

Colfax-Mingo Community School District
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Colfax-Mingo High School Media Center
Monday, October 21, 2013

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Vice-President Rawlins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call: BJ Russell, Dr. Rebecca Maher, Mardell Tomlonovic. Absent: Doug Garrett, Jan Myers, Don Goodman. Administrators present: Superintendent Lucas, Principal Summy and Principal Jones.
- II. Approval of Agenda: Russell moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.
- III. Recognition of Guests: None presented.
- IV. Staff members from all grade levels attended a reading/literacy conference earlier in the month. They gained several resources and strategies to apply to the district's efforts to improve reading skills. Middle school instructor Matt Barkalow and Principal Summy presented highlights of those strategies.
- V. Board Member Reports: None.
- VI. Administrator Reports:
Elementary – Parents have been notified that the building is without heat temporarily until the new boiler system is operational, which is expected to be next week. Class size information was provided. The Four-Year-Old Preschool Department of Education site visit is scheduled for December 10 and 11.
- VII. Consent Agenda: Russell moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the 10/7 board minutes, the September financials, and the October payables. Motion carried 4-0.
- VIII. Action Items:
 - 08.1 Personnel Matters –
The recommendation to approve a contract for Don Edwards to serve as junior high boys' basketball coach for the 2013-14 season was tabled until the next board meeting.
 - 08.2 Tomlonovic moved, Maher seconded to approve the recommendation to accept the second reading of Board Policy 204.1 that proposes the Board move to one board meeting each month. Motion carried 4-0.
 - 08.3 Tomlonovic moved, Russell seconded to approve the recommendation to accept the request for an Early Childhood fundraiser request to sell holiday wreaths. The proceeds will be used to purchase playground equipment. Motion carried 4-0.
- IX. Discussion Items:
 - 09.1 The Board reviewed finalized district enrollment. The official certified enrollment count is 741.58 students, an increase of 10.04 over last year. Overall district funding decreased by 1.6 students when netted against open enrollment counts. Historically over the last five years, the district has averaged a decrease of twenty-eight students per year.
 - 09.2 The Board discussed offering an early retirement incentive program for the 2013-14 school year. Superintendent Lucas reviewed and discussed potential financial impacts with the Board.
 - 09.3 Superintendent Lucas reviewed FY13 special education deficit information with the Board. The Board will act on a resolution to approve allowable growth and supplemental aid to fund the deficit at the next board meeting.
 - 09.4 The Board discussed possible future board presentations by staff and students. The Board welcomes the opportunity to learn of and recognize these groups for their dedication and achievements to the district.
- X. Superintendent's Report:
Superintendent Lucas will be scheduling the Properties Committee meeting. The elementary boiler replacement project is progressing, with the intent to have partial heat by mid-week. A second elementary rooftop unit has failed. Action regarding this topic will be addressed at the Properties Committee meeting. The low bid for snow removal was submitted by Maher Mowing and Snow Removal. Superintendent Lucas will meet with them to review terms and expectations.
Superintendent Lucas reviewed guidance regarding the Teacher Leadership and Compensation legislation. This district has applied for a \$7,500 grant to fund planning for the district's implementation plan. A planning committee of teachers, administration and parents/community will be created. The SIAC committee will be utilized for parent/community input. There is a January deadline to submit the district's implementation plan, so the process will need to move forward quickly.

Superintendent Lucas provided an update regarding Peer Review and Collaboration Time legislation. This district implemented a Collaboration Time process, but is still developing the Peer Review component. Districts are waiting for finalized guidance from the Department of Education regarding school calendars based on 180 days or 1080 hours per school year. That guidance should be forthcoming later this fall. The district has filed for sharing funds from the Department of Education for the librarian position shared with Baxter this school year. The Executive Committee will consider other possible funded sharing opportunities for next year. Please check the district website for upcoming events in each of the buildings and throughout the district. The Iowa Association of School Boards Convention is November 20 and 21. Board members interested in attending should contact Superintendent Lucas to get registered.

XI. Adjourn: Maher moved, Russell seconded to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Time 7:56 pm.

APPROVAL

Skylar Rawlins, Board of Directors Vice- President

ATTEST

Debra A. Hodgson, Board of Directors Secretary