

FAIRMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT #89

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Committee of the Whole Agenda Minutes Wednesday, November 10, 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 November 10, 2021.*
- II. Roll Call – *Members Present: Mrs. Custer, Mrs. Pierzchalski, Mrs. Posey, Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Spoonhour. Members Absent: Ms. Cardenas and Mrs. Wright.*
- 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
 - i. Public Comment **No Public Comment**
 - ii. Recognitions
- IV. Committee Reports:
 - a. President's Remarks – *Mr. Lou Spoonhour spoke of being a delegate for the Annual conference at IASB and mentioned there will be resolutions taken and went into some detail about them. Also, mentioned that the union gave a letter stating they would like to start on negotiations for collective bargaining to begin in January and are very pleased about that.*
 - 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
 1. Taxpayer Reimbursement-*Mrs. Sorich stated the checks were cashed and we are at 93% and at 7% still outstanding. Thanks to Mr. Hannigan for reaching out to some in the community.*
 2. Levy 2020, 2021- *Mrs. Sorich stated that 88% of the Levy had been collected as payments were spread out this time around. Next year payments are returning to two payments as per usual. Mr. Chandler went over the 2021 Levy Circulation information.*
 3. HVAC – Summer Project Update
 4. CPI update-*Mr. Chandler and Mrs. Sorich went over the CPI that is trending currently to keep in mind for FY 2022.*
 5. Serenity Landing – *Concept plan passed at the November 3, 2021, council meeting. Council approved unanimously and should be up and running by summer of 2023.*
 6. Insurance Update- *Mrs. Sorich informed the board regarding insurance information spoken at the insurance meeting. Another meeting will be held to discuss it further.*
 - ii. O and M
 1. HVAC Bid Information- *Mr. Chandler spoke of the bid that took place today regarding the project and gave some details.*
 - c. Policy Committee – *Mrs. Karen Custer noted that there will be quite a bit of information to go over in the December meeting. Policy Committee will meet the Monday before Committee of the Whole at 1:00PM on an as needed basis. Next Meeting is Monday, November 15, 2021.*
 - 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*
- V. New Business. Next Board Meeting- Action / Discussion Items *Dr. Cepela briefed on items a-h.*

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a. Personnel –

- i. MOA Waiving Evaluations for Certified Staff-**Mrs. Daniels informed the board that ISBE allowed the school districts not to evaluate the teachers this year again. There will be no formal evaluations for 2021.**
- ii. Nurse Resignation – **A. Atieh**
- iii. Misc.- **Dr. Cepela informed the board about hiring a bilingual nurse to replace our current nurse that is leaving. Also, one of our aides will be moving into a permanent substitute position to fill our needs.**

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. Timeline for Approval of Levy: Our levy is due to the County Clerk's Office by the 4th Tuesday of December. There is approval of the Tentative Levy at the November meeting. The approval is an action item. The final levy will be an action item after a public hearing at the December Board meeting.

d. Final Reading: Title I School Improvement Plan for ISBE is required to be approved by Board. This plan incorporates our current District Improvement Plan and next year will incorporate our ESSER III plan.

e. Approval of Abatement Resolution 2017 Refunding Bonds against the 2021 Levy. Resolution abating the tax heretofore levied for the Levy Year 2021 to pay debt service on General Obligation Refunding School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2017, of the district 89. This will be the first reading.

f. Approval of the amendment to the Fairmont School District #89 Flex FSA Plan and all future plan years, pursuant to the Internal Revenue Service Notice 2020-33, the Health Flexible spending Arrangement (FSA) is hereby amended to allow Participants to carry over unused funds to the following Plan year up to the maximum indexed amount allowed under the regulations. The maximum carryover amount for the 2022 Plan year is \$550 will be indexed for future Plan years. This will be an action item

g. 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.

h. Misc.

VI. Principal Report: **Mrs. Daniels**

a. Enrollment – **342**

b. Principal's Report- **Mrs. Daniels stated the parent teacher conference had a good return through zoom and in person. Second quarter started and is continuing to meet with GLT meetings. After school tutoring did begin on November 2 to December 9, 2021. Also, the Lewis University students are to resume the homework club.**

c. Misc.

VII. Superintendent's Report: **Dr. Cepela briefed on items a-h.**

a. Please Note: **Regular open Board meeting November 17, 2021.**

- i. Six-foot distancing
- ii. Mask
- iii. Temperature Check and Self-Certification at Door

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- iv. Touch Mitigations on Food and Handshakes, etc.
 - b. Metrics for COVID. Northwestern <http://covid-dashboard.fsm.northwestern.edu/?fbclid=IwAR2mrvMLB4Js2glbeWPJ2ypTXbBpAXp8QAqvsY29AOclNXW4XS9DgsloxqY>
 - c. Violation of Open Meeting Act – Information Only
 - d. Vaccination Mandate / SHIELD Information
 - e. Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day closures: The district will be closed the following days in observance of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.
 - 1. Thanksgiving Break – November 24, 25, and 26
 - 2. Christmas Holiday – December 24 and 27
 - 3. New Year's Holiday – December 31
 - f. Open Meeting Act Information – Robbins Schwartz Information Attached.
 - g. Triple I Conference – it is still on. November 19-21, 2021.
 - h. Upcoming dates:
 - i. November 11 – Admin Meeting
 - ii. November 12 – Union Meeting
 - iii. **November 15 – Board Member Appreciation Day – Celebrated with Dinner before the Board Meeting November 17. Thank you, Board!**
 - iv. November 15 – DLT / Fairmont Community Partnership
 - v. November 16 – Caton Farm – Bruce Road Phase 1 Study Open House
 - vi. November 17 – Vaccination Clinic / Board Meeting
 - vii. November 22 – Zoom Yoga
 - viii. November 23 - SIP
 - ix. **November 24, 25, and 26 – Thanksgiving Break. Building is closed.**
 - x. December 1 – Staff Meeting / PTO Meeting
 - xi. December 2 – Admin Support Meeting
 - xii. December 3 – 8th Grade Leadership / **Holiday Party at Embers**
 - xiii. December 8 – Finance and Committee of the Whole
 - xiv. December 9 – Christmas Concert
 - xv. December 15 - Behavioral Interventions / Board
 - i. Misc.
- VIII. Old Business / Agenda Recommendations
- IX. Motion to Adjourn First by **Mrs. Pierzchalski**, Second by **Mrs. Posey**. **Aye Mr. Shepherd, Aye Mrs. Custer, Aye Mrs. Posey, Aye Mrs. Pierzchalski, and Aye Mr. Spoonhour. 5 Ayes and 2 Absent.** Motion Carried. **Adjournment at 6:13 p.m.**