

# **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

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

A regular meeting of the Fairmont Area Schools Board of Education was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 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 Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren, and carried to unanimously approve the February 27, 2024 school board meeting minutes.

## **IV. AGENDA**

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Mari Myren, and carried to unanimously approve the March 12, 2024 school board meeting agenda.

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

## **VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - See attached**

## **VII. 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 the donation of a violin, valued at \$500, from Ted Lobato.

### **B. Financial Reports & Bills**

Director of Finance and Business Management, Jessica Korte, reviewed the March 12 financial reports.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren, and carried to unanimously approve the wire transfers for 2/22/24 - 3/6/24, the February 29, 2024 single checks, and payment of the March 12, 2024 bills.

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Open Door Health Clinic**

Rhonda Eastlund, chief executive officer of Open Door Health Center, spoke about the proposed partnership with Fairmont Area Schools that would allow a health center to be housed at Fairmont Elementary. The center would be government funded and would offer medical, dental, and behavioral health services. An advisory board would help oversee the operations of the center. At the start, medical services would be provided in-house, dental services via a traveling dental bus service, and behavioral health would be primarily virtual. It was emphasized that no student would be provided services without a consent form from a parent/guardian. The initial intent of the program would be to service primarily students. Services could be expanded to include staff / families in the future, if feasible.

Mike Edman expressed support for the health clinic but asked that language in the MOU be reviewed and amended as needed. In particular, he suggested that definitions in the MOU be very specific to help ensure that the intent of the language is not misinterpreted.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Dan Brookens, and carried to unanimously approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Fairmont Area Schools and Open Door Health Center, Community Clinic.

**B. Policies**

A motion was offered by Jen Harris, seconded by Mike Edman, and carried to unanimously approve the following:

1. Revising Policy 104                      School District Mission Statement
2. Repealing Policy 535.1                Special dietary Needs

**C. Achievement & Integration Plan**

A motion was offered by Dan Brookens, seconded by Julie Laue, and carried to unanimously approve Fairmont Area School's Achievement & Integration Plan application.

**X. PERSONNEL**

**A. Employment**

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

1. Grace Meyers, Long-Term Floating Substitute Teacher  
Salary: BA, Step 1                      Effective: 3/4/24 - 6/3/24
2. Spring Athletic Coaches

**B. Resignations**

A motion was offered by Nicole Green, seconded by Julie Laue, and carried to unanimously approve the following resignations:

1. Dick Carter, elementary evening custodian, effective March 1, 2024.
2. Bryce Allard, STEM / Ag Teacher, effective March 28, 2024

**XI. BOARD COMMITTEE & OTHER REPORTS**

**A. SDCC Meeting - 3/5 (Nicole)**

**XII. OTHER BUSINESS**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was offered by Mike Edman, seconded by Julie Laue, and carried to unanimously approve adjourning the school board meeting at 5:50 p.m.

# **Fairmont Area Schools ISD 2752**

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

**March 12, 2024**

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

- a. Number of Enrolled Students for 2023-2024 (*\*as of 3/11/24*)
  - i. FJSHS: 827 (- 2) (3/13/23: 865 Students)
  - ii. FES: 863 (- 1) (3/13/23: 868 Students)
  - iii. TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 1,690 (- 3) (3/13/23: 1,733 Students)
- iv. 22-23 Enrollment Range: Low = 1,711 (Nov.); High = 1,736 (Feb.)
  - 1. Student Enrollment Range = 25
- v. 23-24 Enrollment Range: Low = 1,690 (Mar.); High = 1,713 (Oct.)
  - 1. Student Enrollment Range = 23

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

- a. The softball fieldhouse project is near completion. The initial walkthrough took place last week and there are a few items to finish up before it is fully operational. Internet access to this new facility is also being completed along with replacement of the varsity field lighting system.
- b. Elementary K-2 playground project is moving forward with the use of remaining ESSER III funds. The equipment has been ordered and construction will begin once the school year has concluded.
- c. New industrial kettles have been ordered for our kitchens. We will be able to use our food service reserve funds for this replacement project.
- d. We are in the process of researching the purchase of a new trailer for the school district. The currently trailer has been used for transportation of band equipment. The new trailer will also serve this purpose as well as other functions for the school district.
- e. New hot water storage tanks will be installed at the elementary building. This replacement project is a result of discovering a leak in the existing systems. A temporary fix has been in place until the new tanks can be installed.

### **3. Facility Needs Assessment**

- a. We recently met with a Facility Services Specialist from the South Central Service Cooperative to begin discussions related to our current and future facility needs. Each school district has unique needs based on the programming that is offered and the demographics of their students population. We continue to have ongoing facility needs, and also want to be proactive and forward thinking in our approach to best serve our students and communities. In the near future, we will begin taking a closer look at our facilities in planning for future maintenance projects, as well as the potential for continued growth and expansion to meet the needs of our current programs and student interests.

### **4. Achievement & Integration (*Repeated Information*)**

- a. Based on district enrollment data submitted in fall 2022, Fairmont Area schools has been asked to submit an Achievement & Integration (A & I) plan to the MN Department of Education under Minnesota's School Desegregation/Integration rules. We are asked to participate in the A&I program and develop a plan to increase racial and economic integration and reduce any achievement disparities that may be present. Reducing achievement disparities for specific student groups and increasing integration is the dual purpose of the A&I program.
- b. Districts receive funding to implement the strategies in their plans. A&I revenue is 70 percent state aid and 30 percent local levy.

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

- a. **MASA Spring Conference: March 14-15**
- b. **Next School Board Meeting(s)**
  - i. **March 26, 2024 @ 5:15 p.m. - FES Budd Room**