

MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING April 23, 2019

A regular meeting of the Fairmont Area Schools Board of Education was held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall. Members in attendance were Rufus Rodriguez, Nicole Green, Dan Brookens, Julie Laue, Mari Myren, and Mike Edman.

A motion was offered by Dan Brookens, seconded by Nicole Green and carried to unanimously approve the April 9, 2019 school board meeting minutes.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve the April 23, 2019 school board meeting agenda as amended.

Speech coaches Kathleen Perry and Erik Walker presented to the Board a group of speech students who had competed at the state level. Not all competitors were able to attend the meeting. Students shared with board members their success at the state competition and spoke about how much they enjoyed the speech program and their teammates. The coaches noted that at the start of the season there were 5,200 Minnesota high school students vying to be one of the 312 students who would advance to state competition. What a great achievement for Fairmont High School to have thirteen students reach that level! Coaches and students talked about the many, many hours that are devoted to speech practices. There were 35 students on this year's speech team in grades 7-12. The season runs from January – April, but discussions and early preparation begin already in November.

Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent Brown provided an enrollment update, indicating student numbers remain stable and strong. Current total enrollment is 1,655.
- Board members were given a copy of MDE's 2018 Report Card for Fairmont Area Schools. Included on the report was Fairmont's graduation rate of 91.2%. Mr. Brown noted that the rate can be a little skewed, and not in the District's favor. The reason being that students who move from Fairmont during high school are oftentimes recorded as a non-graduate for our District. With regard to curriculum grading, board members noted that science remains an area in which improvement is still needed.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Dan Brookens, and carried to unanimously approve the wire transfers for 4/5/19 – 4/18/19 and payment of the April 23, 2019 bills.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Dan Brookens, and carried to unanimously approve the 2019 summer school board meeting schedule.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve waiving the following five inclement weather days incurred during the 2018-19 school year: September 21, January 28, January 29, January 30, & January 31.

A motion was offered by Nicole Green, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve the 2019-2020 High School Course Options Catalog.

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Dan Brookens, and carried to unanimously approve the employment of Dylan Van Brocklin as the head boys' hockey coach for the 2019-20 school year at a salary of Step 2A.

Board members reported on the following: CER Advisory Council Meeting of 4/11; Staff Welfare Committee Meeting of 4/11; Commissioner's Panel Discussion of 4/15; Board / 3-6 Staff Meeting of 4/16; and the Southern Plains Board Meeting of 4/22.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Dan Brookens, and carried to unanimously approve adjourning the school board meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Dan Brookens, Clerk