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Fairmont School District 89 Minutes Regular Board Meeting – PD Room

October 20, 2021

5:30 PM

Agenda - Amended

- I. Call to Order- *Mr. Spoonhour called to order the Fairmont School Regular Board Meeting at 5:31 p.m. on October 20, 2021.*
- II. Roll Call *Members Present: Ms. Cardenas, Mrs. Custer, Mrs. Pierzchalski, Mrs. Posey, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Spoonhour and Mrs. Wright.*
 - a. Moment of Silence
- I. 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 5 minutes.*
 - a. Public Comment-*Delinda Harris spoke about shield testing with full vaccination and not having to participate in the testing. Mr. Spoonhour will be looking at options and explaining the whys.*
 - i. *Welcome Everyone.*
 - i. Public Comment-
 - b. Recognitions
- II. Superintendent's Report: - *Dr. Cepela briefed on items a-k.*
 - a. Enrollment – *341- not much has changed except EL students are growing.*
 - b. Next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is *Wednesday, November 15, 2021*
 - c. Independent Audit – Results
 - d. Staffing 2021-2022 – We will continue to discuss.
 - e. Congratulations Karen Custer – Board Master Member Level 1.
 - f. Vaccination Mandate – Board Information
 - g. Triple I Conference – it is still on. November 19-21, 2021.
 - h. SHIELD Update – see handouts.
 - i. Upcoming Events:
 - i. October 23 – 31 – Red Ribbon Week
 - ii. October 25 – Yoga begins
 - iii. October 26 – PT Conferences
 - iv. October 27 – All Committee Meetings
 - v. October 28 – Three Rivers Board Dinner / PT Conferences Early Dismissal
 - vi. October 29 – PT Conference Makeup days
 - vii. November 2 – Joliet Articulation Group
 - viii. November 3 – Staff Meeting
 - ix. November 4 – Admin Support Meeting
 - x. November 5 – 8th Grade Leadership
 - xi. November 8 – National STEAM Day / Threat Assessment

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- xii. November 9 – Chamber Education Meeting
- xiii. November 10 - Lockport Supt / LASEC Meeting / Mentoring Meetings / Finance and Committee of the Whole
- xiv. November 11 – Admin Meeting
- xv. November 12 – Union Meeting
- xvi. November 15 – DLT / Fairmont Community Partnership
- xvii. November 17 – Board Meeting
- xviii. November 24, 25, and 26 – Thanksgiving Break. Building Closed.
- j. Update: <http://covid-dashboards.fsm.northwestern.edu/?fbclid=IwAR2mrvMLB4Js2gIbeWPJ2ypTXbBpAXp8QAqvsY29AOclNXW4XS9DgsloxqY>
- k. Misc. Updates-Community meeting is coming up regarding the bridge building.

III. Reports: Committee Reports were given at the Committee of the Whole. The Chairs of each committee will provide a summary.

- a. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) – NBC on Reimbursement Monies was given a list and hope to attract those who have not cashed them. The administration would like to thank Mr. Hannigan for his help in this matter.
 - b. Principal – Information was presented at the Committee of the Whole. Mrs. Daniels will summarize Fall MAP results. Students are coming close to national mean scores and compared to last year the scores have improved. Next testing is in January for IAR in April. She will be looking at grading equity to something like the high school.
 - c. Board President – Mr. Lou Spoonhour stated the statewide meeting is coming up. HE congratulated Fairmont for being one of the 113 schools mentioned in Lockport as being one of the best K-8 schools. He reported that the audit is now complete. Reminded everyone of the November 4th meeting for Serenity Landing.
 - d. Board Policy Committee – Mrs. Karen Custer -Noting to report. The Policy Committee meets on *the Monday that proceeds the second Wednesday, 1:00PM. As needed.*
 - e. Board Finance / Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Brian Chandler / Mrs. Diana Sorich / Gerry Yeggy/ Mr. Lou Spoonhour / Ms. Janice Posey. The Finance Committee meets on the *second Wednesday of the month at 4:00PM and is open to the public.* Mrs. Sorich gave a report on audit and mentioned there was only one finding and it is now complete. The Levy is behind schedule and have collected 88% of it. The fourth coupon is due soon so that should bring in the rest of the funds. She spoke of the September finances and compared to last year. MR. Chandler spoke of Serenity landing coming up again and fore seeing a student count of 217 for Fairmont school for the fiscal year of 2023. He stated E-rate is complete, the wireless project and chrome books and I pads will be coming in soon. Terry and Valerie Broadhurst will be obtaining their asbestos certification which will help lower district costs.
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- f. Behavioral Intervention / Parent Advisory Committee – Mrs. Dionne Wright, Mrs. Janice Posey, Mrs. Linda Pierzchalski, Mrs. Karen Custer. *Mrs. Pierzchalski spoke about the law conference. Also mentioned the board approves the poster maker for teachers. Next meeting is 4:30 PM December 15, 2021.*

IV. Consent Agenda-Mrs. Custer read consent agenda.

- a. September 15, 2021, Regular Session Minutes
- b. September 15, 2021, Executive Session Minutes *There were none.*
- c. October 13, 2021, Committee of the Whole Minutes
- d. Decision to Destroy Verbatim Recording of Executive Session Minutes January 15, 2020. *At the recommendation of the attorney, we will keep written minutes closed unless there is a reason to open. This move is to destroy verbatim recordings only.*
- e. Decision to Keep Closed Executive Session Minutes January 20, 2021. *At the recommendation of the attorney, we will keep written minutes closed unless there is a reason to open. We will still review at each meeting.*

