

- I. 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 Jones.
- II. Approval of Agenda: Tomlonovic moved, Myers seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
- III. Recognition of Guests:
Junior High Science instructor Tim McCloud introduced nine students who placed at the State Science Fair in March. Four received Honorable Mention, four received second-place, and Olivia Houseman placed first in their respective categories. Congratulations to these young men and women for their representation of this district!
- IV. Board Member Reports: Board member Garrett announced that the City of Colfax took possession of the quarry today. The project to renovate and enhance the site has generated a lot of interest and excitement.
- V. Administrator Reports: The Board reviewed the updates provided by Elementary Principal Summy and Jr/Sr High Principal Jones.
- VI. Consent Agenda: Garrett moved, Maher seconded to approve the 3/15, 4/9 and 4/15 minutes, April payables and the March financials as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
- VII. Action Items:
 - 7.1 Personnel Matters
Myers moved, Garrett seconded to approve the recommendation to hire Lindsey LeGrand to serve as PK-12 nurse effective immediately. Motion carried 7-0.
Maher moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the recommendation to hire Charles Cisler as secondary special education instructor for the 2015-16 school year. Motion carried 7-0.
Russell moved, Myers seconded to approve the resignation of Erin Hume as assistant high school wrestling coach effective immediately. Motion carried 7-0.
Russell moved, Garrett seconded to approve the recommendation to hire Erin Hume as head high school varsity wrestling coach for the 2015-16 season. Motion carried 7-0.
Myers moved, Maher seconded to approve the resignation of Cami Ackerman as elementary instructor effective the end of the 2014-15 school year. Motion carried 7-0. Dr. Maher acknowledged that the district has been fortunate to have her services for all these years and thanked her.
Tomlonovic moved, Russell seconded to approve the resignation of Katie Casper as elementary special education instructor effective the end of the 2014-15 school year. Motion carried 7-0.
Maher moved, Russell seconded to approve the recommendation to approve Kirsten Royal as an associate effective immediately. Motion carried 7-0.
Russell moved, Maher seconded to approve the resignation of Lori Pease as high school dance team coach effective immediately. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 7.2 Tomlonovic moved, Russell seconded to approve the second reading of Policy 603.24 regarding Multicultural Gender Fair Education. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 7.3 Russell moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the list of forty-seven 2015 graduates as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 7.4 Russell moved, Maher seconded to approve the recommendation to retain McPherson & Jacobson as the search firm that will aid the district in the process of obtaining a superintendent for the 2016-17 school year. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 7.5 Russell moved, Maher seconded to approve the recommendation to increase the price of school lunch from \$2.65 to \$2.70 effective the 2015-16 school year. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 7.6 Russell moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the recommendation to allow the high school music department's trip request to New York City in March, 2016. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 7.7 Garrett moved, Russell seconded to approve the recommendation to enter into the Iowa Association for Educational Purchasing Agreement for the 2015-16 school year. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 7.8 Myers moved, Maher seconded to approve the recommendation to retain Walsh Door and Hardware for \$25,150.11 to install and update card-access systems, cameras and A iPhone systems at the elementary and high school buildings to enhance security. Motion carried 7-0.

7.9 Food Service Director Kerri Roling reported that the school was awarded \$29,250 through a grant she applied for. This grant will be used to purchase a steamer and an oven for the elementary kitchen. No board action is required.

VIII. Discussion Items:

8.1 Superintendent Lucas reviewed Struxture's meeting dates to compile the needs and wants for school facilities from various staff groups, community leaders, and also the general public.

8.2 Superintendent Lucas provided a legislative update on two items. Recent legislation regarding access to school buildings in an effort to improve physical activity in the community will pose new issues for administration. Schools are waiting for additional guidance from EMC Insurance and the IASB. The Legislature recently approved August 23 as the earliest school start date for the 2015-16 school year. This action implements the district calendar start date of August 27, 2015. The last day of school will be May 27, 2016.

8.3 The Properties committee met April 9 and reviewed a proposal from Consolidated Electrical Distributors, Inc. to install new LED light bulbs throughout the elementary and high school buildings. The cost of the project is \$103,086, but current rebates will reduce the overall project cost to \$20,426.30. This project cost is above the \$15,000 maximum project cost the superintendent is allowed to approve per Board Policy 803.1. The Board was asked to consider waiving the board policy in order to take advantage of the short-lived rebate offer, and to consider approval of the lighting project. The Board will have a special board meeting at 1:00 pm on April 23 to consider these two requests.

IX. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Lucas reported that only two bids were received for grounds services for the school. He will extend the bid date and re-advertise to gain more bids. The Board will consider a recommendation on these bids at the special board meeting April 23. Superintendent Lucas will not replace the two positions vacated by resignations at the elementary at this time. If student numbers warrant the need to replace in the fall, that issue will be addressed. An interesting statistic he reported addresses student mobility. Since the beginning of this school year, sixty-eight students have left the district and fifty-six have entered. This becomes an issue with school districts to provide adequate staff and to incorporate students into the system based on a variety of educational needs met or not met at that point. The Legislature still has not resolved a supplemental growth percentage for school districts for the 2015-16 school year. The school is bracing for the possibility of no additional supplemental growth, and will consider cost reductions and the decline of spending authority for the coming years. Superintendent Lucas will meet with the Department of Education team leader regarding the final report from their site visit. The Properties Committee will need to meet to discuss the actions to repair the elementary sidewalk damaged by the construction company, to review specifications of a new phone system for the district, and to consider technology needs for the 2015-16 school year. The Executive Committee will be notified of a date to continue negotiations with the CMEA for the 2015-16 school year.

X. Adjourn: Tomlonovic moved to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0. Time 7:55 pm.

APPROVAL

Skylar Rawlins, Board of Directors President

ATTEST

Debra A. Hodgson, Board of Directors Secretary