

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

I. ROLL CALL & CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Fairmont Area Schools Board of Education was held on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wm. Budd Board Room. Members in attendance were Mike Edman, Julie Laue, Dan Brookens, Mari Myren, and Jen Harris. Absent: Nicole Green. Student school board members Abi Peyman and Grace Simpson were also in attendance.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. MINUTES

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Julie Laue, and carried to unanimously approve the August 8, 2023 school board meeting minutes.

IV. AGENDA

A motion was offered by Dan Brookens, seconded by Mari Myren, and carried to unanimously approve the August 22, 2023 school board meeting agenda.

V. CELEBRATIONS AND SCHOOL / COMMUNITY REPORTS

A. Building & Ground Update

Director of Building & Grounds, Tyler Garrison, provided an update on the great number of projects that have been completed over the summer or will be starting soon. Some of those mentioned include the high school spectator entrance - close to completion; High school tennis courts - cracks have been repaired as much as possible, but more work is yet to be done. Life expectancy for a tennis court surface is 10 years and Fairmont's courts are 9 years old; Softball concession stand - digging on this project will begin Monday; High school office remodel - close to completion; High school track resurfacing project - will be completed before the start of school.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Attached

VII. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

A. Donation

A resolution was offered by Dan Brookens, seconded by Julie Laue, and adopted on a unanimous roll call vote to approve acceptance of a \$2,310 donation from the Martin County Youth Foundation in support of Fairmont weightlifting.

B. Financial Reports & Bills

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren, and carried to unanimously approve wire transfers for 8/3/23 - 8/16/23 and payment of the August 22, 2023 bills.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Student Handbooks

Building principals recapped some recommended changes to this year's student handbooks

High School principals Brusky and Schultz shared the following handbook information:

1. The school day will be extended by 7 minutes this year, ending at 3:11 p.m. This was accomplished by adding 1 minute to each period.
2. No changes will be made to the current cell phone policy for students

3. Students receiving three tardies will be subject to an office referral. This will result in a conversation with academic support staff who will reinforce the school's expectations that students must arrive at school on time.

A motion was offered by Jen Harris,,seconded by Mari Myren,,and carried to unanimously approve the 2023-2024 Fairmont Jr./Sr. High School student handbook.

Fairmont Elementary School principals Rosen and Grensteiner shared the following handbook information.

1. There will be two deans of students this year. The handbook will clarify that one dean will work with E-2 students and the other dean with students in grades 3-6.
2. Visitors will again be allowed to come into the building to have lunch with students.
3. Student drop-off and pick-up times will be clearly stated, including times for preschool and the new Cardinal Prime program.

A motion was offered by Jen Harris,seconded by Mari Myren, and carried to unanimously approve the 2023-2024 Fairmont Elementary student handbook..

B. Memorandum of Understanding

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Mari Myren, and carried to unanimously approve a memorandum of understanding between the District and EMF for the purpose of adding coaching positions to the master agreement extracurricular salary schedule: Unified Cardinals head coach and Unified Cardinals assistant coach.

C. Activities Admission Fees

A motion was offered by Dan Brookens, seconded by Mari Myren, and carried to unanimously approve activities admission fees for the 2023-24 school year.

D. Food Service Agreements

Jessica Korte, Director of Finance and Business Management, shared information about changes to this year's food service agreements. There will be no changes to the agreement with Southern Plains Education Cooperative. Changes to the agreements with St. John Vianney and St. Paul Lutheran include the addition of breakfast service, the addition of a per-meal administrative fee that will be charged to each site, and a new requirement for each site to pay its own food service license fee. Fairmont Area Schools will not be providing a server or cashier for the breakfast service for either site, but will continue to provide a staff person for lunch service.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Jen Harris, and carried to unanimously approve the following 2023-2024 food service agreements:

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

E. Policy Revisions

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Jen Harris, and carried to unanimously approve the following revised policies:

1. Policy 418 Drug-Free Workplace / Drug-Free School
2. Policy 419 Tobacco-Free Environment
3. Policy 424 License Status
4. Policy 425 Staff Development
5. Policy 507 Corporal Punishment and Prone Restraint
6. Policy 721 Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources

X. **PERSONNEL**

A. **School Electrician Wage**

A motion was offered by Jen Harris, seconded by Mari Myren, and carried to unanimously approve increasing the school electrician wage at the rate approved by the Operations Committee on August 14, 2023.

XI. **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. **CER Advisory Council Meeting - 8/10**

B. **Operations Committee Meeting - 8/14 (Dan)**

C. **Policy Committee Meeting - 8/15 (Julie)**

XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Jen Harris, and carried to unanimously approve adjourning the school board meeting at 5:36 p.m.

Mari Myren, Clerk

Fairmont Area Schools ISD 2752

School Board Meeting Superintendent's Report

August 22, 2023

1. Registration/Enrollment Report

- a. **PRELIMINARY** Number of Enrolled Students for 2023-2024 (**as of 8/8/23*)
 - i. **FJSHS: 895 (-4) (6/13/23: 865 Students)**
 - ii. **FES: 875 (-3) (6/13/23: 865 Students)**
 - iii. **TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 1,770 (-7) (+40) (6/6/22: 1,730 Students)**
 - iv. **22-23 Enrollment Range: Low = 1,714; High = 1,736 (Range = 22)**

2. Buildings & Grounds Updates

- a. Director of Buildings & Grounds, Tyler Garrison, will be in attendance at the school board meeting to provide a detailed report of progress on summer projects.

3. Fairmont Area Schools Strategic Planning

- a. Following our previous school board meeting, we held a work session to review components of the plan as well as school board operations and governance. The plan will continue to be developed into the school year as we work to gather baseline data related to our Vision Card measurables. We are also finalizing the Operational Plan as well as our theories of action. Our vision, mission, and values are in the final draft stages.

4. Cardinal Prime: Before & After School Enrichment Program

- a. Enrollment for Cardinal Prime opened on the CER website on Monday, August 14th for families of students entering grades K-6 in the fall. We have reached our maximum number of students for after school as well as around 40 on the waiting list. Before school is at 20 students now and we have 10 spots open currently.

5. Open Door Health Center Update

- a. We have received a draft operational agreement, have reviewed the document, and have made recommended adjustments to pass along to our school legal representative for review. Once we receive legal comment, the operational agreement will then be brought before the Operations Committee for review and comment. The subsequent step would then be to schedule a meeting with Open Door Health Center and the committee to address any questions. Open Door Health Center would then attend a future school board meeting where a Memorandum of Understanding would be brought before the full board for final approval. Additional information will be provided to the school board during the process as we progress through each step.

6. Upcoming Reports & School Events

- a. August 23rd: 7th Grade Orientation and Activities Fair
- b. **Next School Board Meeting(s)**
 - i. **September 12, 2023 @ 5:15 p.m. - FES Budd Room**