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The Fairfield Area School Board met on Monday evening, January 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the district boardroom for a regular Board Meeting. The following members were in attendance: Mrs. Candace Ferguson-Miller, presiding, Mrs. Erica Bollinger, Mr. Matthew DeGennaro, Mr. James Fischer, Mrs. Jennifer Holz, Mrs. Melissa Kearchner, Mr. Jack Liller, Mr. Tedd Sayres, and Mrs. Lisa Sturges. Also present were Mr. Thomas Haupt, Superintendent; Mr. Tim Stanton, Business Manager; Mrs. Nicole Steele Zepp, Technology Director; Ms. Colleen Rebert, Elementary School Principal; Attorney Gareth Pahowka, Solicitor.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Tedd Sayres to approve the minutes of the Reorganization & Regular Board Meeting of December 4, 2023 and Board Study Session of January 8, 2024. Motion was seconded by Mr. James Fischer. 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

The following students were recognized as Student Illustrators for the 2023 District Holiday Card: Haley Best, Grade 10; Ash Carmichael, Grade 8; Marley Crum, Grade 10; Delani Gass, Grade 11; Beyla Kline, Grade 11; and Payton Stambaugh, Grade 10.

There was a presentation of new elementary school playground equipment from a proposal by George Ely Associates, Inc., at a proposed cost of $113,909. No action was taken.

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

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**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.

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

**Administrative**

**Actions** A. Adopted the PSBA Principles for Governance and Leadership.

B. Approved the 2024-2025 Fairfield Area High School Course Selection Booklet for grades 9 -12.

C. Approved a Field Trip Request from FFA (Future Farmers of America) and Advisor, Jennifer Fleener, to travel to the Agriculture Education Establishes Success Conference in Harrisburg, PA, February 10-11, 2024.

**Budget**  D. Approved expenditures of the General Fund in the amount of $742,229.17; Food Service in the amount of $22,613.80; Student Activities in the amount of $10,171.85; and Payroll Fund in the amount of $1,415,895.50 for total expenditures of $2,190,910.32 for the period of November 25, 2023 through January 19, 2024.

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

Frederick Shaffer - Krise Transportation

Toby Pool - Jacoby Transportation

Shane Altice - Jacoby Transportation

F. Approved the November bank reconciliations as presented.

G. Approved the December bank reconcilements as presented.

H. Approved a contract to participate in the Lincoln Learning Network 5.0 Regional Wide Area Network, hereafter referred to as LLN RWAN through the LIU #12 effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029.

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I. Approved a change in the location of a bus stop from 103 E. Main Street to 104 E. Main Street.

Background: 104 E Main is across the street from the current location. The new location is where the old post office was located. Currently the children have to cross the street once per day, and that will remain the same with the change of location.

**Personnel** J.Accepted the resignation of Kerry Harbst, School Psychologist, effective December 12, 2023. His last day of employment will be on or about February 9, 2024.

1. Accepted the resignation of Megan Ziegler, HS Special Education Teacher, Class of 2026 Advisor, and HS Cross Country Coach effective December 19, 2023. Her last day of employment will be on or about February 16, 2024.

L. Accepted the resignation of Angela Franke, Athletic Director, effective January 10, 2024.

M. Accepted the resignation of Steven Reed, HS Ass’t Football Coach, effective immediately.

N. Approved the employment of Robin Brown as a part-time MS/HS Special Education Aide, ILS classroom, at $14.36 per hour, effective January 3, 2024.

1. Approved the employment of Theresa Helt as a part-time Elementary Personal Care Assistant (PCA), at $14.36 per hour, effective January 3, 2024.
2. Approved a supplemental contract for Peyton Stadler as the HS Ass’t Boys’ Basketball coach for the 2023-2024 school year with salary per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. ($2,648)
3. Approved the removal of Charlene Kielholtz from the Support Staff Substitute List.

**Public Comment**

Terry Ferguson made a public comment that she would like to see grandparents’ day come back to the school. She stated that she would also like to see that the school is encouraging activities for all the students in the school system.

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**Adjournment**

Mr. Matthew DeGennaro made a motion to adjourn the Regular Board meeting at 7:37 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. Jack Liller.

Immediately following, the Board announced they were moving to an Executive Session.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mrs. Candace Ferguson-Miller Mr. Tim Stanton

Board President Board Recording Secretary

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