

## **MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

### **June 13, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Fairmont Area Schools Board of Education was held on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Members in attendance were Nicole Green, Mike Edman, Mari Myren, Julie Laue, and Jen Harris. Absent: Dan Brookens.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Julie Laue, and carried to unanimously approve the May 23, 2023 school board meeting minutes.

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Jen Harris and carried to unanimously approve the June 13, 2023 school board meeting agenda.

Sam Viesselman, Robotics coach, explained that the goal for Robotics team members is to build and engineer a robot that is able to compete in robotics games. Robotics receives good support both financially and through engineering instruction from several local industries and individuals. This school year was the 15th season for FHS Robotics, making Fairmont's team the longest-standing in greater Minnesota. Robotics earned great success this year at several competitions. Two major achievements were placing 31st at the Robotics World Championships in Houston, TX and placing 1st at the state competition. Two team members, Sam Grogan and Isaac Stone, were present to share some thoughts on what they most enjoy about Robotics. Competitions and the learning experience were noted by both. In conclusion, Mr. Viesselman thanked the Board for their continued support of Robotics and expressed appreciation for the extra space and resources that have been provided.

Superintendent's Report: See attached.

A resolution was introduced by Mike Edman, seconded by Julie Laue and adopted on a unanimous roll call vote to accept the following donations: \$7,410 from the Fairmont 3M Donor's Choose Grant Program, to be used for elementary STEM programming; \$500 from tractor Supply,; \$302 from McMaster, \$500 from Valero, \$250 from Willow Pet Hospital, \$250 from Schwab, \$500 from Steve & Cristy Stone, \$100 from Dion's Repair, and \$500 from Fairmont Foods in support of Robotics.

Director of finance and business management, Jessica Korte, reviewed the June 13 financial reports and presented the 2023-2024 preliminary budget.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve wire transfers for 5/18/23 - 6/7/23, a May 31, 2023 single check, and payment of the June 13, 2023 bills.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve the 2023-2024 preliminary budget.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve renewing the district's School Resource Officer Agreement for the 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26 school years.

A resolution was introduced by Mari Myren, seconded by Julie Laue, and adopted on a unanimous roll call vote to certify the population estimate for the 2023 payable 2024 levy of Independent School District 2752.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Julie Laue, and carried to unanimously approve entering into an agreement with EideBailly to complete the District's 2022-23 audit for an estimated fee of \$34,000.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve the amended 2022-23 school calendar.

A motion was offered by Jen harris, seconded by Julie Laue and carried to unanimously approve revisions to Policy #510.1: Academic Eligibility.

A resolution was introduced by Mike Edman, seconded by Jen Harris and adopted on a unanimous roll call vote to renew the District's membership in the Minnesota State High School League for the 2023-24 school year.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve Fairmont Area School's LTFM budget for the 2024-25 school year.

A resolution was introduced by Julie Laue, seconded by Jen Harris and adopted on a unanimous roll call vote to approve the LTFM budget for Southern Plains Education Cooperative and authorize a proportionate share of project costs.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve the 2023-24 Payroll and Benefit Management Agreement with Southern Plains Education Cooperative.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve renewal of the Food Service Management contract with Chartwells for the 2023-24 school year.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously accept the following retirements: Judi Woodward, elementary aide, effective 6/6/23; Diane Armbrust, high school paraprofessional, effective 8/31/23.

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Julie Laue and carried to unanimously accept the resignation of Read McConnaughy, math teacher, effective 6/12/23.

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Julie Laue and carried to unanimously approve employment of the following: Bryce Allard, high school STEM teacher, effective 8/28/23, BA, Step 2; Thomas Stenberg, elementary evening custodian, effective 7/1/23, Step 1; Melissa Smith, high school science teacher, effective 8/28/23, BA36, Step 13.

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Julie Laue and carried to unanimously approve adjourning the school board meeting at 5:50 p.m.

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Mari Myren, Clerk