

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, January 9, 2024**  
**5:15 p.m. - Wm. Budd Room**

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

A regular meeting of the Fairmont Area Schools Board of Education was held on Tuesday, January 9 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 school board members Grace Simpson and Abi Peyman were also present.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**President**

- 1) Member Julie Laue nominated Nicole Green for President.
- 2) Member Julie Laue moved that the nominations cease and Nicole Green be elected President on a unanimous ballot.
- 3) Member Mari Myren seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Vice President**

- 1) Member Nicole Green nominated Mike Edman for Vice-President.
- 2) Member Julie Laue moved that the nominations cease and Mike Edman be elected Vice-President on a unanimous ballot.
- 3) Member Dan Brookens seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Clerk**

- 1) Member Julie Laue nominated Mari Myren for Clerk.
- 2) Member Julie Laue moved that the nominations cease and Mari Myren be elected Clerk on a unanimous ballot.
- 3) Member Jen Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer**

- 1) Member Dan Brookens nominated Julie Laue for Treasurer.
- 2) Member Mari Myren moved that the nominations cease and Julie Laue be elected Treasurer on a unanimous ballot.
- 3) Member Jen Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**IV. MINUTES**

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren, and carried to unanimously approve the December 12, 2023 school board meeting minutes.

**V. AGENDA**

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Dan Brookens and carried to unanimously approve the January 9, 2024 school board meeting agenda.

## VI. CELEBRATIONS AND SCHOOL / COMMUNITY REPORTS

### A. Classic Debate Team

Classic Debate has been offered at Fairmont High School for the past 6 years, with Erik Walker serving as head coach. This year Lara Ellis served as assistant coach. Mr. Walker presented the team members to the Board, both novice and varsity. The team has grown in numbers from two members to the current team of 18 members. The students spoke of the many benefits gained from participation in Debate including developing skills in public speaking and research, gaining knowledge in foreign and domestic policies, and creating new friendships. The team practices 4 times a week and participates in tournaments most every Saturday, including some online tournaments. Mr. Walker noted that Fairmont had a good season this year. The team broke several of Fairmont's past records and two freshman team members were successful in advancing to the semi-final state competition.

## VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - See attached

## VIII. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

### A. Donation

A resolution was introduced by Dan Brookens, seconded by Julie Laue and adopted on a unanimous roll call vote to accept items and services valued at \$21,314.49 and donated in 2023 by the Fairmont Cardinal Booster Club.

### B. Financial Reports

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren, and carried to unanimously approve the wires/transfers for 12/8/23 - 1/3/24, the December 31, 2023 single checks, and payment of the December 26, 2023 and January 9, 2024 bills.

## IX. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Policy - 2nd Reading

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Jen Harris and carried to unanimously approve adoption of new Policy #621: Literacy and Read Act.

## X. NEW BUSINESS

### A. School Board Committee Assignments

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Mari Myren, and carried to unanimously approve school board committee assignments for 2024 as follows:

Board Governance	President	Vice-President	
Staff Welfare	Mike Edman	Julie Laue	Mari Myren
Operations	Nicole Green	Dan Brookens	Mike Edman
Curriculum / Policy	Nicole Green	Julie Laue	Jen Harris
Athletic Council	Dan Brookens		
Legislative Rep	Mike Edman		
Continuing Education	Jen Harris		
So. Plains Co-op Board	Julie Laue		
CER	Mari Myren		
SDCC	Nicole Green		

### B. Policy

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

1. **Revised Policy #213:** School Board Committees
2. **Repeal of Policy #539:** Tuition Agreement for Secondary Students

C. **MSBA Conference**

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Jen Harris, and carried to unanimously approve the overnight attendance of school board members at the MSBA winter conference, January 11 & 12.

D. **E-Learning Day Plan**

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Julie Laue and carried to unanimously approve the Fairmont Area Schools E-Learning Day Plan.

E. **Sale of Hunt Farm Land**

A resolution was introduced by Dan Brookens, seconded by Mari Myren and adopted on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve and authorize sale of the district owned Hunt farm land, property which is located near Interstate 90 and Bixby Road, Parcel ID No. 160310700 (Tracks A & B). The total land sale was approved at \$1,296,000. Aye votes were cast by Jen Harris, Dan Brookens, Nicole Green, Julie Laue, and Mari Myren. Mike Edman abstained due to a conflict of interest with one of the tracts of land.

XI. **PERSONNEL**

A. **Employment**

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

1. Courtney Schoellerman, ASA I  
Step 1 Effective January 3, 2024
2. Gracie Ziemer, special ed paraprofessional  
Step 1 Effective January 11, 2024

B. **Resignations**

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Mari Myren, and carried to unanimously accept the following resignations:

1. Erin Elder, high school dean of students Effective January 19, 2024
2. Megan Marushin, special ed paraprofessional Effective January 26, 2024

XII. **BOARD COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS**

- A. **CER Advisory Council Meeting** - 12/14 (Mari)
- B. **Policy Committee Meeting** - 12/20 (Julie)
- C. **SDCC Meeting** - 1/2 (Nicole)

XIII. **OTHER**

IXV. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Mari Myren, and carried to unanimously approve adjourning the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

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Mari Myren, Clerk

# **Fairmont Area Schools ISD 2752**

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

**January 9, 2024**

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

- a. Number of Enrolled Students for 2023-2024 (*\*as of 1/8/24*)
  - i. **FJSHS: 838 (- 1) (1/9/23: 865 Students)**
  - ii. **FES: 867 (+ 4) (1/9/23: 862 Students)**
  - iii. **TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 1,705 (+ 3) (1/9/23: 1,727 Students)**
  
  - iv. **22-23 Enrollment Range: Low = 1,711 (Nov.); High = 1,736 (Feb.)**
    - 1. **Student Enrollment Range = 25**
  - v. **23-24 Enrollment Range**
    - 1. *To Be Reported In the Future as More Data Is Available*

### **2. Buildings & Grounds Updates**

- a. At our most recent Buildings & Grounds monthly meeting, a list was provided of the extensive amount of work that was done over the holiday break including painting, light construction, and expedited maintenance. One item to note is an update on our softball fieldhouse project. The exterior of the building was nearly completed when the construction company, upon inspection, required to remove all the siding due to a code issue. The matter is now resolved and the siding is being replaced. We are also making progress on finalizing plans for the FHS gymnasium project and FES east playground project to be completed this summer.

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

- a. **Next School Board Meeting(s)**
  - i. **January 23, 2024 @ 5:15 p.m. - FES Budd Room**
    - 1. *(Tentative) Regular Meeting Followed by Work Session*