

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 22, 2020

A regular meeting of the Fairmont Area Schools Board of Education was held on Tuesday, September 22, 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, and Briana Joseph.

A motion was offered by Nicole Green, seconded by Julie Laue and carried to unanimously approve the September 8, 2020 school board meeting minutes.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve the September 22, 2020 school board meeting agenda.

Board members recognized the following educators for earning tenure, effective with the 20-21 school year:

Robin Armitage, Leslie Crissinger, Payten Crosby, Melissa Curry, Kali Erichsrud, Sydney Handevitd, John Kesselring, Nicole Kesselring, Ross Long, Greg Maday, Ashley Scheevel, Cierra Thiesse, and Jake Tietje.

Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent Brown provided an enrollment update. Numbers are up at the high school this year and down at the elementary, due mostly to last year's large 6th grade class moving to the high school this year. Total enrollment numbers remain stable.
- Mr. Brown was asked by superintendent Lisa Shellum of Truman Public Schools to provide all of their students with hot lunches for the next two weeks. This action is necessary because Truman's food service staff have all been required to quarantine due to COVID exposure. Mr. Brown was happy to comply with this request and thanked Chartwells for their extra efforts in providing these additional 160 meals for Truman students.
- The MN Dept. of Health requested a conference call today with Martin County Human Services and Fairmont Area Schools due to a large increase in the number of active COVID cases in our area. It was firmly recommended that our District "reset," moving the high school to full Distance Learning and Fairmont Elementary to Hybrid Learning.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Dan Brookens, and carried on a unanimous roll call vote to approve Fairmont High School moving to full Distance Learning, effective September 24, 2020 and Fairmont Elementary moving to Hybrid Learning, effective September 28, 2020.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Dan Brookens, and carried on a unanimous roll call vote to approve amending the previous motion to state that Fairmont High School will move to full Distance Learning immediately and Fairmont Elementary move to Hybrid Learning, effective September 28, 2020.

A resolution was offered by Dan Brookens, seconded by Nicole Green and adopted on a unanimous roll call vote to accept donations of face masks for students and staff from the following donors: Jamie Kueker, Dinah Greise, Deb Smith, Abbie Nesbit, Gene and Jodee Meyer, Jackie Baumgard, Alicia Entinger, Jim Schmidt, and Mary Ann Stolt.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve wire transfers for 9/4/20 – 9/17/20, the June 30, 2020 budget model and payment of the September 22, 2020 bills.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Nicole Green and carried to unanimously approve the proposed 2020 Payable 2021 tax levy to include a -2.25% property tax decrease to the maximum amount available.

A motion was offered by Nicole Green, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve the following:

1. Revised Policy #603: Curriculum Development
2. Revised Policy #613: Graduation Requirements
3. Updated MSBA Policy #522:
Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination, Grievance Procedure and Process
4. New Policy #723: Post-Issuance Debt Compliance
5. New Policy #516.1: Telemedicine

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Nicole Green and carried to unanimously approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Fairmont Area Schools and Education Minnesota Fairmont to provide a stipend to two teachers to train their colleagues on Schoology and Seesaw.

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

1. Vannessa Paula, special ed paraprofessional Step 4 DOE: 9/10/20
2. NaTosha Thomas, special ed paraprofessional Step 1 DOE: 9/21/20
3. Christina Hainy, long term substitute special ed teacher Step 1
9/21/20 – 12/11/20 or until return of the regular teacher

Board members reported on the following: Operations Committee Meeting of 9/16; CER Advisory Council Meeting of 9/10; SDCC Meeting of 9/14; and Policy Committee Meeting of 9/17.

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to approve adjourning the school board meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Dan Brookens, Clerk