

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
July 20, 2021**

A special meeting of the Fairmont Area Schools Board of Education was held on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wm. Budd Room. Members in attendance were Rufus Rodriguez, Nicole Green, Julie Laue, Dan Brookens, Mari Myren, and Mike Edman.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Nicole Green and carried to unanimously approve the July 20, 2021 special school board meeting agenda.

Brief discussion about the potential of replacing an elementary co-principal. Board members agreed that they would be hands-off with this process, leaving the hiring up to the new superintendent.

Discussion ensued with regard to naming a new superintendent without a search process. Julie Laue noted that it would be her preference to go through a full superintendent search if time had allowed. Given the need to have a superintendent in place by August 1, that process is not possible. Julie indicated that while naming an interim superintendent is an option, that is also not her preference because she felt it would send a wrong message with regard to the chosen candidate. For these reasons she stated she supports naming a full-time superintendent without a search and expressed every confidence in the candidate being considered. Dan Brookens was in favor of the full search but also expressed strong support for the proposed candidate, as did all other board members. Board members indicated they felt grateful to have a licensed, well qualified candidate who could step in on short notice. The candidate's administrative experience at both buildings, strong skillset, educational expertise, and familiarity with the community culture would serve the District well.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Nicole Green and carried to unanimously approve naming Andy Traetow as superintendent of Fairmont Area Schools, effective August 1, 2021, and pending final terms of a 3-year contract.

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Nicole Green and carried to unanimously approve adjourning the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

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Mari Myren, Clerk