

Colfax-Mingo Community School District
Regular and Annual Board of Directors Meeting
Colfax-Mingo High School Media Center
Monday, September 15, 2014

- I. CALL TO ORDER: President Don Goodman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call: Skylar Rawlins, Dr. Becky Maher, Billie Jo Russell, Doug Garrett and Mardell Tomlonovic. Absent: Jan Myers. Administrators present: Superintendent Lucas, Principal Jones, and Principal Summy.
- II. Approval of Agenda: Tomlonovic moved, Russell seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
- III. Recognition of Guests: None registered
- IV. Board Member Reports: None presented.
- V. Administrator Reports:
Elementary – The Board reviewed class numbers. A PowerPoint of the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support was provided to the Board to explain the plan to address SINA status and MTSS implementation. The Kid of Character Breakfast will continue again this year, recognizing many positive character traits demonstrated by students. The Elementary Student Council will focus on one project per month. Events include Homecoming festivities and Grandparent/Grandfriend Day. They will also serve as an advisory group for PBIS activities in the elementary. Feedback regarding the new reading series was reviewed.
Jr/Sr High – Principal Jones provided information later in the meeting in regards to AYP and ACT reports.
- VI. Consent Agenda: Rawlins moved, Garrett seconded to approve the 8/18 and 8/28 minutes, the September payables and the August financials as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
- VII. Tomlonovic moved, Russell seconded to approve the FY14 ending fund balances and statements as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
- VIII. Temporary Chairperson Superintendent Lucas presided at the opening of the annual meeting at 7:04 pm. Call to Order: Skylar Rawlins, Dr. Becky Maher, Billie Jo Russell, Doug Garrett and Mardell Tomlonovic. Absent: Jan Myers. Temporary Chairperson Superintendent Lucas called for nominations for Board President. Russell moved, Maher seconded to nominate Skylar Rawlins as Board President for the 2014-15 school year. Tomlonovic moved, Maher seconded to nominate Doug Garrett as Board President for the 2014-15 school year. Goodman moved, Rawlins seconded that nominations cease. Motion carried 6-0. Temporary Chairperson Superintendent Lucas called for a show of votes for each nominee. Rawlins received five votes, Garrett received one. Rawlins elected 5-1.
Board Secretary Hodgson read the oath of office for Board President to Skylar Rawlins.
- IX. President Rawlins assumed the chair of Board President.
President Rawlins called for nominations for Board Vice-President.
Goodman moved, Russell seconded to nominate Dr. Maher as Board Vice-President for the 2014-15 school year. Tomlonovic moved, Maher seconded to nominate Doug Garrett as Board Vice-President for the 2014-15 school year. Tomlonovic moved, Goodman seconded that nominations cease. Motion carried 6-0.
President Rawlins called for a show of votes for each nominee. Each candidate received three votes. The election of the Board Vice-President was tabled until the October board meeting.
- X. Action Items:
 - 10.1 Personnel Matters
Goodman moved, Garrett seconded to approve the recommendation to approve Stephanie Landgrebe as full-time custodian. Motion carried 6-0.
Tomlonovic moved, Russell seconded to approve the resignation of Adrienne Flattery as assistant girls' track coach effective immediately. Motion carried Motion carried 6-0.
 - X.2 Goodman moved, Garrett seconded to approve the recommendation to deny an open enrollment application filed via improper procedure. Motion carried 6-0.
 - 10.3 Garrett moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the recommendation to approve an overnight trip for Spanish students to travel to Guatemala/Belize April 5-13, 2015. Motion carried 6-0.
 - 10.4 Goodman moved, Russell seconded to approve the recommendation to accept the list of School Improvement Advisory Committee members for the 2014-15 school year as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

- 10.5 Goodman moved, Maher seconded to approve the recommendation to appoint Ahlers and Cooney as the district's legal counsel for the 2014-15 school year. Motion carried 4-2. Nay-Garrett, Tomlonovic.
- 10.6 Goodman moved, Garrett seconded to approve the recommendation to set the 2014-15 depository limits for First State Bank at \$7,000,000 and at Bankers Trust at \$700,000. Motion carried 6-0.
- 10.7 Goodman moved, Garrett seconded to approve the recommendation to approve the Resolution of Certification authorizing Board Member Dr. Maher to cast a ballot at the Special Director District 1 Convention to elect a new AEA Board Member. Motion carried 6-0. Doug Garrett will serve as an alternate if necessary.

XI. Discussion Items:

- 11.1 AYP with ACT summary: Superintendent Lucas, Principal Jones, and Principal Summy led the discussion on Annual Yearly Progress report, the SINA status of each building, the improvements seen district-wide in math and reading scores, and the on-going efforts that will occur to continue growth and compliance. These include more specific identification of problem areas, notification to parents, providing outside technical assistance, peer reviews, developing and implementing a SINA plan and academic assessments. The team will continue to gather, analyze and present information.
Principal Jones provided information on Spring 2014 ACT scores and five-year trends.
- 11.2 The Board reviewed long-range and annual goals in the areas of reading, mathematics and science. These goals include achieving scores at proficient or higher levels, with a ten-percent increase annually in the non-proficient student population.
- 11.3 The Board requested information be brought to the October board meeting to determine if an Early Retirement plan will be offered this year.
- 11.4 The Board reviewed data on costs of maintaining the buildings at the former middle school site and the current bus barn location. The Board directed Superintendent Lucas to pursue firms that will be able to assist in analysis of the conditions of the current buildings and potential space needs.
- 11.5 The Board discussed concerns raised about the school's operation of the county fair concession stand this past summer and how to proceed. Dr. Maher and Billie Jo Russell volunteered to assist in the preparation of a successful concession stand next summer.
- 11.6 The Board discussed the outcome of the Ombudsman report issued in response to a claim filed by Garrett. Although the report did not find any substantiation of the most serious complaints, the Board concluded that the application of policies need to be reviewed and agreed to as a majority going forward.

- XII. Superintendent's Report: Snow removal bids have been issued. Policy review will begin next month in preparation for the Iowa Department of Education site visit in February. Districts are required to write an English Language Learner plan. A committee will be convened to work on this plan, and Dr. Maher volunteered to serve on this committee. Information regarding the class action lawsuit against Martin Brothers alleging violation of retail food sales in schools was presented. The public may file for reimbursements. See the school's home page for this website.

President Rawlins requested the school's legal counsel be notified of concerns raised by board members, that an update regarding the implementation of 1:1 technology initiative be brought to the Board, and that board members submit their requests for committee assignments to him for this next school year.

- XIII. Adjourn: Tomlonovic moved to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0. Time 8:56 pm.

APPROVAL

Skylar Rawlins, Board of Directors President

ATTEST

Debra A. Hodgson, Board of Directors Secretary