

Colfax-Mingo Community School District
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Colfax-Mingo Jr/Sr High School Media Center
Monday, March 16, 2015

- I. Public Hearing on Instructional Support Levy Participation – No written or oral comments received regarding the published resolution.
- II. Public Hearing on FY2016 Proposed School Calendar –No written or oral comments were received regarding the published calendar.
- III. CALL TO ORDER: President Skylar Rawlins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call: Don Goodman, Dr. Becky Maher, Billie Jo Russell, Jan Myers, Doug Garrett and Mardell Tomlonovic. Administrators present: Superintendent Lucas, Principal Summy and Principal Jones.
- IV. Approval of Agenda: Tomlonovic moved, Maher seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
- V. Recognition of Guests: A parent addressed the board regarding an open enrollment request she filed late.
- VI. Board Member Reports: None presented.
- VII. Administrator Reports:

Elementary –Iowa Assessments testing is complete. Scores should be available in April. The elementary is hosting a parent meeting for kindergarten parents on Monday, March 16. There will be a summer school program for students that did not achieve winter and spring benchmarks for FAST testing. Technology training, Professional Learning Communities, and training on online tools for the new reading series has been part of the professional development. The Skunk Blues Society will present blues music to the Jr/Sr high music students, and then entertain the elementary students on Wednesday, March 25.

Jr/Sr High –Third quarter has ended, students took NAEP tests in February and senior exit interviews are scheduled. Golf, track and soccer seasons are underway. The Fine Arts Festival was held in Baxter last week. It is the district's last in the HOIC conference. The district will host the SICL conference Choir Festival next fall. The annual Follies was well represented and well attended. Junior high students are participating in the State Science Fair. Hollister Koenig received a perfect score at the local Science Fair. Graduation in May 2016 may be held on a Saturday afternoon or evening. This would accommodate family time and families that travel.
- VIII. Consent Agenda: Maher moved, Myers seconded to approve the 2/16 regular meeting and 3/11 special meeting minutes, the March payables and the February financials as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
- IX. Action Items:
 - 9.1 Personnel Matters

Russell moved, Myers seconded to approve the recommendation to hire Halley Ross to serve as an associate effective immediately. Motion carried 7-0.

Russell moved, Maher seconded to approve the recommendation to hire Connor Jones to serve as an associate effective immediately. Motion carried 7-0.

Myers moved, Garrett seconded to approve the recommendation to hire Chrystin Clark to serve as Food and Consumer Science instructor for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

Tomlonovic moved, Russell seconded to approve the resignation of Barbara Kopaska as school nurse at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

Russell moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the resignation of Bryan Poulter as head high school wrestling coach at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 9.2 Russell moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the Resolution to Participate in the Instructional Support Levy program. Roll call: Aye-Maher, Garrett, Russell, Goodman, Tomlonovic, Myers, Rawlins. Nay- none. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 9.3 Myers moved, Russell seconded to approve the recommendation to approve the 2015-2016 school calendar, converted from 180 days of school to 1080 hours of school, as presented. Motion carried 7-0. Legislative action could still affect 2015-2016 school start dates, hence school calendars.

- 9.4 Russell moved, Myers seconded to approve the recommendation to reject the bid received for a superintendent search firm and to let bids again. Motion carried 7-0.
- 9.5 Tomlonovic moved, Maher seconded to approve the recommendation to set April 9 at 5:30 pm as a special board meeting to hold hearings for the 2014-2015 budget amendment and the 2015-2016 budget, to take action on both, and to take action on the 2015-2016 budget guarantee resolution. Motion carried 7-0.
- 9.6 No motion was made for the recommendation to approve a late open enrollment application. Recommendation failed due to lack of motion.

X. Discussion Items:

- 10.1 The Board reviewed the first reading of changes to Board Policy 603.24 regarding multicultural gender fair education as recommended by the Department of Education site visit team. The Board will take action on this policy at the next board meeting.
- 10.2 The Board reviewed budget information. The 2014-2015 budget will be amended to include the addition of 2 teachers, several associates and long-term substitutes, technology and special education tuition. The 2015-2016 budget will levy additional Management fund monies in anticipation of an early retirement program, and expenditures will be monitored to prevent a decline in spending authority.
- 10.3 There was discussion regarding the superintendent search process. It was the consensus of the Board that they had no interest in sharing a superintendent with another school district. The search process can begin as soon as a search firm is retained, and can continue throughout the summer and fall. The superintendent search firm will be instrumental in planning and coordinating this.
- 10.4 The SIAC Committee met and reviewed recommendations from the DE site visit, the Needs Assessment and the results from the Iowa Assessments. They will determine common themes before developing recommendations.

IX. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Lucas working with the contractor and engineer to repair damage to the new sidewalk set at the elementary. The contractor wants to patch the damaged areas, and Superintendent Lucas and the engineer is requesting total replacement. An underground wire to the fuel tanks was broken, not allowing power to the fuel tanks. It has been temporarily fixed, but the permanent fix will require more digging and repair. The district's mowers are in bad condition and will be costly to repair. The Properties Committee reviewed repair estimates and staffing issues and recommended the district take bids to outsource all grounds keeping services this summer. That bid will be published and also sent to interested parties. Superintendent Lucas noted that the parent meeting addressing responsible technology and social media usage will be held Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 pm.

X. Adjourn: Tomlonovic moved to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0. Time 8:09 pm.

APPROVAL

 Skylar Rawlins, Board of Directors President

ATTEST

 Debra A. Hodgson, Board of Directors Secretary