

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FAIRFIELD SCHOOLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Meeting Date : June 20, 2022
Time : 7:00 p.m.
Place : Fairfield High School Media Center

BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

- I Roll Call
 - Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by board chair, Chris Christensen.
 - Trustees Present: Chris Christensen, Stephen Ostberg, Michelle Gjerde, Jim Dauwalder and Emily Gulick.
 - Trustees Absent: Chad Becker, Serena Kolste and Robert Garner

- I Pledge of Allegiance-was recited
- A Approval of the Minutes of previous meetings
 - Stephen moved to approve May 9, 2022 regular board meeting minutes, Jim seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
 - Stephen moved to approve May 9, 2022 Reorganization meeting minutes, Michelle seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.

- I Communications to the District-thank you letters from staff and students
- I Recognition of Guests
- I Public Comment -none
- I Administrative Reports
 - Superintendent-Dustin Gordon
 - Final 2021-22 Association and Board Meetings for Big Sky Special Needs; North Central MASS; Golden Triangle Board-elected to the board.
 - SAM Delegate-discuss legislation, introduce bills.
 - Class B Summer meeting in Red Lodge/Billings; Athletic Director and athletic stuff, officials.
 - Summer projects: shot clocks are up and functional, sidewalk can use transportation funds, partner with the city; pavilion-the lumber is here, projector screen-18-foot screen, community members helped purchase.
 - Elementary boiler-going well
 - Possible HS boiler-found a way to make happen
 - EPA Clean School Bus program grant-electric buses, will look into this, \$375,000 Federal grant-will apply.

Unfinished Business

- CB ABD Policy Committee: 2nd Reading – 5223, 5228P, 5450, 5450F, 5450P, 8300, 8502, 5321, 3305, 7625, 5314
 - Seconded from the policy committee, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.

New Business

- CB ABD Canvas Votes-Technology Levy-Due June 24, 2022
 - Emily moved to certify a full, true and complete canvass of the number of votes cast and declare results for the Elementary and High School Technology Levy May 25, 2022 enumerated and hereby declare the Technology Levies failed, Jim seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.

- CB I Technology Levy Discussion and Planning
- Elementary Technology Levy failed by 18 votes (180 for and 198 against); HS Technology Levy failed by 35 votes (267 for and 302 against). Votes against consistent with past, total votes way down, lots of input-all requesting to re-run (70 days), not for 2022-23 Budget; recommended to re-run in the Spring-more hands-on info, clarity and oversight, have a financial plan for this year, creative finance and ESSER, but need to pass this spring.
- CB ABD School Lunch and Activity Fees - Supt Gordon
- Have not raised due to Federal Government subsidized for 3 years; school lunch program runs at a deficit and going backwards prior to 2020, supplies and food have greatly increased, we need to raise to keep losses at a minimum. OPI recommended student lunch account-\$3.29 based on enrollment numbers and current costs. Current: Breakfast K-12 = \$1.40, recommend \$1.50, Adult = \$1.90, recommend \$2.00; Lunch: K-5 = \$2.15, recommend \$2.30, 6-12 = \$2.65, recommend \$2.80, Adult = \$4.15, recommend \$4.20. Still a great price for lunch \$2.80. Consistent with \$.05 increases in the past. Lots of students still going uptown, even when free. \$5 coffees.
 - Pay to play: Current: \$25/child/sport; \$50/max child; \$90 max family, recommend \$30, \$60, \$100. Cost of officials, supplies, etc. Free/Reduced current: \$10/\$20/\$40, recommend \$15/\$30/\$50. Understanding-school provides opportunity for students to earn this (Concessions).
 - Activity tickets: current: Student = \$30, Adult = \$60, recommend students \$35, Adults \$70. Paid after 8 homes games. MHSA breakdown of cost analysis-not previously done.
 - Michelle moved to increase meal/pay to play/activity tickets for next year, as recommended; Emily seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- CB ABD Children's Internet Protection Act - CIPA - Fairfield Plan - Supt Gordon
- Review School/Student/Employee Policies-all same. Signed student acceptable use annually.
 - Stephen moved to approve, review and accept CIPA policies in place; Emily seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- CB ABD Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan - Supt. Gordon
*ESSER II, III Funding - EGrants and Plan(s)
- Federal funding, need to update Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan
 - Need to update board adoption dates on website and send to OPI
 - Discussion? Any changes? When ESSER runs out, will eliminate unnecessary 1900 policies.
 - Stephen moved to approve the Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan, Michelle seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- CB ABD Multi-District Agreement - Supt Gordon
- 3-year agreement-approved in June 2021. Allows flexibility with remaining budgeted funds vs. "Use it or lose it". Savings to General Fund from ESSER and made some things possible-staff salary increase (stipend), building updates, necessary projects.
 - Emily moved to approve the transfer of funds into the Multidistrict agreement, Jim seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- CB ABD Approval of 22-23 Transportation Agreements - Supt Gordon
- Don't believe we have any changes from 2021-22 at this time.
 - Jim moved to approve 2022-23 transportation agreements with Greenfield and Golden Ridge, Stephen seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- CB ABD Approval of 22-23 Transportation Routes & possible individual transportation contracts -Supt Gordon
- Don't believe we have any changes from 2021-22 at this time, but new director hasn't started yet. 1 individual contract-Rosenkrance on Broken O.
 - Stephen moved to approve 2022-23 transportation routes & possible individual transportation contract as presented; Michelle seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.

