

MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING September 10, 2019

A regular meeting of the Fairmont Area Schools Board of Education was held on Tuesday, September 10, 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.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Board held a hearing that allowed CHS representatives to address their request to be granted a tax abatement on a \$100M CHS expansion project.

A resolution was offered by Dan Brookens, seconded by Nicole Green and adopted on a unanimous roll call vote to approve property tax abatements and execution of a tax abatement and business subsidy agreement between Fairmont Area Schools and CHS, Inc. Aye votes: Rufus Rodriguez, Nicole Green, Dan Brookens, Julie Laue, Mari Myren. Mike Edman was not present for the hearing or roll call vote.

A motion was offered by Nicole Green, seconded by Julie Laue and carried to unanimously approve the August 27, 2019 school board meeting minutes.

A motion was offered by Nicole Green, seconded by Julie Laue and unanimously approved to remove from the table the item dealing with tax abatements for multi-family housing units.

A motion was offered by Nicole Green, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve the September 10, 2019 school board meeting agenda as amended.

Superintendent's Report

- Total enrollment is up 20 students from the end of last school year. Kindergarten is up from 100 projected students to 126 students. An additional K class was added due to this increase.
- Activities Director Mat Mahoney was named High School Coach of the Week by the Minnesota Vikings. He was presented his award at Mahoney Field by a member of the MN Vikings Youth Organization.

A resolution was introduced by Dan Brookens, seconded by Julie Laue and adopted on a unanimous roll call vote to accept the following:

- \$1,040 donation from Culligan Water for HS Special Education
- \$5,900 grant from Martin County Area Foundation for JH Robotics Program
- \$57.67 from Fairmont Evangelical Covenant Church for school supplies
- \$100 from Bowlmor Lanes for teacher supplies

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve the August, 2019 single checks, wire transfers for 8/23/19 – 9/5/19, and payment of the September 10, 2019 bills.

Linsay Preuss, economic development, talked to the Board about the proposed tax abatement plan for future multi-family housing units. Ms. Preuss reminded board members that housing and daycare are the two biggest obstacles in trying to bring businesses to Fairmont. This tax abatement would hopefully encourage people to build more apartments and duplexes. Anyone wishing to take advantage of this tax abatement would need to apply to the City. The City, County, and School would make the final determination as to which applications are approved.

A motion was offered by Nicole Green, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve the concept of a property tax abatement for future multi-family housing units.

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Julie Laue and carried to unanimously approve employment of the following:

1. Ariel Peymann as a full-time substitute employee at the high school for the 2019-20 school year at a rate of \$125/day
2. Jodi Kristenson as a curriculum consultant during the 19-20 school year for up to 72 days at a salary not to exceed \$28,940.

Julie Laue reported on a Southern Plains Board Meeting.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve adjourning the school board meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Dan Brookens, Clerk