

# FAIRFIELD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 310

SERVING WESTERN RENO COUNTY

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 12, 2016

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Superintendent of Schools

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1. **Call to Order:** Derek Zongker, President, called the Board Meeting to order on September 12, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Fairfield Music Room/Safe Room.

Roll Call found the following Board Members present:

**Voting:**

Derek Zongker, President  
Steven C. Westfahl, Vice-President  
Jim Combs

**Non-Voting:**

Eric Geesling  
Brent Fowler  
Nathan Reed, Superintendent  
Amy Riggs, Clerk

Absent: Craig Knoche and Travis Mathes.

**Audience in Attendance.**

Jason Briar, Betsy McKinney, and Angela Glascock.

Additions to the Agenda: g. Bond Election Update, h. Others.

Jim Combs and Steven Westfahl moved and seconded to approve the agenda with the additions. Motion carried 5-0.

2. **Audience with visitors.** None at this time.
3. **Board Member Comments.** Jim Combs thought the back to school picnic and scrimmage went well. He wanted to thank everyone for helping with the picnic.
4. **Educational Program:** STUCO Report. Tabled until October 10, 2016.
5. **Approve Consent Agenda Items:**
  - a. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:
    1. Monday, August 8, 2016 (Regular)
  - b. Approve the bills and authorize payment.
  - c. Approval of Gifts / Grants:
    1. Hutchinson Community Foundation (4 yr old Pre-K) - \$7,021.69.
    2. Anonymous Donor (Help with school supplies) - \$100.00.

Eric Geesling and Jim Combs moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

"It's About Kids"

6. **Principal's Reports.**

Included in Packet.

7. **Superintendent's Update:**

- a. District Vision. Mr. Reed has asked the BOE to choose the top two visions and then have staff members vote for the final decision.
- b. Secondary Lease Update. Letter from Gordon Stull is included in the packet.
- c. Dr. Watson Visit Oct 6th. Commissioner of Education will be visiting October 6<sup>th</sup> and Mr. Reed would like to have BOE Members attend if possible.
- d. Update on Lease Purchase Changes. First National Bank requires the school to have an account with them in order to work on decreasing the interest rate. Citizens Bank in Arlington does only short term loans. However Mr. Reed has made them aware of the State law that allows schools to have the lease/purchase option. Tricia Fowler with Citizens Bank in Arlington has been in touch with Kelly Danyluk, with SNK Bank in Nebraska which owns Citizens Bank. Kelly has in turn contacted the schools accountant, Randy Ford for information.
- e. BOE Role in bond Election. Information was included in the packet of the do's and don'ts of the BOE when promoting a bond election.
- f. Pre-K 3-Yr Old Grant Ending After 2016-2017. Mr. Reed let the BOE know that the 3 year old Pre-K grant will come to an end at the end of this school year. He asked the BOE to look at different avenues to fund the program.
- g. Bond Election Update. The "YES" Committee met to organize materials needed to hand out to the public. Mr. Reed will be doing a Supe Tour, stopping at each town to give information and answer questions for the citizens of the communities. He has asked that BOE members attend when in their area.
- h. Others. None at this time.

8. **Capital Outlay Projects.**

- a. Roof Progress. The bus barn soffit and fascia has been completed. The rest of the roof is currently at a standstill.
- b. Doors on Shop. The shop doors have been installed.
- c. Approval for Selling Surplus Buses. Craig Childs is asking for the BOE's permission to sell surplus buses. The buses are 106, 107, 111, and possibly 11. He would also like to sell a power washer.  
Steven Westfahl and Eric Geesling moved and seconded the sale of the surplus buses and the power washer. Motion carried 5-0.

9. **Committee Report(s):**

- a. RCEC (Steve Westfahl). Approval was made for the 16-17 Early Ed payment by RCEC, USD #308, and TECH. The lease for the current van was up and a new lease has been taken for a new van. They have voted to pay more to the three psychologists that are employed due to the extra time they have to give to paper work. Each one will be given \$3,000 extra each semester. Each semester this will be revisited and does depend on if a new psychologist is hired.

>>>> At this time the Board took a break from 8:23 p.m. until 8:32 p.m.

10. **Request for Executive Session:**

Non-Elected Personnel, Teacher Negotiations, and Matters pertaining to a student.

Steven Westfahl and Jim Combs moved and seconded that the Board go into executive session for twenty minutes from 8:32 p.m. until 8:52 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Non-Elected Personnel, Teacher Negotiations, and Matters pertaining to a student. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. **NO BINDING ACTION SHALL BE TAKEN DURING THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Motion carried 5-0. The Superintendent, Mr. Briar, and Mrs. Glascock were invited to join the executive session from 8:32 p.m. until 8:52 p.m.



**Executive Session Con't:**

Derek Zongker, President, declared the executive session over and back in regular session at 8:52 p.m.

Non-Elected Personnel, Teacher Negotiations, and Matters pertaining to a student.

Steven Westfahl and Jim Combs moved and seconded that the Board go into executive session for twenty minutes from 8:52 p.m. until 9:12 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Non-Elected Personnel, Teacher Negotiations, and Matters pertaining to a student. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. **NO BINDING ACTION SHALL BE TAKEN DURING THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Motion carried 5-0. The Superintendent, Mr. Briar, and Mrs. Glascock were invited to join the executive session from 8:52 p.m. until 9:12 p.m.

Mr. Briar and Mrs. Glascock exited the executive session at 8:59 p.m.

Derek Zongker, President, declared the executive session over and back in regular session at 9:12 p.m.

11. **Determination of Graduation Requirement.**

- a. Student Learning. Brent Fowler and Jim Combs moved and seconded the student learning opportunity. Motion carried 5-0.
- b. Applied Art vs. Fine Art Credit. Jim Combs and Eric Geesling moved and seconded the approval to give credit for fine arts credit. Motion carried 5-0.
- c. Possible Early Graduation. Jim Combs and Brent Fowler approved the recommendation of possible early graduation for two students as long as all requires are met. Motion carried 5-0.

12. **Personnel:**

- a. Approval of Resignations.
  1. Debra Lawrence – Title 1 Para. Eric Geesling and Jim Combs moved and seconded the resignation. Motion carried 5-0.
- b. Approval of Rhonda Schlatter – Title 1 Para. Steven Westfahl and Jim Combs moved and seconded the approval of Rhonda Schlatter as Title 1 Para. Motion carried 5-0.

13. **Adjournment.**

Brent Fowler and Eric Geesling moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amy Riggs, Board Clerk  
Board of Education

Board Unapproved

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Derek Zongker  
Board President