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The Fairfield Area School Board met on Monday evening, April 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the district boardroom for a regular Board Meeting. The following members were in attendance, Mrs. Candace Miller, presiding; Mrs. Erica Bollinger, Mr. Matthew DeGennaro, Mr. James Fisher, Mrs. Melissa Kearchner, Mr. Jack Liller, Mr. Tedd Sayres, Mrs. Lisa Sturges and Mrs. Jennifer Holz. Also present were Mr. Aaron Taylor, Assistant to the Superintendent; Mr. Scott Wilt, Business Manager; Mrs. Nicole Steele Zepp, Technology Director; Mr. Todd Wolford, Assistant MS/HS School Principal; and Attorney Ali Hodge, Solicitor.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Tedd Sayres to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 25, 2024 and Board Study Session of April 8, 2024. Motion was seconded by Mr. Matthew DeGennaro. Motion carried (9-0).

**Presentations/Reports**

The following individuals are responsible for updating the board on the current operations of their supervised areas. If you would like their full report, please follow this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLEPDJP9udALGyQSlPPBEbCvcT-62mW2sY>

* Superintendent
* Assistant to the Superintendent
* Business Manager
* District Technology Coordinator
* Principal’s Update

Mr. Shawn Eckenrode presented the budget for Adams County Technical Institute for FY25 to be approved by the FASD Board.

Mr. Scott Wilt presented a review of the proposed preliminary budget after adjustments were made resulting from the April 8, 2024 study session.

Mr. Todd Wolford provided an update on various school activities.

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**Public Comment Agenda Items** – There was no public comment.

**Consent Agenda**

Background: The following routine operational matters are presented for action by the Board of School Directors. Items that require special attention may be removed from the

consent agenda upon request of a Board member.

A motion was made to table Item R until the next monthly meeting removing it from the consent agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Tedd Sayres and seconded by Mr. Matthew DeGennaro. Motion carried (8-1).

Mrs. Jennifer Holz made a motion to approve the consent agenda, items A through Q and S. Motion was seconded by Mr. Matthew DeGennaro. Motion carried (9-0).

**Administrative**

**Actions** A. Approved a field trip request from Susan Donaldson & FCCLA students, Savannah Kahler & Karina Miller to travel to Clearfield, PA, April 19-21, 2024 to develop leadership skills to become good state officers.

 B. Approved the Elementary PTO to use the Fairfield Area School District Logo for the incoming kindergarten shirts, May 2024, and a fall fundraiser apparel sale August – September 2024.

 C. Approved F.A.S.T. to use the Fairfield Area School District Logo for a fundraiser apparel sale August 19 – September 6, 2024.

**Budget**  D. Approved expenditures of the General Fund in the amount of $332,532.74; Food Service in the amount of $18,162.50; Student Activities in the amount of $6,469.20; and the Payroll Fund in the amount of $335,954.48 for total expenditures of $693,118.92 for the period of March 19, 2024 through April 12, 2024.

 E. Approved the following individual(s) as bus / van drivers for the 2023-2024 school year. The contractor is noted.

 Stephen Grogg - Krise Transportation

 Russell Voight - Krise Transportation

 Tamatha Smith - Krise Transportation

 Katie Garrison - Krise Transportation

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 Faith Deimler - Jacoby Transportation

 Buddy Redden - Jacoby Transportation

 Kevin Sanders - Jacoby Transportation

 F. Approved the March bank reconciliations as presented.

 G. Approved the General Operating Budget of the Adams County Technical Institute for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

H. Approved ACNB (Adams County National Bank) and PSDLAF/PNC as the depositories for school funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. This represents no change from the current year.

I. Exonerated the local tax collectors from further collection of the 2023-2024 taxes due to verification being complete, as of April 30, 2024, and the delinquent taxes have been turned over to the County and signature verification has been received.

J. Approved an agreement with New Story IDS, LLC to provide School-Based Counseling Services through a Thrive Certified Clinician 25 hours per week August 15, 2024 through June 15, 2025.

K. Approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Adams County Children and Youth to address transportation procedures when a foster student remains in the school of origin.

**Personnel** L. Accepted a resignation from John Packard as the HS Ass’t Varsity Football Coach effective immediately.

M. Accepted a resignation from Jarrett Boyle as the HS Ass’t Varsity Football Coach effective immediately.

 N. Accepted a resignation from Amber Toms as an Elementary School PCA effective May 3, 2024 and grant permission for her to be added to the Support Staff Substitute List.

O. Approved the employment of Deborah Kane as the full-time Ass’t Business Manager with benefits per the Act 93 Agreement with an annual prorated salary of $62,000.

 P. Approved the employment of Guy Sullivan as the full-time Staff Account – Generalist with benefits per the Support Staff Guidelines at an annual prorated salary of $40,000, pending completion of all hiring paperwork.

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 Q. Move to approve the removal of Patricia Atkinson from the Support Staff Substitute List effective immediately.

**Policy**  R. Tabled the revisions to Policy 339, Uncompensated Leave, on a second reading.

**Proposed**

**Budget** S. Adopted the 2024-2025 proposed preliminary budget with operating expenditures of $22,800,012, and revenues adjusted from a millage of 11.5757 to a millage of 11.9958, which represents a 3.63% increase for total revenues of $22,162,472.

 Background: Final budget adoption is anticipated to be at the June 24, 2024 board meeting allowing the required days for advertising and public inspection.

**VIII. Other Action Items:** (None taken)

**IX. Other Discussion Items:**

 Mrs. Lisa Sturges gave the board an update on PSBA advocacy items.

 Mr. Ted Sayres heard discussion of a possible 4-day school week on the news.

**Public Comment**

Kaylee King of Fairfield Football Inc. informed the board of highlights of their season and the contributions they make to the community.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Ted Sayres made a motion adjourning the Regular Board meeting at 7:59 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Lisa Sturges and approved by the board.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mrs. Candace Miller Mr. Scott Wilt

President Board Recording Secretary

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