

- I. Call to Order: President Routh called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call: Doug Garrett, Don Goodman, Skylar Rawlins, BJ Russell, Jeanine Baldwin, Mardell Tomlonovic. Administrators present: Superintendent Lucas, Dr. Maher, Principal Summy and Principal Jones.
- II. Approval of Agenda: Rawlins moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
- III. Recognition of Guests: None registered.
- IV. Board Member Reports: Rawlins thanked the administrators for their efforts to make available the gyms for the youth basketball tournaments.
- V. Administrator Reports:

Elementary – Review of student progress on reading oral fluency and retell based on DIBELS testing. Staff is using math data to create intervention groups for struggling learners. Grandparent/grand friend luncheon will be held February 14, hosted by the student council. The Colfax-Mingo PTA is hosting Fruteland Jackson, sponsored by the South Skunk Blues Society. Mr. Jackson will present the Blues in the Schools program to the bands and choir in all three buildings the week of February 18. Parent-Teacher conferences will be held February 12 and 14. The Scholastic Book Fair will be sponsored by the Colfax-Mingo PTA, who will provide a book for each student and fifty dollars for each teacher’s classroom. The PTA frozen foods fundraiser proceeds will be used for technology purchases. The PTA recently purchased four SMART boards for the elementary. The winter concert for second through fourth grades will be held February 26. The elementary will implement a new policy to post zeroes for homework assignments not received within five days of the due date. This is in alignment with homework policy at the middle and high schools. An overtime opportunity may be created for after-school help once a week for students that want extra help. This will not be mandatory, but at the decision of parents and students.

Middle School – The school received a \$5,000 Community Betterment Grant from Prairie Meadows to use for Phase 4 of the Middle School Technology Project. A four-day RAPP unit was held to cover these topics: civility and communication skills, health, Facebook posting, and handbook review. Iowa Assessment testing will be held February 6, with make-up tests done within one week. The Science Fair will be held February 7 with the Awards Presentation set for February 8. Student representatives from the middle school will meet with Principal Jones and Dr. Maher to discuss concerns, questions and suggestions for the move to the high school next year.

High School – Finalizing purchases for new classrooms, doors, cameras and signage, and inventorying middle school furniture to move to the high school. A day will be set to bring the middle school students to the high school for a practice run through the class schedule. The high school student council will host a group of middle school students to discuss concerns, questions, and suggestions. There will be an orientation night for the student council, staff and administration to meet with students and parents as a group. Two student teachers from Central College are assisting in the Social Studies class and the math classes. Extra-curricular activities: upcoming speech contest, one regular season game left for girls’ basketball, then will host sectionals on February 9, three boys’ basketball games this week, then sectionals at Van Meter on February 11. Congratulations to wrestlers who placed at sectionals: Jimmy Abel and Dylan Albright-first, and Richard Blom and Brandon Byal – second. They advance to districts on February 9. Band, art and chorus prepare for HOIAC Fine Arts Festival. The drill team is invited to perform at the half-time of the Friday game of the girls’ state basketball tournament. The high school chorus will perform the Star Spangled Banner at an upcoming Iowa Energy game. Good luck to all of these students and thank you for your fine representation of our school district. Next school year, Colfax-Mingo will host All-Conference selection meetings and tournaments, and the conference Fine Arts Festival. The wrestling cheer squad will sponsor a dance at the high school for middle school students on February 9.
- VI. Consent Agenda: Tomlonovic moved, Garrett seconded to approve the 1/13 minutes and January payables as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
- VII. Action Items:
 - 07.1 Personnel Matters: None presented.
 - 07.2 Rawlins moved, Russell seconded to approve the recommendation to approve the bid request for proposal for an engineering firm for the elementary ground water project. Motion carried 7-0.

- 07.3 Russell moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the recommendation to approve the bid request for proposal for masonry work at the elementary. Motion carried 7-0.
- 07.4 Rawlins moved, Russell seconded to approve the recommendation to approve the request for bid proposal for an exterior window replacement project at the elementary. Motion carried 7-0.
Bids for all three projects will be published next week. Board discussion included convening the Properties Committee to develop a five-year district plan for use of PPEL and one-cent sales tax monies.
- 07.5 Baldwin moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the recommendation that a high school group of biology students stay overnight in Iowa City and attend a science symposium at the university on March 1. Motion carried 7-0.
- 07.6 Rawlins moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the recommendation that students stay overnight in Cedar Rapids March 8 and participate in the state speech contest on Saturday, March 9. Motion carried 7-0.

VIII. Discussion Items:

- 08.1 The Board reviewed the 2013-2014 school calendar drafts. Board consensus was to accept the calendar with an August 15, 2013 start date. The Board will take action on this at a later board meeting.
- 08.2 Superintendent Lucas provided information from the IASB about learning modules regarding school finance, staff performance, board/superintendent relations, student graduation innovations, and other board priorities. Each board member submitted three modules of interest. Superintendent Lucas will tally the top three and present at a future meeting.

IX. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Lucas presented some enrollment number trends for schools in the state from 2008 to 2012. There are twelve schools with a higher percent decline in enrollment than this district, and fourteen schools with a higher number of student loss than Colfax-Mingo.

X. Future Events and Information Items: No additions.

XI. Adjourn: Tomlonovic moved, Baldwin seconded to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0. Time 7:41 pm.

APPROVAL

Mike Routh, Board of Directors President

ATTEST

Debra A. Hodgson, Board of Directors Secretary