

MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING February 16, 2021

A regular meeting of the Fairmont Area Schools Board of Education was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall. Members in attendance were Rufus Rodriguez, Nicole Green, Dan Brookens, Julie Laue, Mari Myren, and Mike Edman. Student board members in attendance were Weston Loughmiller, Morgan Hoong, and Briana Joseph.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Nicole Green and carried to unanimously approve the January 26, 2021 school board meeting minutes.

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Julie Laue and carried to unanimously approve the February 16, 2021 school board meeting agenda.

In honor of School Board Recognition Week, EMF members Jessica Schmidt, Michelle Traetow, and Laurie Scott thanked board members for their continued support of education and teachers, especially during this difficult COVID period. They presented board members with a special gift made by students in the high school art department along with a card of thanks made by first graders. Superintendent Brown followed up with recognizing and thanking the Board by reading a proclamation declaring February 22 – 26, 2021 as School Board Recognition Week.

Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent Brown noted that this is also School Bus Driver Week and thanked our bus drivers for their important service to our District.
- Enrollment numbers were shared with board members reflecting a decrease of 3 students from last month.
- Mr. Brown offered a big thanks to the Fairmont community for their very favorable, 67% show of support at last week's referendum election.

A motion was offered by Dan Brookens, seconded by Julie Laue and carried on a unanimous roll vote to accept a donated massage chair, valued at \$200, from Ralph & Charlene McMillan.

Business Manager Chris Muhvich reviewed financial reports for this meeting.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Nicole Green, and carried to unanimously exclude Check #65103, payable to Live Fit & Wellness Center, from the monthly list of single checks and to take Board action on that check separately.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and approved on a roll call vote to approve payment of Check #65103, payable to Live Fit & Wellness Center. Aye votes were cast by Dan Brookens, Rufus Rodriguez, Nicole Green, Julie Laue, and Mari Myren. Mike Edman abstained.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Nicole Green and carried to unanimously approve wires/transfers for 1/22/21 – 2/11/21 and payment of the January, 2021 single checks and the February 9, 2021 bills.

A resolution was introduced by Mike Edman, seconded by Nicole Green, and adopted on a unanimous roll call vote to canvass the returns of the February 9, 2021 special election, recognizing a total of 858 Yes votes, 418 No votes, and a total of 1,286 votes.

A resolution was introduced by Dan Brookens, seconded by Mike Edman, and adopted on a unanimous roll call vote to direct administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions and reasons therefore for the 2021-2022 school year.

A motion was offered by Nicole Green, seconded by Mari Myren and carried on a 5-1 vote to approve revisions to Policy #530, Immunization Requirements. Aye votes were cast by Dan Brookens, Rufus Rodriguez, Nicole Green, Julie Laue, and Mari Myren. Mike Edman voted Nay.

A resolution was introduced by Nicole Green, seconded by Julie Laue and adopted on a unanimous roll vote to authorize school district administration to submit a Request for Fund Transfer as stipulated in MN Statute 123B.80.

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Julie Laue and carried to unanimously approve the employment of Sandy Soelter as a long-term substitute math teacher, effective February 8, 2021 – June 3, 2021 at a salary of BA9, Step 6.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve an employee medical leave, effective April 1, 2021 – June 3, 2021 or per medical recommendation.

Board members reported on the following: Operations Committee Meeting of 2/9; CER Advisory Council meeting of 2/11; Vocational Expansion Project Timeline meeting of 2/11.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Dan Brookens and carried to unanimously approve recessing the school meeting.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Dan Brookens, and carried to unanimously approve opening a special public meeting to present Fairmont Area School's 2019-2021 Information Technology Plan.

Business Manager Chris Muhvich explained that District's are required to approve an updated Information Technology Plan to ensure eligibility for E-rate funding. The plan must include organization of a Tech Committee, including a variety of stakeholders from the school and community. The committee's role will be to evaluate current and future technology needs. Dan Brookens offered to serve on the committee as a school board representative.

A motion was offered by Dan Brookens, seconded by Mike Edman, and carried to unanimously approve the 2019-2021 Information Technology Plan.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Nicole Green, and carried to unanimously approve closing the special public meeting.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Dan Brookens, and carried to unanimously approve reopening the school board meeting.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Julie Laue and carried to unanimously approve adjourning the school board meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Mari Myren, Clerk