

## **MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

### **January 10, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Fairmont Area Schools Board of Education was held on Tuesday, January 10, at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Members in attendance were Nicole Green, Julie Laue, Mari Myren, Dan Brookens, Mike Edman, and Jen Harris. Student school board member Solveig Senf was also present.

Superintendent Traetow administered the Oath of Office to re-elected board members Mike Edman and Mari Myren and to newly elected board member, Jen Harris.

#### Election Of Officers

Superintendent Traetow opened up nominations for school board President.

Julie Laue nominated Nicole Green for President. Dan Brookens moved that the nominations cease and Nicole Green be elected President on a unanimous ballot. Mike Edman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Nicole Green proceeded with the election process.

Julie Laue nominated Mike Edman for Vice President. Nicole Green moved that the nominations cease and Mike Edman be elected Vice President on a unanimous ballot. Mari Myren seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Julie Laue nominated Mari Myren for Clerk. Nicole Green moved that the nominations cease and Mari Myren be elected Clerk on a unanimous ballot. Mike Edman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nicole Green nominated Julie Laue for Treasurer. Dan Brookens moved that the nominations cease and Julie Laue be elected Treasurer on a unanimous ballot. Mari Myren seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve the December 13, 2022 school board meeting minutes.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Julie Laue and carried to unanimously approve the January 10, 2023 school board meeting agenda.

Superintendent's Report - see attached. Superintendent Traetow gave a special thanks to District custodians for the commendable job they've done working with the heating issues at Fairmont Elementary School. Custodians and maintenance crew had worked around the clock to ensure temperature conditions remained favorable for staff, students, and the learning environment. The heating system is much improved, but efforts continue to fully resolve the issues.

A resolution was introduced by Dan Brookens, seconded by Mike Edman and adopted on a unanimous roll call vote to approved the following donations: 1) \$1,148 from United Way of Fairmont; Purchases and services totaling \$16,239 from the Fairmont Athletic Booster Club; \$12,500 from CHS.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve the wires/transfers for 12/9/22 - 1/5/23, the December 21, 2022 single checks, and payment of the December 27, 2022 and January 10, 2023 bills.

A motion was offered by Nicole Green, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve school board committee assignments for 2023 as follows:

Board Governance	President	Vice President	
Staff Welfare	Mike	Julie	Mari
Operations	Mike	Dan	Nicole
Curriculum	Mari	Nicole	Jen
Policy	Nicole	Julie	Jen
Activities/Athletic Council	Dan		
Legislative Rep	Mike		
Continuing Education	Jen		
So. Plains Co-op Board	Julie		
CER	Mari		
SDCC	Nicole		

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Mike Edman and carried to unanimously approve overnight attendance of school board members at the MSBA Leadership Conference on January 11-13.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve the following revised policies: Policy 534 - School Meals Policy; Policy 538 - Foreign Exchange Students; Policy 539 - Tuition Agreement for Secondary Students.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Dan Brookens and carried to unanimously approve the employment of Zoey Roggow as a special education paraprofessional at a salary of Step 1, effective 1/4/23.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve adjourning the school board meeting at 6:42 p.m.

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Mari Myren, Clerk

# **Fairmont Area Schools ISD 2752**

## **School Board Meeting Superintendent's Report**

**January 10, 2023**

### **1. Registration/Enrollment Report**

- a. **PRELIMINARY** Number of Enrolled Students for 2022-2023 (*\*as of 1/9/23*)
  - i. **FJSHS: 865 (+5) (1/10/22: 843 Students)**
  - ii. **FES: 862 (+8) (1/10/22: 847 Students)**
  - iii. **TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 1,727 (+13) (1/10/22: 1,690 Students)**

### **2. Vocational Expansion Project / Buildings & Grounds Updates**

- a. Final "punch list" items are continuing to be addressed as the list gets shorter. The building is currently fully operational as these final components are completed. Moving forward, with the support of our Director of Buildings & Grounds (Tyler Garrison), I will continue to provide updates on school district projects and this will be the final use of this report as a focal point for the CTE Expansion project.

### **3. Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Funds**

- a. Our school district's deadline for obligating these funds is September 20, 2024 and all funds need to be expended by November 30, 2024. A recent publication by the Association of School Business Officials cited the importance of acknowledging this timeframe and implications of these funds going away. As a school district, we have been mindful of aligning our expenditures with the state aligned priority areas and have focused on investing in as many projects as possible that will sustain themselves beyond the expiration of these funds. With that being stated, we still have an expectation to continue to balance our budget with and without these added one time funds. Our goal is to build and create a sustainable model that best serves our students, staff, and community, and that premise will guide our decision making moving forward.

### **4. Fairmont Area Schools Strategic Planning**

- a. On January 16th, we will begin our next strategic planning process by engaging in this work to be led by TeamWorks International. This first meeting is organizational in nature and will include the administrative team. The process orientation for the full school board is tentatively scheduled for the evening of February 21st and more details will follow as they are available.
- b. The mission of this organization is to partner with school districts to support design and delivery of the desired daily experience and outcomes for students, families and staff in bridging the difference between what is and what ought to be.
- c. The goal of this process will be to create a plan that is adaptive, responsive, and proactive to the local needs of our school district and learning communities.
- d. As part of this process, stakeholder sessions will be facilitated ensuring representation of students, families, and staff.
- e. Regular progress reports will be communicated at future school board meetings once the strategic planning process begins.
- f. The anticipated completion date of the strategic plan is June 2023.

### **5. 2023-2024 School Calendar**

- a. The process of creating a school calendar for the 23-24 school year has begun. The process will include four drafted calendar options that will be reviewed and revised by a team of school staff in a series of meetings. As mentioned at our last school board meeting, if anyone has feedback or ideas for consideration, please contact the district office or contact one of our school board members.

## **6. Health & Safety Parameters and Current COVID19 Data**

- a. **No New Updates:** As of August 1, MDH transitioned COVID-19 surveillance in PreK – grade 12 schools and child care settings to facility-level reporting. This means these settings will no longer report on every individual case but will instead submit aggregate numbers of cases from their facility on a routine basis. This transition aims to shift to more sustainable COVID-19 surveillance and data reporting efforts while still monitoring disease incidence in specific populations (e.g., children).

## **7. Cardinal Community Days**

- a. The next Cardinal community day will be Friday, January 27, 2022
- b. Cardinal Community Days Surveys
  - i. Family Survey: 175 Responses (*\*Distributed 1/4/23*)
  - ii. Staff Survey: 51 Responses (*\*Distributed 1/5/23*)
  - iii. Student Survey: 65 Responses (*\*Distributed 1/9/23*)
  - iv. Surveys will remain open until the end of the day Friday, 1/13/22.
- c. A full summary of survey responses will be provided at the January 24th School Board Meeting.

## **8. Upcoming Reports & School Events**

- a. **School Activities Review & Scheduling Update** to be presented at the January 24th school board meeting.
- b. **Next School Board Meeting**
  - i. **January 24, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m. - City Council Chambers**