

MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

March 14, 2023

A regular meeting of the Fairmont Area Schools Board of Education was held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall 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 Mari Myren, seconded by Julie Laue and carried to unanimously approve the February 14, 2023 school board meeting minutes.

A motion was offered by Dan Brookens, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve the March 14, 2023 school board meeting agenda.

Melinda Stewart, Spanish teacher, spoke about the Teacher of the Year process. Melinda was selected by her peers as Fairmont's Teacher of Year in the fall, having been nominated by Miles Duffey. That nomination was extra special since Miles was a former student turned colleague. Melinda has been touched and overwhelmed by the continued outpouring of support she has received from staff, students, parents and community members. Ms. Stewart felt especially honored with the award she received at an EMF meeting in December. This recognition served as a vivid reminder to Melinda that what matters most in education are the students. Superintendent Traetow and board members congratulated Melinda on this very well-deserved honor!

A resolution was introduced by Dan Brookens, seconded by Julie Laue and adopted on a unanimous roll call vote to accept the following donations: \$500 from the ECFE Advisory Board; \$5,000 from Fairmont Profinium Dreams Foundation; \$200 from Fairmont Service / Exchange Club.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve wire transfers for 2/9/23 – 3/8/23, payment of the February, 2023 single checks and the February 28 and March 24, 2023 bills.

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

1. Bryce Allard as a long-term substitute business teacher, effective February 13 through May 24, 2023 at a salary of BA, Step 1

2. Joice Forster as a long-term substitute preschool teacher, effective on or about April 5 through June 5, 2023 at the agreed upon long-term substitute pay
3. John McDonough as a science teacher, effective August 29, 2023, at a salary of BA9, Step 9
4. Nichole Lewis as an evening custodian, effective March 27, 2023, at a salary of Step 1

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously accept the following retirements:

1. Tom Seifert, elementary head custodian, effective 6/30/23
2. Anne Holm, high school science teacher, effective date per teacher master agreement
3. Bethany Huse, elementary teacher, effective date per teacher master agreement

Board members reported on the following: Policy Committee Meeting of 2/15; School Board Work Session of 2/21; CER Advisory Council Meeting of 3/9.

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Mike Edman and carried to unanimously approve adjourning the school board meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Mari Myren, Clerk