- CB ABD Approval of General Liability Insurance provider - MSGIA– Supt. Gordon
- Good news and bad news-bad news like all things, it’s going up. Good news, not as much as indicated, but yes. Underwriters increased amounts per square foot to rebuild. \$47,703 (2022 \$42,773, increase +\$4,930). Superintendent recommends.
 - Emily moved to renew MSGIA General Liability Insurance for \$47,703; Michelle seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- CB ABD Approval of Workman’s Compensation Insurance – MSGIA - Supt. Gordon
- Good news and bad news-bad news like all things, it’s going up. Good news, not as much as indicated, but yes. 2023 = \$32,965 (revised from \$35,095 after calling) (\$31,431 in 2022, only up \$1,534). This has potential to go down next two years. Big number off and 3 years without incident.
 - Stephen moved to approve Worker’s Compensation Insurance of \$32,965, as presented; Michelle seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- CB ABD Classified/Certified/Admin Negotiations – Negotiating Committee
*Supt. Gordon
- Discussed with negotiations committee individually; Paul Wilson = step 15 daily rate x 225-day Admin contract = \$71,384 + \$3,800 Transportation stipend = \$75,185. Cost analysis = all hires vs all retirees including insurance = district +\$28,624. Almost covers salary incentive increase 2022-23. Will go up approximately to \$40,000 2023-24 if no changes.
 - Denise Grant: asked for 3% increase, Superintendent recommends 4%. Was asked to work on a couple things in last evaluation and she had done those. Staff = 2.75% increase, but non-bottomed out staff also received +step for an average over 4%. +ESSER and new Supt who is a pain.
 - Michelle moved to approve Denise Grant’s 4% increase in salary as presented, with same benefits as last year; Emily seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- CB ABD Obsolete/Surplus Equipment- Supt. Gordon
- Some well-used tech equipment, with really no value. Drum set = minimum bid \$25.
 - Emily moved to sell/dispose of obsolete equipment, as presented, Jim seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- CB ABD Personnel Issues – Supt. Gordon
- Resignations: HS FB Resignation
 - Superintendent recommends accepting Justin Harpster’s HSFB coach resignation. He is working on his Master’s degree and focusing on teaching.
 - Michelle moved to accept Justin Harpster’s resignation as HSFB coach, Emily seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
 - Superintendent recommends accepting Nicole Misner’s resignation as Elementary paraprofessional.
 - Emily moved to accept Nicole Misner’s resignation as Elementary paraprofessional, Michelle seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
 - Hires: Elem Para
 - Superintendent recommends hiring Charlotte Tacke as part-time elementary paraprofessional. 39 years elementary experience/Special Education), work in conjunction with Kari Cleveland. May do Specific term of employment contract, restricted by TRS.
 - Emily moved to hire Charlotte Tacke as part-time paraprofessional, Stephen seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- CB ABD Student Accounts-Close Accounts; Transfer funds - Denise Grant
- Recommends closing Class of 2022, and open Class of 2027.

- Stephen moved to close Class of 2022 and open Class of 2027, Michelle seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.

Added to agenda: Big Sky Special Needs Coop FY 22-23 dues, \$33,049.29

- Emily moved to pay Big Sky Special Needs Coop FY23 dues for \$33,049.29, Stephen seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- MREA FY23 Membership dues \$2,170.
- Stephen moved to pay MREA FY23 dues for \$2,170.00, Michelle seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries

I Future Agenda Items – **next meeting August 8, 2022** - committee reports, administrative reports, summer projects, 22-23 final budgets & TFS, personnel issues.

- CB A Examine Bills, pay claims
- Emily moved to approve Remaining May 2022 Elementary claims #39490 through #39535 for \$83,009.63 (no gaps); Jim seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
 - Michelle moved to approve Remaining May 2022 High School claims #39489 through #39534 for \$30,469.51 (no gaps); Emily seconded, discussion: unanimous vote, motion carries.
 - Emily moved to approve June 2022 Elementary claims #39536 through #39579 for \$106,324.81 (no gaps) (Note: The District will be reimbursed \$37,825 from other participating Edgenuity schools); Jim seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
 - Stephen moved to approve June 2022 High School claims #39536 through #39594 for \$50,742.33 (no gaps); Michelle seconded, discussion: unanimous vote, motion carries.

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm

CERTIFICATION:

The board meeting minutes of: June 20, 2022 were approved at a regular board

meeting held: August 8, 2022 with a vote of: ____ for and ____ against.

Board Chair: Chris Christensen Signature

Board Clerk: Denise Grant Signature