

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

Meeting Date : February 15, 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, Chad Becker, Stephen Ostberg, Michelle Gjerde, Serena Kolste, Robert Garner, Jim Dauwalder and Emily Gulick.

- I Pledge of Allegiance
- A Approval of the Minutes of previous meeting
 - Stephen moved to approve January 17, 2022 regular board meeting minutes, Emily seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.

- I Communications to the District-none
- I Recognition of Guests
- I Special Presentations - Elem Title Program
 - Cathy Anderson presented Tier 2 Reading Intervention Program. Read Naturally program focusing on fluency, accuracy and expression.

- I Public Comment -none
- I Student Council Report-
 - Kaylee Bouma reported that they sold Valentines Day roses; FCCLA and Honor Society will help at the March banquet; District FFA; ReAct anti-vape; update picture in Tradition Hall.

- I Administrative Reports
 - eK-12 Principal-Courtney Bake
 - Spelling Bee: 5th through 8th grade, county Bee in Choteau, 8 kids in the top 10.
 - Book Fair: Proceeds to AR prize; made \$3,000 last night.
 - Principal's Conference: Speakers-Joe Sanfello, Ruby Payne and Rick Wormeli.
 - 100th day of School.
 - 2nd Semester begins: Scholarship committee-Stephen, Emily and Jim.
 - Spring Assessments: SBAC March 7-May, 3-8 grade, 5 & 8 in science; ACT March 29, juniors.
 - Upcoming School Activities: Post season athletics, spring sports, FFA District, District and State music festival, Principal's Cup, State Academic Challenge, Math Competition, Prom, Parent Teacher Conferences, Senior trip, Graduation.

 - Superintendent-Dustin Gordon
 - Monthly board meetings: BSSN-hired a Special Education teacher from Choteau, difficult to get a SPED teacher, OPI erased our deviation. NCMASS-Conrad having social media issues.
 - Extracurricular Information: Expenditures and Revenues; Admissions, pay to play, games, financial breakdown; shot clocks-business donations, have been ordered today; hiring positions-spring board meeting, special board meeting.
 - Principal's Conference: Teacher shortage-specialty areas; substitute shortage.
 - Building Maintenance Updates: New doors, block work is done.

Unfinished Business

- CB A May 3, 2022 Trustee Election –
- Trustees call for an election, deadline: Tuesday, February 22
 - Trustee Candidates Intent to file, deadline: Thursday, March 24
 - Adoption of Elementary Election Resolution (EB) – Mr. Gordon
- Chad moved to adopt the Elementary Trustee Election Resolution, Robert seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
 - Adoption of High School Election Resolution (CB) – Mr. Gordon
 - Chad moved to adopt the High School Election Resolution, Serena seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
 - Adoption of Election Contract for use of ExpressVotes with Teton County
 - Stephen moved to adopt the Election Contract for use of Express Votes with Teton County, Emily seconded, discussion: Teton County will program it and be responsible for running it; unanimous vote, motion carries.

New Business

- CB I Updated Quarantine Guidance - Suspension of Contact Tracing
- CB ABD MTSBA Membership Renewal - Supt Gordon
- Robert moved to approve MTSBA FY 23 Membership renewal of \$4,311.00, Jim seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- CB I OPI MAEFAIRS – Spring Enrollment Numbers
- Elementary: 165, JH: 43, HS: 124, total: 332, up 3 from last year.
- CB I High School Boiler System - Supt Gordon
- Repairs and Maintenance: Dennis repaired the pump system 8 times; heat exchanger leak-cost \$8,000 for 2 new ones, can replace all 3 with 1 for estimated cost of \$65,000.
- CB ABD Student Attendance Agreements
- Chad moved to approve Student Attendance agreement, Michelle seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- CB ABD Personnel - Supt. Gordon
Resignations
- 2 Certified, 1 Non-certified
 - Superintendent recommends accepting Kari Patterson’s retirement (May 27, 2022) as English teacher.
 - Stephen moved to accept Kari Patterson’s retirement as English Teacher, effective May 27, 2022, Michelle seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
 - Superintendent recommends accepting Loren Tacke’s retirement (May 27, 2022) as teacher, IT, transportation director, admin assistant.
 - Robert moved to accept Loren Tacke’s retirement as teacher, IT, transportation director, admin assistant, effective May 27, 2022, Emily seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
 - Superintendent recommends accepting Christoph Lawton’s resignation as paraprofessional.
 - Chad moved to accept Christoph Lawton’s resignation as paraprofessional, effective February 18, 2022, Robert seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.

New Hires

- JH Wrestling:
 - Superintendent recommends hiring Jude May as paid JH Wrestling assistant coach.
 - Robert moved to hire Jude May as paid JH Wrestling assistant coach, Chad seconded, discussion: Superintendent reported that students from Augusta would like to wrestle at Fairfield, unanimous vote, motion carries.
 - Superintendent recommends hiring John Bakkum as paid Head Golf coach.
 - Robert moved to hire John Bakkum as paid Head Golf coach, Jim seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.

- CB I Tentative Future Staffing Plans Advertising
 - Positions: English, Elementary Special Education.
- CB ABD MOU - Staff Coverage
 - Paid from ESSER funds, for sub coverage, now until the end of the year.
 - Chad moved to enter into MOU, Michelle seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- CB I Transportation Committee - Bus Depreciation and Purchase
 - Superintendent and Loren will meet with representative on February 16th.
- I Policy Committee - Graduation: GPA, Class Rank
- I Facilities Committee and All Board Input on Facilities and Bond: vision, major needs versus wants.
- I Future Agenda Items – **March 15, 2022** - committee reports, administrative reports & adopt SB307 resolution of intent to impose an increase in levies, personnel issues.
- CB A Examine Bills, pay claims
 - Chad moved to approve Remaining January 2022 Elementary claims #39329 through #39346 for \$17,230.87 (no gaps); Robert seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
 - Emily moved to approve Remaining January 2022 High School claims #39329 through #39346 for \$8,599.61 (no gaps); Stephen seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
 - Chad moved to approve February 2022 Elementary claims #39347 through #39365 for \$16,815.13 (no gaps); Serena seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
 - Michelle moved to approve February 2022 High School claims #39347 through #39369 for \$20,559.06 (no gaps); Emily seconded, discussion: unanimous vote, motion carries.
 - Emily moved to approve the cancelled/voided claim check #36540, \$25.00, reason: stale check, Stephen seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

CERTIFICATION:

The board meeting minutes of: January 17, 2022 were approved at a regular board meeting held: February 15, 2022 with a vote of: ____ for and ____ against.

Board Chair: Chris Christensen Signature

Board Clerk: Denise Grant Signature