

Colfax-Mingo Community School District
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Colfax-Mingo High School Media Center
Monday, April 21, 2014

- I. Public Hearing for the FY14 Budget Amendment: The hearing is held to receive oral or written comments regarding the amendment to increase expenditures in the categories of Instruction and Total Other Expenditures due to additional staff and grants, and the shift of construction expenses from Support expenses. The increase will be funded by receipts and the fund balance, not by an increase in taxes for the fiscal year ending June, 2014. No written or oral comments received.
- II. Call to Order: President Goodman called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Roll call: Skylar Rawlins, Dr. Rebecca Maher, Jan Myers, Billie Jo Russell, Doug Garrett, Mardell Tomlonovic. Administrators present: Superintendent Lucas and Principal Jones.
- III. Approval of Agenda: Tomlonovic moved, Russell seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
- IV. Recognition of Guests: Rhonda Spain spoke to the Board requesting strict policies denying registered sex offenders on school property or at school events. Pat Teed, Kim Lester, Danny Lester, and Adam Swihart requested the Board deny the recommendation to outsource the custodial department. A petition was presented requesting the department not be outsourced. Tonya Reed spoke in opposition to the early start date for the 2014-15 school year.
- V. Board Member Reports: None presented.
- VI. Administrator Reports:

Elementary –Iowa Assessments test results are being reviewed and prepped for presentation at the May board meeting. DIBELS and MAP testing is underway. The fifth-grade trip to Springbrook trip was successful. The elementary handbook will be updated with staff and parent input. Track and Field Day will be May 9. The rain date will be May 12. The Preschool Track and Field Day will be May 2 at Conway Lots. The rain date will be May 6. Preschool graduation is May 22. The fourth and fifth grades will attend Exercising Character at the HyVee Hall on April 29. They will also tour the Historical Building and the Iowa Hall of Pride.

High School – Iowa Assessments testing is completed and all grades improved in reading, reaching the building goal of eighty percent proficiency. Spring sports have begun, with good participation. Talks continue regarding moving to a new conference. More information will be available at the May meeting. Upcoming events are Prom, Community Clean-up Day, Senior Projects and Women in Science field trip. Congratulations to Jena Teed, who received the Governor's Scholar Award. Principal Jones thanked the staff for their efforts this year.
- VII. Consent Agenda: Rawlins moved, Russell seconded to approve the 3/17 and 4/3 minutes, the April payables, and the March financials as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
- VIII. Action Items:
 - 08.1 Personnel Matters:

Tomlonovic moved, Myers seconded to approve the recommendation to accept the resignation of Kimberly Pierce from her food service position effective at the end of the 2013-14 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

Maher moved, Myers seconded to approve the recommendation to accept the resignation of Lisa McKinney from her position as associate effective April 17, 2014. Motion carried 7-0.

Rawlins moved, Maher seconded to approve the recommendation to accept the resignation of Jen Allen from her position as associate effective immediately. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 08.2 Rawlins moved to approve the recommendation to approve a contract with ABM Janitorial Services to provide janitorial services for the district. There was no second. The action item failed due to lack of a second.
 - 08.3 Tomlonovic moved, Russell seconded to approve the recommendation to approve a ten-cent increase for student lunches, and a five-cent increase for student breakfast for the 2014-15 school year. Motion carried 7-0. The student lunch price will be \$2.65/meal and the student breakfast price will be \$1.30/meal.
 - 08.4 Rawlins moved, Russell seconded to approve the recommendation to approve a bid not to exceed \$54,143 from the Baker Group to replace the damaged rooftop unit on the elementary this summer. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 08.5 Russell moved, Maher seconded to approve the recommendation to approve the changes to the AFSCME contract as follows: enter into a two-year contract providing a fifty-cent increase for the 2014-15 school year, and a fifty-cent increase for the 2015-16 school year. Motion carried 6-1. Nay-Garrett.

08.6 Rawlins moved, Maher seconded to approve the recommendation to approve the changes to two categories of spending for the 2013-14 budget as presented in the hearing, and as reviewed by the Board and the Finance Committee at prior meetings. Motion carried 7-0.

08.7 Russell moved, Maher seconded to approve the recommendation to approve the list of 2014 graduates from the Colfax-Mingo Community School District as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

IX. Discussion Items:

09.1 The Board discussed a one-year timeline to pursue some contingencies in the event the Central Office location is sold or otherwise no longer available for school use. The Central Office location is owned by the Colfax-Mingo Education Foundation and is leased to the school district. The current lease expires June 2016. Both parties will continue to meet to formulate a plan to the benefit of each.

09.2 The Board discussed current procedures for dealing with persons listed on the Sex Offender Registry and their attendance at school functions. They also reviewed IASB information and guidance, and information for area school districts. The administration and the Executive Committee will work to draft a sample policy for board review at the next meeting. The Board was in consensus that effective immediately, the district will not allow any persons in to school events until a policy is in place.

09.3 Superintendent Lucas reviewed a staffing proposal for the 2014-15 school year. This includes no reductions at the elementary level, moving junior high language arts and reading to a ninety-minute block schedule and adding a full-time language arts instructor. In addition, adding a half-time secondary social studies instructor, allowing a counselor, who currently teaches social studies half-time, to move back to full-time counseling. This proposal will allow the district to address Common Core curriculum requirements and improve student achievement levels in reading as well as other areas. Regarding 1:1 implementation, the art curriculum will be revamped, allowing Art instructor Matt Volesky some free time to provide educational instruction and support to staff as they learn to integrate technology into the curriculum. Mr. Grife will remain in charge of hardware issues for the district. Superintendent Lucas notified the Board that Michelle Grant, an on-staff instructor, is interested in coaching high school varsity volleyball next season. It has been precedent that the district hires on-staff personnel for extracurricular positions whenever possible. The elementary staff and Mr. Barkalow have been reviewing new reading texts for grades K-8. They will be coming forth with a recommendation to purchase a new text series that will more closely align with Common Core curriculum requirements, and will also benefit their goals to improve reading scores.

09.4 High School Principal Jones provided information on the possibility of moving to a different athletic conference. The South Iowa Cedar League has approached the district with an invite. Because of the process involved to make this move, the district would not join that conference until the 2015-2016 if it were to begin the process now. Principal Jones will continue to provide information at future board meetings.

09.5 The district is pursuing lease options to help fund the 1:1 technology initiative and also maintain cash flow for other projects. There has been discussion with some leasing firms and the First State Bank of Colfax. Superintendent Lucas will also approach the Colfax-Mingo Education Foundation to discuss a leasing option.

X. Superintendent's Report: The classroom module at the middle school location has been moved by its owners. Dickerson Mechanical capped the electrical and sewer lines that had served that building. The concrete footings under the module will be broken down by Mr. McCarthy's shop class and buried.

XI. Adjourn: Maher motioned to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0. Time 8:18 pm.

APPROVAL

Don Goodman, Board of Directors President

ATTEST

Debra A. Hodgson, Board of Directors Secretary