



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

March 8, 2021

Early Work Session



Regular Board Meeting



Late Work Session





College Community Schools Board Meeting Highlights

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Learning Supports: At the March 8, 2021 early work session, School Board members received a Learning Supports presentation from Laura Medberry, Executive Director of Learning Supports. The presentation also included information from Community Engagement Specialists Jessica Fitzpatrick and Javier Rivera who talked about At-Risk Programming, Special Services and partnerships to support College Community students and families.

[Learning Supports Update](#)

Special Education: The early work session also included a Special Education Program overview from Julie McKibben, Executive Director of Special Education. Her presentation included information on enrollment, Staffing Ratios, Balance Trends, and Balance Comparisons

[Special Education Program Overview](#)



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Public Hearing: Public hearings were held on the 5-6 Campus Street Plan which included Kirkwood Blvd SW and Woodstone Lane SW Roundabout, Lift Station at 5-6 Intermediate Building as well as the 5-6 Intermediate Building and the 2021-22 Certified Budget. There was no public comment.

Graduation Report: Roderick Wade, Executive Director of Secondary Programs and Karla Thies, Prairie High School Principal presented, presented the following graduation report which included the following: Iowa School Profile, 4 & 5 Year Graduation and Post-Secondary Readiness.

[Graduation Report](#)

Iowa BIG / SpringPoint Recommendations: National educators and consultants visited Iowa BIG and provided an in-depth report of strengths and improvement areas. What follows is a synopsis of both the strengths and the improvement areas. Please scan through these prior to the Advisory Board meeting.

[Iowa BIG SpringPoint Recommendations](#)

[Response to SpringPoint Program Evaluation](#)

Summer Programming Update: Tracy Schipper, Executive Director of Elementary Programs provided the board with information on the Prairie Hawk Flight School. Prairie Hawk Flight School is a targeted, summer school program being offered in July of 2021 in response to the disrupted learning caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Prairie Hawk Flight School](#)

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Prairie Access Virtual School: Superintendent Dr. Doug Wheeler gave a brief update on the potential of providing a Prairie Access Virtual School for students. The goal of the virtual school is to provide an online standards-aligned virtual school experience for District families seeking an online alternative, who may also desire a connection to the Prairie community schools and programming off-line. A survey is being sent to parents gaging student interest. The survey is intended to assist in the planning process and final decision to offer this program. The District is still in the process of receiving approval from the Iowa Department of Education for this program and examining if it is feasible for our district to offer virtual programming.

Audit Proposal: Angie Morrison, Chief Financial Officer presented information to approve a new auditor. For many years the District has been with the same firm and a fresh look at our procedures would be beneficial. Morrison presented a proposal to approve Bohnsack and Frommelt for years 2021-2024.

General Obligation Bonds

Certified Budget 2022: CFO Angie Morrison presented the Certified Budget information for the 2021-22 fiscal year. The Board approved the certified budget. The tax levy will remain level at \$16.60/thousand.

5-6 Intermediate Building: The Board approved the specifications for the new 5/6 Intermediate Building.

[Bid Package Estimated Cost](#)

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Bid for Prairie Ag Building: The board approved the bid from Peak Construction for the new Prairie Ag building for \$2,525,000.

Bid for Prairie Crest Renovation: The board approved the bid from Apex Construction in the amount of \$7,430,000.

General Obligation Bonds: Bids were received on the remaining \$26,000,000 General Obligation Bonds from the vote in March of 2020. The Board passed a resolution directing the sale.

Return to Learn Update: Superintendent Dr. Wheeler presented a Return to Learn situation report that included a 14-Day positivity tracker, trends, actual daily case counts, and daily case count trends. Dr. Wheeler also presented a staff vaccination report. As of March 5, all staff indicating interest have received their first dose. Additionally, 64 of our CCSD staff received their first dose in week one of the vaccination rollout also received their second dose. Staff also received vaccinations through other means; therefore 62% were vaccinated through Linn county via the District and we estimate 72% of staff overall have chosen to be vaccinated. [Situation Report and Recommendations](#)

20/21 - Inclement Weather / Set Last Day for Students: The board approved the last student school day for the 20/21 Calendar due to inclement weather.

Summary

- 8 weather days (5 Derecho, 3 winter weather)
- 5 days forgiven from IDOE for Derecho for students
- Last day of school with students June 4.
- Teacher Contract Day make-up from additional 3 weather days:
- March 22 - June 11 - 8 hours flex - hours submitted by June 11
- June 7 & 8 - Teacher Contract days - NO STUDENTS
- June 9 - Teacher Clerical Day

22-23 School Calendar: The board approved the revisions to the 2022-2023 School Calendar. [2022-2023 School Calendar](#)

Policies: The Board approved the 1st readings of numerous policies including community use of facilities and fees.



March 8, 2021 late work session: **No Late Work Session**

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