

**MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**June 15, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Fairmont Area Schools Board of Education was held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at City Hall. Members in attendance were Julie Laue, Dan Brookens, Mari Myren and Mike Edman. Absence: Rufus Rodriguez and Nicole Green. Student board members in attendance were Morgan Hoong and Briana Joseph.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve the May 25, 2021 school board meeting minutes.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve the June 15, 2021 school board meeting agenda.

Brooke Schultz, instructional coach, presented to the Board the annual Q-Comp Report, as mandated by MDE. Ms. Schultz provided a Q-Comp review for 2020-21 that included the components of teacher leader positions, job-embedded professional development, teacher evaluations, and performance pay. 2020-21 site goal data was also reviewed, specifically with regard to reducing the proficiency gap between non-free & reduced lunch students and free & reduced lunch students. While the goals in this area were not reached, progress was made.

A motion was offered by Dan Brookens, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve continued implementation of Q-Comp for the 2021-22 school year.

Business manager, Chris Muhvich presented the 2020-21 revised budget and the 2021-22 preliminary budget.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve the 2020-21 revised budget and the 2021-22 preliminary budget.

A resolution was introduced by Dan Brookens, seconded by Mike Edman and adopted to accept a \$3,000 grant from Compeer Financial for the high school agriculture program.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve the May, 2021 single checks, wire/transfers for 5/21/21 – 6/10/21, and payment of the June 8, 2021 bills.

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Dan Brookens and carried to unanimously approve naming the following student school board members to serve for the 2021-22 school: Briana Joseph, senior; Lily Steuber, senior; Solveig Senf, junior alternate.

School board members thanked the two senior student school board members, Morgan Hoong and Weston Loughmiller, for their contributions to the school board and wished them well at college this fall. They also thanked Briana Joseph for her service as a junior student, indicating they look forward to having her return as a senior for the 21-22 school year.

A motion was offered by Dan Brookens, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve the amended 2020-21 school calendar.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve revisions to the following policies: 201.1, 404, 419, 424, 427, and 721.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve new policy #627, Grade Replacement.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously accept the following resignations: Ethan Kueker, special ed paraprofessional, effective 6/2/21; Payten Crosby, elementary ed teacher, effective 6/3/21.

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

1. Andy Walden as a high school dean of students, effective August 30, 2021, at a salary of MA9, Step 12
2. Kyle Leeson as a math teacher, effective June 30, 2021 at a salary of MA27, Step 6
3. Elizabeth Kvebak as an elementary education teacher, effective June 30, 2021 at a salary of BA, Step 1
4. Halea Picha as a social studies teacher, effective June 30, 2021 at a salary of MA, Step 4.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mike Edman and carried to unanimously approve the following employee leaves: Medical leave for a paraprofessional (9/20/21 – 11/22/21); Medical leave for a teacher (10/25/21 – 1/14/22); Medical leave for a teacher (9/9/21 – 10/20/21)

Board members reported on the following meetings: CER Advisory Council; Staff Welfare Committee; School Board Work Session; Operations Committee; Policy Committee.

In other business, Mike Edman noted that at the last City Council Meeting, the council approved a resolution to move forward with plans for a community center. He indicated that he would expect one of the next steps would be for the community center committee to engage with the school board to learn how the District believes the YMCA might best serve its students.

Dan Brookens closed by congratulating Fairmont's athletic teams and individuals who have qualified for state competition and the speech team members who have qualified for national competition.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Dan Brookens, and carried to unanimously approve adjourning the school board meeting at 6:19 p.m.

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Mari Myren, Clerk