

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

Meeting Date : **March 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, Stephen Ostberg, Michelle Gjerde, Robert Garner, Jim Dauwalder and Emily Gulick.
 - Trustees Absent: Chad Becker, Serena Kolste
- I Pledge of Allegiance
- A Approval of the Minutes of previous meeting
 - Stephen moved to approve February 15, 2022 regular board meeting minutes, Michelle seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.

- I Communications to the District-None
- I Recognition of Guests
- I Special Presentations – None
- I Public Comment -None
- I Student Council Report
 - Kaylee Bouma reported that Honor Society will help set up dinners; ReAct poster contest; voted on winter sports pictures; Art club to Billings; Principal’s Cup; FFA-District’s first place; voter registration in Mr. Schmidt’s class; Prom.

- I Administrative Reports
 - eK-12 Principal-Courtney Bake
 - Montana Prevention needs survey; drug and alcohol use and abuse.
 - Policy 3231 Search and Seizure; most schools bring in drug dogs regularly, Fairfield hasn’t. Preventive measures.
 - Winter activities concluding; divisional and State wrestling; GBB/BBB; Scholastic Book fair.
 - Spring sports starting.
 - End of 3rd quarter: March 22, 2022.
 - P/T Conferences: March 22, 2022.
 - Prom: March 26, 2022
 - Principal’s Cup Academic Challenge: March 25, 2022
 - ACT w/writing: March 29, 2022
 - District and State FFA
 - Smarter Balanced testing
 - Skills USA State competition
 - Spring Music Festival

 - Superintendent-Dustin Gordon
 - Monthly board meetings: BSSN; NCMASS-OPI report and TRS information.
 - Building maintenance updates: new door access with cards, use next fall.
 - Facilities committee.
 - Policy committee.
 - Montana Advanced Opportunities grant \$10612.52.
 - Transformational Learning grant \$19,125.25.
 - HS boilers.
 - Greenfield Irrigation District-Commissioners Election voting authorization.

New Business

- CB I School Trustee Election - Denise Grant / Supt. Gordon
- Declaration of Intents due March 24th, write-ins due March 31st.
- CB A Consideration and adoption of resolution estimating changes in revenues/mills from adult education, building reserve, bus depreciation, transportation and tuition levies for fiscal year 2023. (SB 307)
Supt. Gordon
- Robert moved to adopt Resolution of Intent to Impose an Increase in Levies for the Elementary; Emily seconded; discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
 - Robert moved to adopt Resolution of Intent to Impose an Increase in Levies for the High School; Stephen seconded; discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- CB I Mill Levy Information: Preliminary Budget Report from OPI - Supt. Gordon
Budget Authority: 1) Elem District-short \$9,238.26 of budget authority, 2) HS District-no short fall.
- Superintendent recommends to stay at max budget authority and to use protested taxes.
 - Jim moved to use protested taxes \$9,238.26 to stay at Elementary budget authority, Emily seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- CB I HB 143 Incentivizing Increase in Teacher Base Pay - Supt. Gordon
- \$33,850 starting salary; Fairfield will receive State incentive of \$6,944.00.
- CB I Expiration of School Bond - Supt. Gordon
- CB ABD Technology Levy - Supt. Gordon
- Superintendent recommends the board consider \$120,000 for ten (10) years.
 - Robert moved to approve Resolution calling for Special Election on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 to consider \$120,000 per year for ten years Technology Levy; Emily seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- CB I Budget Analysis and Expenditures – Supt. Gordon
- ESSER funding-Elementary boiler, High School HVAC, technology.
 - Multidistrict agreement-cover elementary boiler cost expense over \$51,000 of original budget.
- CB ABD High School Boilers Heating System - Supt. Gordon
- Costly repairs since last year; 30-day price guarantee of \$69,147 new boiler, use Flex funds.
 - Robert moved to authorize purchase of new boiler for High School for \$69,147, Michelle seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- CB A Transportation: Bus Depreciation and Purchase - Transportation Committee
1. Route Bus 2. Activity Bus
- 2023 Thomas Yellow bus for \$124,047 original price minus trade \$7,547 for 2011 Bluebird
 - 2019 Federal Premier for \$211,267.19 original price, no air brakes, 45-passenger, trade in discount 2003 MCI \$1,000.
 - Seconded from the Transportation committee approve purchase of 2023 Thomas Yellow bus \$124,047 with trade \$7,547 2011 Bluebird, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
 - Seconded from the Transportation committee approve purchase of 2019 Federal Premier for \$211,267.19 with discount trade \$1,000 2003 MCI, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- CB A 2022-2023 School Calendar Supt Gordon
- Staff prefer option #1 over option #2.
 - Emily moved to approve option #1 2022-2023 school calendar, Michelle seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- CB A Obsolete/Surplus equipment/materials - Supt. Gordon
- Fax Machine \$40, VHS player \$10, 2 DVD/VHS \$20, propane generators-research first.
 - Stephen moved to sell/dispose of obsolete/surplus equipment as presented, Emily seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- CB A Student Attendance Agreements -None
- CB ABD Personnel Issues – Supt. Gordon
- Staff Resignations
- Superintendent recommends accepting Dianne Bremer’s retirement at the end of first semester 2022-2023 school year.
 - Emily move to accept Dianne Bremer’s retirement at the end of first semester 2022-2023 school year, Jim seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.

