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The Fairfield Area School Board met on Monday evening, November 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the district boardroom for a regular Board Meeting. Prior to the Board meeting an Executive Session was held for legal and personnel matters. The following members were in attendance, Mrs. Jennifer Holz, presiding; Mrs. Kelly Christiano, Mrs. Lauren Clark, Mr. Matthew DeGennaro, Mrs. Lashay Kalathas, Mr. Jack Liller, Mrs. Candace Ferguson-Miller, Mr. Tedd Sayres, and Mrs. Lisa Sturges. Also present were Mr. Thomas Haupt, Superintendent; Mr. Aaron Taylor, Assistant to the Superintendent; Mr. Tim Stanton, Business Manager; Mrs. Nicole Steele Zepp, Technology Director; and Mr. Brian McDowell, High School Principal.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Jack Liller to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting October 23, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lisa Sturges. 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
* Business Manager
* District Technology Coordinator

Students of FCCLA, Family Career and Community Leaders of America, did a presentation on the background of FCCLA.

Students involved with SWPBIS, Student Wide Positive Behavior Intervention and Support, presented a proposal to convert a High School courtyard into an outdoor space that the students could use during the day. They stated that the cost could be funded from class gifts and donations of individuals and businesses. The Board thanked the students for the presentation and requested the Administration to further evaluate converting the courtyard to usable space.

The High School student representatives provided an update to the Board on some activities that they have been involved with.

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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.

Mrs. Lashay Kalathas made a motion to approve the consent agenda, items A through S, with a correction to agenda item M to reflect the correct spelling of the employee’s name. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Kelly Christiano. Motion carried (9-0).

**Administrative**

**Actions** A. Approved a field trip request from Patsy Mills and the HS Chamber Singers to travel to the AMVETS Pearl Harbor Anniversary Ceremony to perform on Sunday, December 10, 2023.

B. Approved the Superintendent’s attendance at the School Superintendent’s Association (AASA) Conference in San Diego, CA, on February 14-17, 2024, as provided in Section 5(B)(9) of the employee contract.

1. Appointed Aaron D. Taylor, Ass’t to the Superintendent, as the Title IX Coordinator.

D. Approved a contract for student services with River Rock Academy effective November 9 through the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

**Budget**  E. Approved expenditures of the General Fund in the amount of $212,439.42; Food Service in the amount of $28,855.04; Student Activities in the amount of $ 3,844.65; and Payroll Fund in the amount of $352,576.34 for total expenditures of $597,715.45 for the period of October 13, 2023 through November 13, 2023.

F. Approved Budget Transfer numbers 1 through 33.

Background: Transfers were processed by the Business Office. These transfers reflect transfers between accounts with no overall change in the General Fund or Food Service Fund.

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

James Roth - Krise Transportation

Donna Groft - Krise Transportation

Chole Miller - Jacoby Transportation

David Kelly - Jacoby Transportation

Alexis McDannell - Jacoby Transportation

Karen Miller - Jacoby Transportation

Toni Clabaugh - Jacoby Transportation

H. Approved Business Services contract with Mr. Gary Levin.

**Personnel** I.Accepted the resignation of Taylor Scott, Elementary Special Education Aide, ILS classroom, effective November 3, 2023.

J. Approved a recommendation from the administration that the Board terminate the employment of Harmoni Iaea, effective November 6, 2023, for the reasons outlined in the Statement of Charges. It is noted that Ms. Iaea has waived her right to a hearing before the Board.

K. Approved the employment of Jennie Mirabello as part-time cafeteria aide at $13.85 per hour effective November 1, 2023, and accept her resignation effective November 4, 2023.

L. Approved the employment of Todd Dilger as a part-time MS/HS Special Education Aide, ILS classroom, at $14.36 per hour, effective November 8, 2023.

M. Approved the employment of Sandra Campbell as a part-time Elementary Special Education Aide, Autism Support classroom, at $14.36 per hour, effective November 13, 2023.

N. Approved the employment of Patricia Barnhouse as a part-time Elementary Special Education Aide, ILS classroom, at $14.36 per hour, effective November 13, 2023.

O. Approved the employment of Waynett Green as a full-time second shift custodian at $14.36 per hour, effective November 8, 2023.

P. Approved a request from Katie Kichler to be removed from the Support Staff Sub List K-12.

Q. Approved a supplemental contract for Amy Hyder as the MS Girls’ Basketball Coach with salary per the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the 2023-2024 school year. ($2,648)

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**Policy**  R. Approved the revisions to Policy 610, Purchases Subject to Bid / Quotation, on a second reading.

S. Approved the revisions to Policy 622, GASB Statement 34, on a second reading.

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

The Board and Administration thanked those Board members that will be rotating off the Board for their service to the school district.

**Adjournment**

Mrs. Lauren Clark made a motion to adjourn the Regular Board meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Lashay Kalathas.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mrs. Jennifer Holz Mr. Tim Stanton

President Board Recording Secretary

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