

# SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

## I. **ROLL CALL & CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Fairmont Area Schools Board of Education was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 5:15 p.m. in the Wm. Budd Board Room. Members in attendance were Nicole Green, Mike Edman, Julie Laue, Dan Brookens, Mari Myren, and Jen Harris. Student board members Abi Peyman and Grace Simpson were also in attendance.

## II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## III. **MINUTES**

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren, and carried to unanimously approve the September 26, 2023 school board meeting minutes.

## IV. **AGENDA**

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren, and carried to unanimously approve the October 10, 2023 school board meeting agenda.

## V. **CELEBRATIONS AND SCHOOL / COMMUNITY REPORTS**

### A. **Red Ribbon Week (Proclamation)**

Desta Misegacies / Shelly Larsen, MCSACC Coalition & Youth Coalition

Tiffany Lowry, President Fairmont Empower and Emily Wheeler Vice President spoke about encouraging and educating students about risks of substance abuse and the positives of living a drug free life. The week of October 23-31 will be Red Ribbon Week with dress up days, many activities and a radio ad. The group will greet 5th & 6th grade students each morning also. Superintendent Traetow read a Proclamation that cited the week of October 23-31 as Red Ribbon Week.

## VI. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND CALENDAR (*see attached*)**

## VII. **FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

### A. **Financial Reports & Bills (Jessica)**

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Jen Harris, and carried to unanimously approve wire transfers for 9/21/23 - 10/4/23, and payment of the October 10, 2023 bills.

## VIII. **OLD BUSINESS**

## IX. **NEW BUSINESS**

### A. **Assurance of Compliance**

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Michael Edman, and carried to unanimously approve the 2023-2024 Assurance of Compliance report.

### B. **Policies**

#### 1. **Revisions**

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

- a. Policy 534: School Meals Policy
- b. Policy 601: School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals
- c. Policy 602: Organization of School Calendar and School Day
- d. Policy 603: Curriculum Development

- e. Policy 604: Instructional Curriculum
- f. Policy 613: Graduation Requirements
- g. Policy 616: School District System Accountability
- h. Policy 618: Assessment of Student Achievement
- i. Policy 620: Credit for Learning

2. **First Reading**

- a. Policy 624: Online Instruction - **New Policy**

X. **PERSONNEL**

A. **Retirement**

A motion was offered by Michael Edman, seconded by Dan Brookens, and carried to unanimously approve the retirement of Mary Granheim, high school counseling ASA, effective January 4, 2024.

B. **Employment**

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

- 1. Ashley Gilb, special ed paraprofessional  
Step 1 Effective 9/29/23
- 2. Jennifer York, special ed paraprofessional  
Step 1 Effective 10/9/23

XI. **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. **SDCC Meeting** - 10/3 (Nicole)

B. **Policy Committee Meeting** - 10/5 (Julie)

Student Board Member Abi Peyman spoke about making homecoming a great event with a very positive week of activities. They talked to the student body at the candidate announcement encouraging positive engagement in homecoming activities. Student Board member Grace Simpson also noted the service window change has been well received.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was offered by Nicole Green, seconded by Mari Myren, and carried to unanimously approve adjourning the school board meeting at 5:43 p.m.

# **Fairmont Area Schools ISD 2752**

## **School Board Meeting Superintendent's Report**

**October 10, 2023**

### **1. Registration/Enrollment Report**

- a. Number of Enrolled Students for 2023-2024 (*\*as of 10/9/23*)
  - i. FJSHS: 839 (-11) (10/11/22: 861 Students)
  - ii. FES: 874 (+/- 0) (10/11/22: 862 Students)
  - iii. **TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 1,713 (-11) (10/11/22: 1,723 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, and I met late last week to discuss generalities of district projects. The Cardinal Park Fieldhouse project is progressing and the structural components should be going up in the coming weeks. Work also continues to be done on exterior lighting and signage with our entrance projects, and our CTE building continues progressing with the completion of final punch list items. We have also been working on concrete replacement due to damage caused during the construction projects.

### **3. Martin County Leadership Program - "Education Day"**

- a. Last Wednesday afternoon was filled with building tours, panel discussions, and learning about the systems of education in Martin County. Principal Chad Brusky led a group of thirteen individuals on a tour of our CTE academies, I was joined by the superintendents of GHEC and MCW for a panel discussion, Dr. Mittelstadt shared about special education and the ALC, Rebecca Watson shared about homeschooling in Martin County, and Chad finished up by sharing about our CIS programming and community partnerships. This was a great opportunity to share information and promote the amazing things happening in our schools in Martin County!

### **4. College In the Schools (CIS) Partnerships**

- a. We are currently in the process of reviewing our CIS partnerships to be sure we are fully supporting our students and staff. We are also looking at the potential for new and/or expanded partnerships. We currently work with MN West Community & Technical College for the bulk of our CIS courses, and also have one course with MSU-Mankato and one course with Riverland Community & Technical College. We currently offer 27 CIS courses offering access to over 80 college credits taught by our instructors.

### **5. Fairmont Area Schools Strategic Planning**

- a. NO New Updates

### **6. Upcoming Reports & School Events**

- a. **Next School Board Meeting(s)**
  - i. **October 24, 2023 @ 5:15 p.m. - FES Budd Room**