- Superintendent recommends accepting Cathy Anderson's retirement at the end of 2021-2022 school year
- Emily move to accept Cathy Anderson's retirement at the end of 2021-22 school year, Jim seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- Recommendations for Hire
 - Certified Staff Spring: 2022
 - Principal recommends hiring K-8 and 9-12 certified staff and Co-curricular positions as presented: John Bakkum, Nathan Batson, Carly Beck, Jessica Bolles, Dianne Bremer (0.50), Ty Brewer, Charles Brown, Sarah Carpenter, Logan Clark, Shelby Giles, Justin Harpster, Carissa Jenkins, Marshall Lagge, Cassidy Lindberg, Della Lonner (0.625), Mary Mathison, Amy Mills, Gregory Misner, John Park, Caroline Rogers, Robert Rogers, Jr., Jennifer Schenk, Michael Schmidt, Brooke Shalz, Stephanie Tacke, Trina Wilson.
 - Emily moved to hire 2022-2023 K-8 and 9-12 Certified staff and Co-Curricular positions as presented minus Cathy Anderson, Robert seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
 - Principal recommends hiring non-certified (classified) staff: Lyle Arps, Terria Arps, Dennis Barnett, Tamara Dowell (PT), Ruth Berglund (PT), Brenda Evens, Martin Falstad (PT), Eleni Geday, Michael George, Diane Hausmann (PT), Megan Helmer (PT), Kelli Hershey (PT), Scott Hoyt, Jason Kline, Bruce Lee, Angelica McNary, Nicole Misner, Amy Neckstad, Ramona O'Banion, Michael Puckett (PT), Lynn Stott (PT), Marie Watson.
 - Robert moved to hire 2022-23 Non-Certified (Classified) staff as presented minus Denise Grant, Emily seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
 - Certified Staff: 2022-2023
 - Additional Certified Staff: 2022-2023
 - Superintendent recommends hiring Kari Cleveland as part-time elementary Title teacher.
 - Emily moved to hire Kari Cleveland as part-time elementary Title teacher, Jim seconded, discussion, unanimous vote. Motion carries.
 - Superintendent recommends hiring Shayla Smith as HS English teacher, full time.
 - Robert moved to hire Shayla Smith as full time HS English teacher, Emily seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
 - Superintendent recommends hiring Shawnee Hjelt as full-time elementary teacher (Math and English).
 - Robert moved to hire Shawnee Hjelt as full-time elementary teacher, Stephen seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
 - Superintendent recommends hiring Paul Wilson as Administrative position, teaching (Math), licensed counselor, transportation director. Superintendent will develop spreadsheet to show \$50,000 savings with new hires and retirees. Ask for 2.5 administrative contracts.
 - Stephen moved to hire Paul Wilson as Administrative position, teaching, licensed counselor, transportation director, Michelle seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
 - Superintendent recommends accepting Tammie Smith's verbal resignation.
 - Emily moved to accept Tammie Smith's verbal resignation, Michelle seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
 - Extra-Curricular Spring 2022
 - Superintendent recommends hiring Jodi Huhn as paid assistant track coach, Steve Frost as volunteer assistant track coach, Lexi Bremer as volunteer assistant tennis coach.
 - Emily moved to hire Jodi Huhn as paid assistant track coach, Steve Frost as volunteer assistant track coach, Lexi Bremer as volunteer assistant tennis coach, Robert seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.

- Extra-Curricular 2022-2023
 - Principal recommends hiring 2022-2023 Junior High and High School extra-curricular positions as presented.
 - Stephen moved to hire 2022-2023 Junior High and High School extra-curricular positions as presented, Michelle seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.

I Future Agenda Items – **April 11, 2022** - committee reports, administrative reports, trustee/levy elections, personnel issues.

- CB A Examine Bills, pay claims
- Emily moved to approve Remaining February 2022 Elementary claims #39370 through #39388 for \$22,988.15 (no gaps); Robert seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
 - Michelle moved to approve Remaining February 2022 High School claims #39370 through #39388 for \$11,428.77 (no gaps); Stephen seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
 - Robert moved to approve March 2022 Elementary claims #39389 through #39412 for \$7,835.77 (no gaps); Jim seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
 - Stephen moved to approve March 2022 High School claims #39389 through #39412 for \$18,712.60 (no gaps); Michelle seconded, discussion: unanimous vote, motion carries.

Executive Session-meeting closed at 9:30pm, meeting reopened at 9:39pm. No action taken, information only.

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm

CERTIFICATION:

The board meeting minutes of: March 15, 2022 were approved at a regular board meeting held: April 11, 2022 with a vote of: ____ for and ____ against.

Board Chair: Chris Christensen Signature

Board Clerk: Denise Grant Signature