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The Fairfield Area School Board met on Monday evening, April 8, 2024 at 6:10 p.m. in the district boardroom for a Board Study Session. The following members were in attendance, Mrs. Candace Miller, presiding; Mrs. Erica Bollinger, Mr. Matthew DeGennaro, Mrs. Jennifer Holz, Mrs. Melissa Kearchner, Mr. Jack Liller, Mr. Tedd Sayres, and Mrs. Lisa Sturges. Mr. James Fisher was absent.

Also present were Mr. Thomas Haupt, Superintendent; Mr. Aaron Taylor, Assistant to the Superintendent; Mr. Tim Stanton, Business Manager; Mr. Keith Bruck, Athletic Director; and Mr. Bill Mooney, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor.

**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

* Assistant to the Superintendent
* Business Manager
* Technology Coordinator

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

**Study Session Topic(s)**

A. HS Courtyard Update – Mrs. Ute Cline and HS Students

Students provided an update on the 11th grade SWPBIS Activity and provided a presentation on the progress of their planning of the High School courtyard project.

B. State of the District – Mr. Thomas Haupt, Superintendent

Mr. Haupt gave a State of the District report and reviewed the mission and vision of the district.

Mr. Aaron Taylor, Assistant to the Superintendent for Curriculum, Special Education & Student Services, provided a review of K-12 student services and a review of the Special Education program including a review of the Adams County Special

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Education Consortium. Mr. Taylor also reviewed grants that he recently applied for and spoke about the curriculum and instruction of the district.

Mr. Haupt provided a presentation on the technology of the district.

Mr. Keith Bruck, Athletic Director, provided a multi-year presentation on uniform replacement cycle and athletic equipment replacement.

Mr. Bill Mooney, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor / Security Coordinator, provided a multi-year capital equipment plan.

C. Preliminary Budget Presentation –

Mr. Tim Stanton, Business Manager, provided a presentation on the FY25 budget so the Board will be in a position on April 22, 2024 to approve the Preliminary Budget. The General Fund, based on no millage increase, would be at a deficit of $172,805 which excluded any capital projects or set aside funding for a possible bond funding of ACTI. The probable future funding increases to ACTI were discussed. A review of the revenue budget was presented at a detailed line level and a review of the expenditures was reviewed by object code and function code. Capital projects were discussed with tentative approved projects of $523,081 and tentative non-approval of projects of $206,000. The Board advised moving some of the previously non-approved items to the tentative approved for vote at the next meeting. The recommended millage increase was suggested to be 11.9958 which would be an increase of 3.63% which will be voted on in the April 22, 2024 meeting as a preliminary budget figure subject to final approval on June 24, 2024. A budget timeline was also reviewed with the Board.

**Adjournment**

All were in favor following a motion by Mr. Matthew DeGennaro and a second by Mr. Jack Liller to adjourn the General Board meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mrs. Candace Ferguson-Miller Mr. Tim Stanton

President Board Recording Secretary

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