

Colfax-Mingo Community School District
Board of Directors Work Session
Colfax-Mingo High School Media Center
Thursday, January 15, 2015

- I. CALL TO ORDER: President Skylar Rawlins called the meeting to order at 6.35 pm. Roll call: Billie Jo Russell, Don Goodman, Dr. Becky Maher, Jan Myers, Doug Garrett and Mardell Tomlonovic. Administrators present: Superintendent Lucas.
- II. Approval of Agenda: Superintendent Lucas requested Action Item 4: Personnel Matters be deleted from the agenda and postponed until the regular board meeting on Monday, January 19, as the administration may have further recommendations to submit.
- III. Board Finance and Planning Work Session
 1. Instructional Support Levy – The Board reviewed information regarding this combination of property and income surtax, which generates over three-hundred thousand dollars each year for expenditures from the general fund account, and has been in place in this district for over twenty years. School Business Official Hodgson reviewed the timelines for various election dates if the Board were to consider holding a public vote to continue the levy for ten years, or take action as a board to continue the levy for five years. The Board was in consensus that it would take action as a board to approve continuation of this levy at an upcoming board meeting. Superintendent Lucas will have legal counsel create the appropriate resolution documents for the Board to adopt.
 2. The Board discussed the condition and usage of the three buildings at the former middle school site in Mingo. Discussion included outsourcing the mowing at that site so the district would not have to maintain and store the equipment, and the destruction of the two outbuildings. Suggestions included retaining an interested party to demolish it, part it out, or release the buildings to the fire department for burning. The main building still provides value to the district for its gym for now, but the Board will continue to monitor its condition and usage.
 3. The lease for the former Central Office facility expires June 30, 2016. The Board considered options if the district were to vacate the location, such as locating other property for the bus fleet and relocating the classes currently held in building. Superintendent Lucas will meet with the Colfax-Mingo Education Foundation to obtain their input and bring the Board's suggestions. He will also ask input from Durham for possible fleet relocation sites.
 4. The current three-year contract with Durham School Services will expire June 30, 2015. Superintendent Lucas has received a proposal from Durham for another three-year term. The district has had a positive relationship with the company to date, and the Board was in consensus that they'd like to continue the district's contract with them. Superintendent Lucas will bring the proposal to the Board at a future meeting for action.
 5. Superintendent Lucas' contract with the district will expire June 30, 2016. He would like to begin the process for a superintendent search. Discussion included retaining a search firm, pursue sharing with another district, or conducting the search on their own. The Board was in consensus that they'd prefer to retain a search firm to assist with the process. Superintendent Lucas will contact such firms for estimated costs and potential timelines for the search process. He advised the Board could begin the process to retain a search firm soon. Once a search firm is retained, the process of building a timeline could begin.

The Board concluded their work session at 7:29 pm.

APPROVAL

Skylar Rawlins, Board of Directors President

ATTEST

Debra A. Hodgson, Board of Directors Secretary