

**MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**March 23, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Fairmont Area Schools Board of Education was held on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall. Members in attendance were Rufus Rodriguez, Julie Laue, Mari Myren, and Mike Edman. Absent: Dan Brookens and Nicole Green. Student board members in attendance were Morgan Hoong, Weston Loughmiller, and Briana Joseph.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve the March 9, 2021 school board meeting minutes.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve the March 23, 2021 school board meeting agenda, with assignment changes.

Superintendent Brown shared information related to college credits earned by high school students through CIS and PSEO classes. Our District currently offers 22 CIS classes, and that list will be expanded for the 21-22 school year. Mr. Brown explained that CIS courses are a very affordable way for schools to offer college credits because it costs just one flat fee for each class. With PSEO, the District pays “per credit” tuition fees. It was noted that by taking CIS / PSEO courses, our students/families will save a total of \$532,147 this year alone through pre-paid college credits. With college expenses continuing to rise, it’s more important than ever that students be encouraged to take college credit courses while in high school.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Brown shared an enrollment report reflecting an increase of 3 high school and 2 elementary students since last month.

A resolution was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Julie Laue, and adopted on a unanimous roll call vote to accept a \$100 donation from the Fairmont Veterinary Clinic for the FFA program.

Business Manager Chris Muhvich presented the March 23 financial reports.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve wire/transfers for 3/5/21 – 3/18/21, payment of the March 23, 2021 bills, and the February, 2021 budget model.

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Julie Laue and carried to unanimously approve increasing the daily substitute teacher rate of pay from \$125 to \$150, effective March 11, 2021.

