

MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

February 14, 2023

A regular meeting of the Fairmont Area Schools Board of Education was held on Tuesday, February 14, at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Members in attendance were Nicole Green, Mike Edman, Mari Myren, Julie Laue, Dan Brookens, and Jen Harris. Student school board member Solveig Senf was also present.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren, and carried to unanimously approve the January 24, 2023 school board meeting minutes.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mike Edman, and carried to unanimously approve the February 14, 2023 school board meeting agenda with additional Celebration item: EMF presentation for School Board Recognition Month.

Superintendent Andy Traetow read a proclamation announcing February to be School Board Recognition Month.

Elementary teachers Jessica Schmidt, Michelle Traetow, and Laurie Scott were present to acknowledge this Recognition Month and to thank board members for the countless hours they devote to serving our District. As a token of appreciation, EMF presented board members with a ceramic tile that was decorated by students.

Katie Hoaglund and Helena Johnson were present to share information about this year's middle school play, Rumpelstiltskin Private Eye. Katie is serving her 3rd year as play director and Helena is in her 1st year as co-director. It was noted that in addition to 7th & 8th graders, 6th grade students were invited to participate this year. Katie & Helena agreed adding the younger students has been very positive, and including more grades may be considered in the future. Lead actor, Kyle Gorackowski, was also present. He indicated that a total of 20+ students are involved with the play, both on and off stage. He's excited for his role, enjoys being with friends, and finds acting out a performance to be much better than watching it on a screen.

Jonas Nissen, instructor for the high school video broadcasting class, showed a video of students who shared why they enrolled in the broadcasting course and talked about what aspects of the course they most enjoy and what they've achieved. Students said the class is fun and most participate because they're interested in improving their video and camera skills. Mr. Nissen indicated that simulcasting is an important part of the class and students are gaining valuable experience by working on events in the PAC. Simulcasting requires good skills in equipment set-up and problem solving.

Director of Building & Grounds, Tyler Garrison, provided an update on District projects. He talked first about the new CTE building, indicating that it is 97% complete, with some outside work yet to be done. Walk-throughs are being done on a regular basis to ensure problems are identified and corrected in a timely manner. In referencing last summer's

work, Tyler shared that of the 198 projects scheduled, 170 were completed, including cleaning both buildings from top to bottom. Another long list of projects are scheduled for this summer. Tyler and superintendent Traetow both gave due credit to our custodial and maintenance staff for their conscientious work, noting that our beautiful, well maintained buildings are testimony to the fine job they do.

Superintendent's Report - See attached

A resolution was introduced by Dan Brookens, seconded by Julie Laue and adopted on a unanimous roll call vote to accept the following donations: 1) \$1,000 from Pipestone Management for the high school FFA Program; 2) \$7,500 from Larry Baarts for the high school vocational programs.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve wire transfers for 1/18/23 - 2/8/23 and payment of the February 14, 2023 bills.

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Julie Laue and carried to unanimously approve scheduling a school board work session related to strategic planning for Tuesday, February 21 and to cancel the regularly scheduled board meeting on Tuesday, February 28.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Julie Laue and carried to unanimously approve the following: 1) Termination of employment of Tyler Majeske, evening custodian, effective 1/26/23; Employment of Dick Carter, evening custodian, effective 2/1/23 at a salary of Step 1; Resignation of John Kesselring, phy ed / health teacher, effective 2/17/23.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mike Edman and carried to unanimously approve the following employee contract settlements: Media Technicians; Community Outreach Para; PAC Manager.

Board members reported on the following: Operations Committee Meeting and CER Advisory Council Meeting..

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve adjourning the school board meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Mari Myren, Clerk