

# **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

## **Tuesday, February 27, 2024**

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

A regular meeting of the Fairmont Area Schools Board of Education was held on Tuesday, February 27, at 5:15 p.m. in the Wm. Budd Room. Members in attendance were Nicole Green, Mike Edman, Julie Laue, Mari Myren, Dan Brookens, and Jen Harris. Student school board member, Grace Simpson, was also present.

### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **III. MINUTES**

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Mari Myren, and carried to unanimously approve the February 13, 2024 school board meeting minutes.

### **IV. AGENDA**

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mike Edman, and carried to unanimously approve the February 27, 2024 school board meeting agenda.

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

#### **A. Knowledge Bowl**

Joelle Thomas, head coach, shared information about the high school Knowledge Bowl program. High school students Isaac Thomas, Amanda Poetter, and Cailwyn Jobe were also present to share comments about their experiences as team members. Fairmont has three Knowledge Bowl teams, and this year they will compete in five meets. A meet consists of four rounds of 45 questions each, for a total of 180 questions. The questions address a wide variety of topics, including but not limited to science, literature, math, geography, and music. Board members learned firsthand how difficult Knowledge Bowl can be when the students stumped them with a few questions! Ms. Thomas concluded by saying the teams have had a good season and she's hopeful Fairmont will advance to state competition.

### **VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND CALENDAR - No report**

### **VII. FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

#### **A. Financial Reports & Bills - Jessica**

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren, and carried to unanimously approve wire transfers for 2/8/24 - 2/21/24 and payment of the February 27, 2024 bills.

### **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Budget Resolution**

#### **Appendix B**

A resolution was introduced by Dan Brookens, seconded by Julie Laue, and adopted on a unanimous roll call vote to direct administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions and reasons therefore for the 2024-2025 school year.

**X. PERSONNEL**

**A. Leave of Absence**

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Julie Laue, and carried to unanimously approve a leave of absence for special education paraprofessional, Jill Monahan, effective November 15, 2023 through the end of the 23-24 school year.

**XI. BOARD COMMITTEE & OTHER REPORTS**

**A. Policy Committee Meeting - 2/20 (Jen)**

**B. Board / HS Student Council Listening Sessions - 2/21 (Julie, Mari, & Dan)**

**XII. OTHER BUSINESS**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Dan Brookens, and carried to unanimously approve adjourning the school board meeting at 5:38 p.m.

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Mari Myren, Clerk