

MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
August 25, 2020

A regular meeting of the Fairmont Area Schools Board of Education was held on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 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. Student board members attending were Weston Loughmiller, Morgan Hoong, Briana Joseph.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve the August 5, 2020 school board meeting minutes.

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Nicole Green and carried to unanimously approve the August 25, 2020 school board meeting agenda as amended.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve wire transfers for 7/24/20 – 8/20/20, single checks for July, 2020 and payment of the August 11 & 25, 2020 bills.

A motion was offered by Nicole Green, seconded by Julie Laue and carried to unanimously approve tabling the Extra Duty Stipends agenda item.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Rufus Rodriguez and carried to unanimously approve taking off the table the Extra Duty Stipends agenda item.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Dan Brookens and carried to unanimously approve the stipend schedule for activities workers for 2020-2021.

A motion as offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Nicole Green and carried to unanimously approve a four-year agreement with Minnesota Motor Bus for transportation services for 2020-21 through 2023-24.

A motion was offered by Nicole Green, seconded by Julie Laue and carried to approve food service agreements for the 2020-21 school year with the following schools:

1. Southern Plains Education Cooperative
2. St. John Vianney
3. St. Paul Lutheran

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Nicole Green and carried on a unanimous roll call vote to accept the following resignations:

1. David Danks, custodian, effective 8/11/2020
2. Beth Senf, aide, effective 8/20/2020

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Julie Laue and carried to unanimously approve employment of the following for the 2020-21 school year:

1. Carrie Rosenberg, elementary education teacher
BA, Step 1 Effective 8/20/2020

2. Brandon Greiner, HS math teacher
BA, Step 11 Effective 8/20/2020
3. Breanne Greiner, HS business teacher
BA27, Step 7 Effective 8/20/2020
4. Brittany Godden, special ed paraprofessional
Step 1 Effective 8/20/2020
5. Mary Thomas, special ed paraprofessional
Step 2 Effective 8/20/2020
6. Jennifer Wille, special education paraprofessional
Step 4 Effective 8/20/2020
7. Alexis Thate, special education paraprofessional
Step 1 Effective 8/20/2020
8. Briana McDonald, special education paraprofessional
Step 4 Effective 8/20/2020
9. Alexis Johnson, special education paraprofessional
Step 1 Effective 8/20/2020
10. Jo Theobald, special education paraprofessional
Step 7 Effective 8/20/2020
11. Gail Peterson, special education paraprofessional
Step 4 Effective 8/20/2020
12. Amanda Kosbab, special education paraprofessional
Step 1 Effective 8/31/2020
13. Jacob Flohrs, custodian
Step 1 Effective 8/27/2020

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

1. An unpaid one-year leave of absence for Barb Brady, special ed para, eff: 8/20/20
2. A one-year medical leave for a special ed para, eff: 8/20/20
3. A medical leave for a special ed para, eff: 8/31/20 – 11/6/20

Board members reported on the following: Staff Welfare Committee Meeting of 8/18; Operations Committee Meeting of 8/19; Policy Committee Meeting of 8/20.

Building principals provided an update on their building's back-to-school preparations. Principal Rosen reported on a staffing change at the elementary, indicating that all aides will start work this year on the first day of school. This will allow them to immediately begin building relationships with their students in the event the District needs to move to distance learning. In addition, all aides will be working a full day to provide extra staffing where needed.

In closing, board members assured the community that administrators have been working diligently for many weeks to ensure our schools will be as safe as possible when schools reopen next week. Administrators were commended and thanked for their efforts.