

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FAIRFIELD SCHOOLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Meeting Date : September 14, 2020
Time : 7:00 p.m.
Place : Fairfield High School

BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

- I Roll Call
 - Trustees Present: Chad Becker, Robert Garner, Emily Gulick, Michelle Gjerde, Stephen Ostberg, Serena Kolste and Jim Dauwalder.
 - Trustees Absent: Chris Christensen
- I Pledge of Allegiance-was recited
- A Approval of the Minutes of previous meetings
 - Stephen moved to approve August 10, 2020 regular board meeting minutes, Emily seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
 - Stephen moved to approve August 18, 2020 special board meeting minutes, Robert seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- I Communications to the District-none
- I Recognition of Guests
- I Special Presentations-none
- I Public Comment -none
- I Student Council Report-Colter reported that officials were elected; will have meeting to discuss homecoming. Question on student perspective: lunch split by grade, dividers-some approve, others don't, overall, they have adjusted well.
- I Administrative Reports
 - K-12 Principal-Courtney Bake
 - Recent events: kids thrilled to be here
 - Aides; junior high positive behavior system; video production class
 - Extracurricular: No FLY but getting attention with more people
 - Upcoming events: Homecoming; ACT testing for Seniors; MCEL
 - Enrollment numbers compared to last year: EK-8 =188; last year EK-8=198; 9-12=123; last year 9-12=123
 - Superintendent-Dustin Gordon
 - Big Sky Coop Meeting 9/10/2020: Major discussion items=personnel, finance, homeschool.
 - North Central Montana Association of School Administrators (MASS): discussion=possible nurse program, MREA, variable distance learning plans
 - Back to school plan: talk with the county nurse at least once per week; no problems with busing; lunch going well; few problems with masks and barriers; PPE good.
 - Athletics: work in progress; gate and pay to play receipts will be smaller this year-district will have to help with expenditures.

Unfinished Business

New Business

- CB I MSGIA Work Comp Audit Results - Supt Gordon
- Zero findings
- CB I MCEL – Supt. Gordon /Mrs. Grant – Virtual this year, October 15-16
- September 30, 2020 deadline to register.
- CB A Consider to Accept Early Kindergarten Students – Supt. Gordon
- Emily moved to accept Early Kindergarten/half day Kindergarten students for 2020-21 school year, Robert seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- CB A Approve Student Attendance Agreements – Mrs. Grant/Supt. Gordon
- Stephen moved to approve student attendance agreements as presented, Michelle seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- CB A Obsolete/Surplus Equipment – none
- CB ABD Business Manager/Clerk Negotiations-Negotiations Committee
- Superintendent recommends accepting
 - Robert moved to accept 3.5% salary increase, same benefits, same days off; Emily seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- CB ABD Personnel Issues – Supt. Gordon
- CB Resignations/New Hires
- Substitutes
 - Para Resignation
 - Superintendent recommends accepting Kelcy Bouma's resignation
 - Emily moved to accept Kelcy Bouma's resignation as a paraprofessional/aide; Michelle seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
 - Hire – Paraprofessional
 - Superintendent recommends hiring Marca Herron as Part-time paraprofessional/aide.
 - Emily move to hire Marca Herron as Part-time paraprofessional/aide for the 2020-21 school year; Robert seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
 - Hire -Part time Kitchen/Janitor-no recommendation at this time.
 - Hire - Administrative Assistant
 - Superintendent recommends hiring Loren Tacke as Administrative Assistant, will oversee junior high, one (1) year only, \$7500 stipend for the 2020-21 school year.
 - Robert moved to hire Loren Tacke as Administrative Assistant, for one (1) year only, \$7500 stipend for the 2020-21 school year; Stephen seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.

I Future Agenda Items – **next meeting October 12, 2020** - committee reports, administrative reports, personnel issues.

CB A Examine Bills, pay claims

- Robert moved to pay August 2020 elementary claims #38449 through #38483 for \$30,766.21 (no gaps); Emily seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- Michelle moved to pay August 2020 high school claims #38449 through #38483 for \$18,108.08 (no gaps); Emily seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- Robert moved to pay September 2020 elementary claims #38484 through #38517 for \$19,084.48 (no gaps); Jim seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- Stephen moved to pay September 2020 high school claims #38484 through #38516 for \$25,602.95 (no gaps); Michelle seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- Robert moved to approve voided check #37062 for \$250, payable to MHSA; Emily seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.
- Robert moved to approve voided check #37162 for \$250, payable to MHSA; Michelle seconded, discussion, unanimous vote, motion carries.

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

CERTIFICATION:

The board meeting minutes of: _____ were approved at a regular board meeting held: _____ with a vote of: ____ for and ____ against.

Board Chair: Chris Christensen Signature

Board Clerk: Denise Grant Signature