

MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, November 10, 2020

A regular meeting of the Fairmont Area Schools Board of Education was held at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom due to inclement weather conditions. Members in attendance were Rufus Rodriguez, Nicole Green, Dan Brookens, Julie Laue, Mari Myren, and Mike Edman. Student board members attending were Weston Loughmiller, Moran Hoong, and Briana Joseph.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve the October 13, 2020 school board meeting minutes.

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Julie Laue and carried to unanimously approve the November 10, 2020 school board meeting agenda.

Superintendent Brown read two proclamations, one proclaiming November 16-20 as National Education Week and another proclaiming November 12 as Community Education and Recreation Day. Mr. Brown thanked all staff members for their outstanding service to our students and congratulated and thanked CER for serving our community so very well for the past 49 years!

Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent Brown reviewed current enrollment figures. Numbers remain stable.
- Mr. Brown thanked high school students, Clare Nemmers and Briana Joseph, for talking with the Fairmont Exchange Club about the high school "Mask Up" video, which Clare and Briana coordinated and produced.

A resolution was offered by Dan Brookens, seconded by Mari Myren and adopted on a unanimous roll call vote to accept the following:

1. A \$2,550 grant from Fairmont 3M for a sound system in the high school music room
2. A \$200 donation from Harriet Lunz, in memory of Rick Lunz, to be used for the high school FFA Program

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve wire transfers for 10/9/20 – 11/5/20, the September, 2020 budget model, and payment of the October 27 and November 10, 2020 bills.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Nicole Green, and carried to unanimously approve the final 2019-2020 audit report.

A resolution was offered by Rufus Rodriguez, seconded by Mike Edman, and adopted on a unanimous roll call vote to certify the results of the November 3, 2020 school board election, with Julie Laue, Dan Brookens, and Nicole Green all being re-elected for a four year term, beginning Monday, January 4, 2021.

Shelby McQuay of Ehlers, Inc. joined the Zoom to review the financial section of a proposed Review and Comment document that will be submitted to MDE in consideration of a school district bond election that would be held on February 9, 2021. The Review and Comment reflects a total bond amount of \$6,730,000. The election would be to ask voters to approve this bond amount to fund the cost of erecting a Construction Trades building.

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Mike Edman, and carried to unanimously approve the MDE Review and Comment for the District's proposed Construction Trades Project.

A resolution was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Nicole Green and adopted on a unanimous roll call vote to establish combined polling places and designating hours during which the polling places will remain open for voting for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election.

A motion was offered by Dan Brookens, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve the 2020-21 Assurance of Compliance Report.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mike Edman and carried to unanimously approve employment of the following:

1. Kendrick Bates, special education paraprofessional
Step 5 DOE: 10/21/20
2. Haylie Hohensee, special education paraprofessional
Step 1 DOE: 10/21/20
3. Karla Olson, community outreach coordinator
\$20/hour DOE: 11/2/20

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Mike Edman and carried to unanimously approve an employee medical leave beginning on or about January 6, 2021 and extending through February 26, 2021 or per doctor recommendation.

Board members reported on the following: School Board Work Session of 10/27/20; SDCC Meeting of 11/9/20.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Julie Laue, and carried to approve adjourning the school board meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Dan Brookens, Clerk