

MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
March 26, 2019

A regular meeting of the Fairmont Area Schools Board of Education was held on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall. Members in attendance were Rufus Rodriguez, Nicole Green, Julie Laue, Mike Edman, and Mari Myren. Absent: Dan Brookens.

A motion was offered by Nicole Green, seconded by Mike Edman, and carried to unanimously approve the February 12, 2019 school board meeting minutes.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Nicole Green and carried to unanimously approve the February 26, 2019 school board meeting agenda as amended.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Brown provided a student enrollment update. Elementary numbers remain the same from last month while enrollment is down by 8 students at the high school. An enrollment decrease at the high school is very common right after semester break due in great part to our more transient student population.

Chris Johnston, one of the coaches for the high school Mock Trial Team, was excited to share with the Board news about the team's success in qualifying for state competition. Mr. Johnston co-coaches with Jaime Grundman. The state competition will be held in Duluth February 28 – March 1. There are over 130 mock trial teams in MN and Fairmont was one of only 16 teams to advance to state. There are nine Fairmont students on the team. During the state competition each student will be required to compete in both plaintiff and defense roles.

A resolution was introduced by Julie Laue, seconded by Nicole Green and adopted on a unanimous roll call vote to accept donated band and orchestra books, valued at \$3,607, from Gemini Studios to be used in the elementary and high school band and orchestra programs.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Nicole Green and carried to unanimously approve wire transfers for 2/8/19 – 2/21/19 and payment of the February, 2019 bills.

A resolution was introduced by Julie Laue, seconded by Nicole Green and adopted on a 4-1 vote to direct administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions and reasons therefore for the 2019-2020 school year. Aye votes: Rufus Rodriguez, Nicole Green, Julie Laue, Mari Myren. Nay vote: Mike Edman

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Mike Edman and carried to unanimously approve the employment of Sheri Artz as a part-time artistic paraprofessional for 2nd semester, effective January 22, 2019 at a salary of \$125/day.

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Julie Laue and carried to unanimously approve the employment of Andy Traetow as a co-principal at Fairmont Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year, effective July 1, 2019 at a salary defined in the 2019-20 principals' contract.

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Mike Edman and carried to unanimously approve the employment of Melissa Curry as an elementary special education teacher for the 2019-20 school year, effective June 30, 2019 at a salary of MA, Step 13.

Board members reported on the following: Staff Welfare Committee Meeting of 2/13; CER Advisory Council meeting of 2/14; Curriculum Committee Meeting of 2/26. Nicole Green encouraged parents to visit the MDE website to review proposed legislative changes to the high school science requirements and to provide feedback to MDE.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve adjourning the school board meeting at 5:38 p.m.

Dan Brookens, Clerk