

MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
August 24, 2021

A regular meeting of the Fairmont Area Schools was held on Tuesday, August 24, at 5:00 p.m. in the Wm. Budd Room at Fairmont Elementary School. Members in attendance were Julie Laue, Mari Myren, Dan Brookens, and Mike Edman. Absent: Rufus Rodriguez and Nicole Green.

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Dan Brookens and carried to approve the August 10 & 17, 2021 school board meeting minutes.

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Dan Brookens and carried to approve the August 24, 2021 school board meeting agenda.

Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent Traetow noted that the high school has only 79 students yet to register and only 18 students remaining at the elementary. Total enrollment after all students are registered is anticipated to be approximately 1,666.
- Mr. Traetow reminded board members that distance learning is not being offered this year. Online learning options will be available following the guidelines set forth in Policy 624.
- Health & Safety parameters continue to be reviewed. Mr. Traetow received and shared with board members a website that provides comparison COVID data by school district. The information will be very helpful. Mr. Traetow indicated he's received many positive comments following the Board's adoption of safety measures for the start of the 21-22 school year.
- Fall sports have begun and competitions have already started. Fine arts activities are also moving forward, starting with the signing of the agreement for this year's high school musical. This year's Production will be Beauty and the Beast.
- New teacher workshops are being held this week. All teachers will return for back-to-school workshops starting August 30.

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Dan Brookens and carried to approve wire transfers for 8/6/21 – 8/19/21 and payment of the August 24, 2021 bills.

A motion as offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to approve rescinding Policy 906 – Face Covering.

A motion was offered by Dan Brookens, seconded by Julie Laue, and carried to approve our District's membership in the MN State High School League for the 2021-22 school year.

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

1. Fall coaches for the 21-22 school year
2. High School Lunchroom / Study Hall Supervisors
\$15.75 / hour Effective: August 30, 2021
Kara Rowan, Annette Larson, Jonny Juarez, Emily Korsmo
3. Special Education Paraprofessionals
Step 1 Effective: August 26, 2021
Axel Cerda, Sara Theobald
4. Katherine Osborn, long-term substitute social studies teacher
BA, Step 1 Effective: 8/30/21 – 10/20/21
5. Mirna Salazar, EL Instructional Aide
Step 1 Effective: 8/20/21

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Dan Brookens, and carried to accept the following resignations:

1. Jessi Kotewa, special ed paraprofessional Effective June 2, 2021
2. LaRae Rahm, title I aide Effective June 2, 2021

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to approve an employee medical leave, effective 8/20/21 – 10/20/21.

Board members reported on the Operations Committee Meeting of August 12 and the Policy Committee Meeting of August 13. Minutes of these meetings can be found on the school district website.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to approve adjourning the school board meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Mari Myren, Clerk