

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 2021

A regular meeting of the Fairmont Area Schools Board of Education was held on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall. Members in attendance were Rufus Rodriguez, Nicole Green, Mari Myren, Julie Laue, Dan Brookens, and Mike Edman. Student board members in attendance were Morgan Hoong and Briana Joseph.

A motion was offered by Dan Brookens, seconded by Nicole Green and carried to unanimously approve the April 13, 2021 school board meeting minutes.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve the April 27, 2021 school board meeting agenda.

MSBA representatives Bruce Lombard, Kirk Schneidawind, and Linda Leiding were present to award Morgan Hoong with a \$3,000 MSBA student school board member scholarship. Some of the criteria used to name Morgan as the recipient of this well-deserved honor was her very high grade point average, her involvement in school activities, and her community volunteerism.

Emily Labes, elementary school music teacher, was recognized as the District's 2020-21 Teacher of the Year. Emily was nominated by Haley Loerts and elected by her EMF peers. Superintendent Brown presented Emily with a Teacher of the Year certificate.

Jonas Nissen, high school English instructor, shared information about progress being made with the school's very first Broadcast Journalism Class. Class members Isabelle Geiger and Gibson Berg were also present to share their thoughts and insight. Board members had the opportunity to view the first production of the "Cardinal Nest," a high school news, entertainment, and sports show created and produced by students. The Board thanked Mr. Nissen for his leadership and expertise in making this class a reality and commended students for their amazing work!

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Brown thanked school staff who have participated on interview committees this spring. Several new teachers and a school nurse have been hired and several other positions are yet to be filled.

Business Manager, Chris Muhvich, presented the financial reports.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve wire/transfers for 4/9/21 – 4/22/21 payment of the April 27, 2021 bills and the March, 2021 budget model.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Dan Brookens, and carried to unanimously accept the following resignations:

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| 1. | Jake Tietje, Principal of Program Development | Eff: 6/30/21 |
| 2. | Natalie Green, Spanish teacher | Eff: 6/3/21 |
| 3. | Mary Thomas, special education paraprofessional | Eff: 4/26/21 |

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve employment of the following, effective 6/30/21:

1. Emily Fett, High School Nurse MA27, Step 17
2. Jacquelyn Peterson, English Teacher MA18, Step 11
3. Madison Hennager, Elementary Teacher BA, Step 1
4. Tyler Benschoter, Spanish Teacher MA, Step 5
5. Claire Hagstrom, Elementary Teacher BA, Step 1

Mari Myren reported on the Operations Committee Meeting of April 20.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Dan Brookens and carried to approve adjourning the school board meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Mari Myren, Clerk