Superintendent's Recommendation: At this time, I would entertain a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items A – E as presented. May I have a motion please? First by Mrs. Pierzchalski, Second motion by Mrs. Posey. Aye Ms. Cardenas, Aye Mrs. Posey, Aye Mrs. Wright, Aye Mrs. Custer, Aye Mrs. Pierzchalski, Aye Mr. Shepherd and Aye Mr. Spoonhour. 7Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

- f. *Monthly Financial Information
- i. Revenue Summary Report
 - ii. Expenditure Report
 - iii. Treasurer's Report
 - iv. Bills Payable
 - v. Budget Comparison Report
 - vi. Cash Flow Report

Superintendent's Recommendation: At this time, I would entertain a motion to approve the Monthly Financial Information as presented. May I have a motion please? First by Mrs. Pierzchalski, Second motion by Mrs. Posey. Aye Mrs. Pierzchalski, Aye Mrs. Custer, Aye Mrs. Wright, Aye Mr. Shepherd, Aye Ms. Cardenas, Aye Mrs. Posey, and Aye Mr. Spoonhour. 7Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

V. *Action Items -

- a. **Action Item 22-14: Personnel:**
 - i. Release Custodian / Cafeteria E Ruvalcaba
 - ii. Hire Custodian / Cafeteria L Williams
 - iii. Accept Resignation J Rodriguez
 - iv. Misc – Superintendent and Board Goals – delay until after Strategic Planning is Complete
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Superintendent's Recommendation: Move to approve the Personnel Action Items I – IV as presented. May I have a motion please? First by Mrs. Pierzchalski, Second motion by Mrs. Posey. Aye Mr. Shepherd, Aye Mrs. Custer, Aye Ms. Cardenas, Aye Mrs. Posey, Aye Mrs. Pierzchalski, and Aye Mr. Spoonhour. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays and 1 Absent. Motion Carried.

- b. **Action Item 22-15: Independent Audit Results by Gassensmith and Michalesko, LTD:** School Districts are required to have an independent audit conducted yearly. The audit was conducted by Gassensmith and Michalesko, LTD and is now ready for approval.

Superintendent's Recommendation: Move to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 Final Audit as presented. May I have a motion please? First by Mrs. Pierzchalski, Second motion by Mrs. Posey. Aye Ms. Cardenas, Aye Mrs. Pierzchalski, Aye Mr. Shepherd, Aye Mrs. Posey, Aye Mrs. Custer, and Aye Mr. Spoonhour. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays and 1 Absent. Motion Carried.

- c. **Action Item 22-16: 8th Grade Graduation Date.** Set the date as Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 6:00 PM. This will be an action item next time.

Superintendent's Recommendation: Move to approve set the 8th grade Graduation Date as May 26, 2022, as presented. May I have a motion please? First by Mrs. Pierzchalski, Second motion by Mrs. Posey. Aye Mrs. Custer, Aye Mrs. Posey, Aye Mrs. Pierzchalski, Aye Ms. Cardenas, Aye Mr. Shepherd, and Aye Mr. Spoonhour. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays and 1 Absent. Motion Carried.

- d. **Action Item 22-17: Fairmont Emergency COVID-19 Amended.** Paid Administrative Leave Days (ECPAL). Presented is 10 days if following SHIELD protocol and are vaccinated. The change is for 1 SHIELD test per week not two.

Superintendent's Recommendation: Move to approve accept the district ECPAL Plan Amended as presented. May I have a motion please? First by Mrs. Pierzchalski, Second motion by Mrs. Posey. Aye Mrs. Wright, Aye Ms. Cardenas, Aye Mrs. Custer, Aye Mrs. Pierzchalski, Aye Mr. Shepherd, Aye Mrs. Posey, and Aye Mr. Spoonhour. 7Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

VI. New Business: First and Final Readings / Informational Items for next Board Meeting- **Dr. Cepela** briefed on items a-e.

- a. Preliminary draft of the Board and Superintendent Goals will be presented after Strategic Planning is Complete.
- b. Strategic and ESSER III Planning. From there DLT will fashion both the Strategic and ESSER III Plans. Board approval is slated for a first reading in December; 2nd reading is in January.

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- c. Timeline for Approval of Levy: Our levy is due to the County Clerk’s Office by the 4th Tuesday of December. There will be 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. Board Member Requests / Misc.-Dr. Cepela noted that the strategic planning and ESSER III plan are working together.

VII. Executive Session – **No Executive Session.** *At this time, I would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with the Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). May I have a motion please? First by _____ Second motion by _____. Discussion. All in favor say “Aye”. Opposed the same. (Approve or do not approve the motion).*

Motion to Adjourn - *Motion to adjourn as presented. May I have a motion please? First by Mrs. Pierzchalski, Second motion by Mrs. Posey. Aye Ms. Cardenas, Aye Mr. Shepherd, Aye Mrs. Custer, Aye Mrs. Pierzchalski, Aye Mrs. Wright, Aye Mrs. Posey, and Aye Mr. Spoonhour. 7Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion Carried. Adjournment at 6:40 p.m.*