

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 2021

A regular meeting of the Fairmont Area Schools Board of Education was held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at City Hall. Members in attendance were Rufus Rodriguez, Nicole Green, Julie Laue, Dan Brookens, and Mari Myren. Absent: Mike Edman. Student board members in attendance were Brian Joseph, Lily Steuber, and Solveig Senf.

A motion was offered by Dan Brookens, seconded by Julie Laue, and carried to unanimously approve the June 15, 2021 school board meeting minutes.

A motion was offered by Nicole Green, seconded by Julie Laue and carried to unanimously approve the July 13, 2021 school board meeting agenda.

Ed Waltman of the South Central Service Cooperative presented information on the services they could provide our District for a superintendent search.

A resolution was introduced by Dan Brookens, seconded by Nicole Green and adopted on a unanimous roll call vote to accept the following: 1) \$11,000 grant from Fairmont 3M; 2) An air operated metal press, valued at \$9,000, from Kahler Automation.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve the wire/transfers for 6/11/21 – 7/8/21, the June, 2021 single checks, the June 22 and July 13, 2021 bills, and the May, 2021 budget model.

A motion was offered by Rufus Rodriguez, seconded by Nicole Green and carried to unanimously approve the following items for the 2021-2022 school year:

1. Designate the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month as regularly scheduled school board meetings to be held at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.
2. Designate the following banks as depositories of school funds and authorize the superintendent and business manager to sign release agreements for pledged securities for collateral purposes and initiate and approve electronic fund transfers:

U.S. Bank, Fairmont
Profinium, Fairmont
First Farmers & Merchants
Bank, Fairmont

Bank Midwest, Fairmont
Portage Community Bank, Ceylon
CCF Bank, Fairmont

U.S. Bank, Minneapolis
State Bank, Fairmont
Ameritrade Institutional
and Ehlers Investment

3. Set the compensation for school board members at \$2,400 and \$3,000 for School Board President. Compensation for each additional meeting pertaining to school board matters is set at \$75 for a partial day and \$150 for a full day.
4. Designate the Fairmont Sentinel as the official newspaper for Independent School District 2752 Designate Mat Mahoney as Title IX Compliance Officer/Human Rights Officer for Independent School District 2752

5. Designate Chris Muhvich as District Transportation Safety Director
6. Designate Kim Niss as 504 Coordinator.
7. Designate Michelle Rosen as Federal Programs Administrator as provided under Public Law 107-110
8. Designate Mary Cole as Home School Coordinator
9. Designate Mary Cole as the MDE Identified Official with Authority to authorize user access to MDE secure websites
10. Designate April Tordsen as the Homeless Students Liaison
11. Designate Chris Muhvich as HIPAA Compliance Officer
12. Designate Tyler Garrison as the Health & Safety Coordinator
13. Set the stipend for interpreters at \$25 per hour
14. Set the stipend for test proctoring at \$14 per hour
15. Set the stipend for tutoring at \$35 per hour
16. Set the student / summer help rate at \$11.00 per hour
17. Set the substitute teacher pay at \$150 per day
18. Extra duty stipends **Appendix B**
19. Authorize payment of bills between board meetings for the purpose of obtaining a discount or a required prepayment on an order, or to avoid penalty charges. The District is also authorized to pay board bills in the event a board meeting is not held. The superintendent and business manager are authorized to approve the processing of payments for invoices submitted under contracts approved by the Board and under circumstances when it is deemed necessary and appropriate to proceed with a payment.

A motion was offered by Nicole Green, seconded by Julie Laue and carried to unanimously approve student and adult meal prices for the 2021-22 school year.

A motion was offered by Nicole Green, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve School District Rental Classes & Fee Schedule for the 21-22 school year.

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Nicole Green and carried to unanimously approve the 2021-22 fee schedule for student activities.

A motion was offered by Nicole Green, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve the 2021-22 fee schedule for activities admission.

A resolution was introduced by Nicole Green, seconded by Julie Laue and adopted on a unanimous roll call vote to approve the district's ten-year Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Plan for FY23.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Nicole Green and carried to unanimously approve the following employee contract settlements for the 21-22 and 22-23 school years: 1) Principal's Contract; 2) Business Manager's Contract.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren, and carried to unanimously approve three employee medical leaves as follows:

1. September 9, 2021 – October 20, 2021 or per medical recommendation
2. September 9, 2021 – November 5, 2021 or per medical recommendation
3. September 7, 2021 – November 23, 2021 or per medical recommendation

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

1. Cassandra Brown as an agriculture teacher, effective 6/30/21 at a salary of BA. Step 13
2. Joice Forster as a long-term substitute elementary teacher, 9/9/21 – 10/20/21, at a salary of MA27, Step 17
3. Sandy Soelter as a long-term substitute math teacher, 9/9/21 – 11/5/21 at a salary of BA9, Step 7

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Nicole Green and carried to unanimously accept the resignation of Jacquelyn Peterson, effective June 23, 2021.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Nicole Green and carried to unanimously accept the retirement of Joseph E. Brown, Sr., superintendent, effective July 31, 2021.

Board members reported on the following: Staff Welfare Committee Meeting; Operations Committee Meeting; CER Advisory Council meeting; Staff Welfare Committee Meeting.

Student school board member Briana Joseph inquired, on behalf of the girl's tennis team, whether the scheduled October Homecoming date could be changed due to conflicts with the tennis team's sectional meet. Alex Schmidt, HS co-principal, indicated that he is meeting with activities director Mat Mahoney next week to discuss the possibility of changing the date due to a number of different conflicts.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve adjourning the school board meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Mari Myren, Clerk