

FAIRMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT #89

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Committee of the Whole Minutes

Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at 5:30PM

Fairmont School District 89 Board Room

- I. Call to Order – *Mr. Spoonhour called to order the Fairmont Committee of the Whole Meeting at 5:30 p.m. on October 13, 2021.*
- II. Roll Call – *Members Present: Ms. Cardenas, Mrs. Custer, Mrs. Pierzchalski, Mrs. Posey, and Mr. Spoonhour. Members Absent: Mrs. Wright and Mr. Shepherd.*
- III. Petitions and Communication to the Board – *In accordance with Board Policy 2:230, individuals may address the Board only at the appropriate time as indicated on the agenda and when recognized by the Board President. Comments shall be limited to 2 minutes.*
 - a. Public Comment **No Public Comment**
 - i. Public Comment
 - ii. Recognitions
- IV. Committee Reports:
 - a. President’s Remarks – *Mr. Lou Spoonhour mentioned about how there was a report for the best schools in the state and Lockport schools were mentioned as well as Fairmont School was along with other Lockport schools. Encourage everyone to keep up the good work!*
 - b. Finance / O and M Committee – *Mr. Lou Spoonhour, Mrs. Janice Posey, Brian Chandler, Diana Sorich, Gerry Yeggy. The next scheduled meeting is 4:00PM prior to Committee of the Whole.*
 - i. Finance Information *Mrs. Sorich, Mr. Chandler, and Mr. Yeggy.*
 1. Taxpayer Reimbursement- *Mrs. Sorich gave an update. She mentioned a FOIA request came through NBC for pertinent information of reimbursements to taxpayers and that was given.*
 2. Audit Results-*Mrs. Sorich was very pleased with the audit outcome and will have the full report for board meeting.*
 3. Levy 2020, 202- *Gave update on Levy as of Oct7, 2021 information.*
 4. CPI update-*Mr. Chandler spoke of the CPI trending toward 5% at an all-time high from what has been in the past. This is for fiscal year 2022 tax purposes.*
 5. Serenity Landing-*Dr. Cepela gave a follow up on plans for serenity landing possibly going through this time. She gave out scenarios about how that would impact Fairmont as far as housing the students in the building.*
 - ii. O and M
 1. HVAC Summer Projects-*Spoke of walk through the building for final report for summer repair and should be available in a few weeks.*
 - c. Policy Committee – *Mrs. Karen Custer. Policy Committee will meet the Monday before Committee of the Whole at 1:00PM on an as needed basis. No new reports.*
 - d. Behavioral Interventions / Parent Teacher Advisory Committee – *Mrs. Dionne Wright, Mrs. Janice Posey, Mrs. Karen Custer, Mrs. Linda Pierzchalski – Meeting Dates and Times: Next meeting December 15, 2021. 4:30PM. No new reports.*
- V. New Business. Next Board Meeting- Action / Discussion Items *Dr. Cepela briefed on items a-f.*
 - a. Personnel –
 - i. Staffing for 2021-2022
 - ii. Dismiss Custodian E. Ruvalcaba
 - iii. Misc

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- b. Information Only: Strategic Plan / ESSER III Requirements – Staff Meeting November 3. DLT meetings October 18, November 15. Board December 15, 2021, with Board approval January 19, 2022
- c. Final Reading: Set Date for 8th Graduation - Set the date as Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 6:00 PM. This will be an action item next time.
- d. Final Reading: Audit Results. The results of the Independent Audit are presented to the Board.
- e. Information Only: Annually, the Board decides on specific goals for the school district to attain. These are attached then to the Superintendent Goals or may be separate. Draft Superintendent Goals were presented at the August Board Meeting.
- f. Misc.-**Shield testing results are great so far. Due to funding on shields part, the days we shield might go down to one day on Tuesday.**
- VI. Principal Report: **Mrs. Daniels went over her report and the MAP results. She commented that it is work in progress and the year is just starting.**
- a. Enrollment – 341
- b. Principal's Report
- c. Misc.
- VII. Superintendent's Report: **Dr. Cepela briefed on items a-g.**
- a. Please Note: **Regular open Board meeting October 20, 2021.**
- i. Six-foot distancing
- ii. Mask
- iii. Temperature Check and Self-Certification at Door
- iv. Touch Mitigations on Food and Handshakes, etc.
- b. Metrics for COVID. Northwestern <http://covid-dashboard.fsm.northwestern.edu/?fbclid=IwAR2mrvMLB4Js2gIbeWPJ2ypTXbBpAXp8QAqvsY29AOcINXW4XS9DgsloxqY>
- c. Vaccination Mandate / SHIELD Information
- d. Three Rivers Board Dinner – October 28, 2021. Prairie Bluff.
- e. Triple I Conference – it is still on. November 19-21, 2021.
- f. Upcoming dates:
- i. October 20 – Board
- ii. October 23 – 31 – Red Ribbon Week
- iii. October 25 – Yoga begins
- iv. October 26 – PT Conferences
- v. October 27 – All Committee Meetings
- vi. October 28 – Three Rivers Board Dinner / PT Conferences Early Dismissal
- vii. October 29 – PT Conference Makeup days
- viii. November 2 – Joliet Articulation Group
- ix. November 3 – Staff Meeting
- x. November 4 – Admin Support Meeting
- xi. November 5 – 8th Grade Leadership
- xii. November 8 – National STEAM Day / Threat Assessment
- xiii. November 9 – Chamber Education Meeting
- xiv. November 10 - Lockport Supt / LASEC Meeting / Mentoring Meetings / Finance and Committee of the Whole
- xv. November 11 – Admin Meeting
- xvi. November 12 – Union Meeting
- xvii. November 15 – DLT / Fairmont Community Partnership

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xviii. November 17 – Board Meeting

g. Misc.

VIII. Old Business / Agenda Recommendations

IX. Motion to Adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn First by **Mrs. Pierzchalski**, Second by **Mrs. Posey**. **Aye Mrs. Posey, Aye**

Mrs. Pierzchalski, Aye Ms. Cardenas, Aye Mrs. Custer, and Aye Mr. Spoonhour. 5 Ayes and 2 Absent. Motion Carried.

Adjournment at 6:24 p.m.