

Colfax-Mingo Community School District  
Board of Directors Special Board Meeting  
Colfax-Mingo Jr/Sr High School Media Center  
Monday, May 3, 2021

1. Call special meeting to order and determination of quorum: President Chet Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present: Patrick Utz, Mary Poulter, Dawn Gibson, Doug Van Dyke, Mardell Tomlonovic. Absent: Jan Myers. Administrators present: Superintendent Anderson.
2. Tomlonovic moved, Poulter seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Recognition of Guests: The Board presented a collage of appreciation to Tina Ross for her numerous contributions to the district. Ms. Ross has served the district as a teacher, a curriculum director, a superintendent, and most recently as coordinator of Special Education programs and the secondary Instructional Coach. In addition, Ms. Ross was an excellent student and athlete in the Colfax and Colfax-Mingo school districts. Always a role model, mentor and leader, we thank Tina Ross and wish her the best with her new endeavors!
4. Action Items:
  - 4.1. Personnel Matters: Tomlonovic moved, Poulter seconded to approve the resignations of: Mark Hersom, Jr High boys' basketball, and Allison Bartholmey and Talbot Hook as speech coaches; and the employment of Sabrina Kinch as 7-12 special education instructor, and Jennifer McDaniel as 7-12 English/Language Arts instructor for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 6-0.
  - 4.2. Utz moved, Van Dyke seconded to approve the adoption of a new K-12 math series for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 6-0. Curriculum Director Josh Russell and the staff have piloted a number of series, and presented this recommendation at previous meetings. The series will cost \$68,019.
  - 4.3. Gibson moved, Tomlonovic seconded to approve the summer program compensations for teachers, administration, support staff, the Nutrition director, and summer custodial positions as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
5. Discussion Items
  - 5.1. The Board reviewed the recommended amendments to the 2020-2021 budget. The Instructional segment was amended to account for anticipated expenses related to ESSER monies used for summer school programs. A hearing will be held at the May 17 board meeting, and board action taken.
  - 5.2. Superintendent Anderson reviewed a number of scenarios to finance school buses as the district anticipates moving from contracted student transportation to a district-operated transportation department for the 2022-2023 school year. This will result in savings in the General Fund. The Board is interested in lease programs, but other options may produce greater savings. Superintendent Anderson is also pursuing sharing opportunities for a transportation director. More information will be forthcoming.
  - 5.3. Superintendent Anderson led the Board through some small group exercises to assess the district's current mission and vision statements. Criteria: defines the district's purpose and primary objectives, concise and clear, and helps the district and communities focus on a common purpose. The Board will continue this process at upcoming meetings to enhance and clarify the mission and vision of the district.
  - 5.4. The Board discussed the upcoming redraw of director district boundaries as a result of the 2020 census. The census data will not be available until late fall, which will delay the redraw and will not be ready in time for the November 2 board elections. A redraw after elections may result in duplicate directors in the same district, and perhaps districts without a director. A special election may be necessary at that point. In addition, the Board would like to consider a combination of Director Districts and At-Large, and moving to a five-member board. All of these will need to be addressed in the upcoming months. A timeline of events will be created to direct the timeliness of board action.
  - 5.5. The Board was in consensus that the elementary school playground remain unlocked until dark after hours. More statistical data is needed to determine what mitigations may be in place for school next fall.
  - 5.6. Construction updates: Some phases of the remodeling projects at the JrSr High and Elementary can begin May 28. Estimate completion date is August 9.

Work at the Mingo site continues. Upon exposing the west door archway, it was discovered that it is freestanding and in deteriorated condition. Mayor Bartels reviewed it and decided against trying to preserve it for city use. The school will not retain the archway either. The cornerstone will be kept intact and preserved. The insurance company approved repair of the restrooms, not replacement upgrades, and determined no structural damage to gymnasium or hallway walls. The new gym roof is on, and the gym floor will be sanded and repainted with the new gymnasium school brand. The new lights and poles are installed at the softball field. The stadium project continues to incur delays. Many group and individual meetings with Graphite Construction have occurred, but the project remains behind schedule. Both parties are continuing to work toward completion in time for the football season.

6. Adjournment: Tomlonovic motioned to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0. 7:23 pm.

APPROVAL

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Chet Williams, Board of Directors President

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Debra A. Hodgson, Board of Directors Secretary