

MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

March 9, 2021

A regular meeting of the Fairmont Area Schools Board of Education was held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 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 and Briana Joseph. Absent: Morgan Hoong.

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Nicole Green and carried to unanimously approve the February 16, 2021 school board meeting minutes.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve the March 9, 2021 school board meeting agenda as amended.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Brown shared the March enrollment report which reflected an increase of two students at Fairmont Elementary and a decrease of three students at the high school since last month. Mr. Brown noted that five additional students have been registered to start at the elementary school tomorrow.

Shelby McQuay of Ehlers presented a pre-sale report for purchasing not more than \$6.7M building bonds. These bonds are being purchased as the result of the District's successful referendum election to construct a Vocational Trades Building at the high school. Ms. McQuay reminded board members that the District has an excellent standing credit rating, and that rating will be reviewed one last time next week with the superintendent and business manager through a Credit Rating Call. After that time Ehlers will solicit bids for purchasing bonds and will report back to the District with a recommendation. Ms. McQuay was confident that the District will receive a bond rate that will ensure the community's tax impact will remain the same or will be less than what they voted on at the election.

A resolution was introduced by Dan Brookens, seconded by Mari Myren, and adopted on a unanimous roll call vote to provide for the sale of general obligation school building bonds, Series 2021A.

A resolution was introduced by Dan Brookens, seconded by Julie Laue, and adopted on a unanimous roll call vote to accept a \$300 donation from Kelly Lopau for the purpose of expanding and improving outdoor musical experiences for students at Fairmont Elementary.

Business Manager Chris Muhvich presented the financial reports for this meeting.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve wire/transfers for 2/12/21 – 3/4/21, payment of the February 23 and March 9, 2021 bills, and the January, 2021 budget model.

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Dan Brookens, and carried to unanimously approve entering into a 2-year lease agreement with the City of Fairmont to rent 1,863 square feet of office space for the CER program in the SMEC building, beginning July 1, 2021 at a fee of \$1,000/month.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Nicole Green and carried to unanimously accept the following resignations.

1. Rusty Burnham, custodian, effective February 19, 2021
2. Amanda Lopez, ELL para, effective March 1, 2021
3. Yarilza Alvarado, ELL para, effective March 1, 2021

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

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| 1. | Ethan Kueker, special ed paraprofessional | DOE: 2/22/21 | Step 1 |
| 2. | Ashley Torres, special ed paraprofessional | DOE: 2/24/21 | Step 1 |
| 3. | McKenzie Sederberg, elementary teacher | DOE: 6/30/21 | BA9, Step 1 |
| 4. | Dan Quinn, high school evening custodial | DOE: 3/15/21 | Step 1 |

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously accept the retirement of the following:

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| 1. | Roni Dauer, CER Director | Effective June 30, 2021 |
| 2. | Michelle Grotte, elementary ed teacher | Effective June 2, 2021 |
| 3. | Joice Forster, elementary ed teacher | Effective June 2, 2021 |
| 4. | Heidi Luhmann, elementary ed teacher | Effective June 3, 2021 |
| 5. | Bill Wachholz, elementary special ed para | Effective March 4, 2021 |

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Nicole Green and carried to unanimously approve a one-year unpaid leave of absence for Kari Duehlmeyer, elementary science TOSA.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve a medical leave of absence for a high school teacher, effective February 18, 2021 – April 7, 2021, or per medical recommendation.

Board members reported on the following: Curriculum Committee Meeting; Fairmont Trades Building Meeting; Operations Committee Meeting; Staff Welfare Committee Meeting.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Mari Myren, and carried to approve adjourning the school board meeting at 5:47 p.m.

Mari Myren, Clerk