superintendent Lucas and the Board are very appreciative of this cooperative gesture, and hope to pursue other sharing opportunities.

X. Future Events and Information Items: Superintendent Lucas directed the Board to the district's website to view all upcoming events and any district updates.

XI. Adjourn: Tomlonovic moved, Russell seconded to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. Time 7:36 pm.

APPROVAL

Skyler Rawlins, Board of Directors Vice-President

ATTEST

Debra A. Hodgson, Board of Directors Secretary