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The Fairfield Area School Board met on Monday evening, February 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the district boardroom for a regular Board Meeting. The following members were in attendance: Mrs. Jennifer Holz, Presiding; Mrs. Kelly Christiano, Mrs. Lauren Clark, Mr. Matthew DeGennaro, Mr. Jack Liller, Mrs. Candace Ferguson-Miller, Mr. Richard Phillip and Mr. Ted Sayers. Board member Lashay Kalathas was absent. Also present were Mr. Thomas Haupt, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Weaver, Business Manager; Mr. Kaleb Crawford, Coordinator of Tech Services, Mr. Brian McDowell, High School Principal; Mr. Justin Hoffacker, Middle School Principal; Ms. Collen Rebert, Elementary Principal; Mr. Dan Watkins, Special Ed Supervisor; Mr. William Mooney, Building and Grounds Supervisor; Mr. Andrew Kuhn, Athletic Director; Mrs. Kristi Ebaugh, School District Nurse; and Mr. Benjamin Pratt, Solicitor.

**Minutes**

A motion made by Mr. Phillip to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2022 meeting with one addition to the second public comment section—noting the comments of Janet Jones on the Health and Safety policy and Flexible Instruction. Mrs. Ferguson-Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Presentations/Reports**

A. Superintendent Haupt and School Nurse, Kristi Ebaugh provided the Board with an overview on the Health and Safety Plan and COVID 19 Layered Mitigation efforts taken by the District.

B. 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=PLEPDJP9udALGyQSlPPBEbCvcT62mW2sY

* Superintendent
* Business Manager – Budget / Cafeteria
* Principals
* Special Education Supervisor
* Athletic Director
* Building & Grounds Supervisor
* Technology Coordinator
* Safety Coordinator (once a month)
* Student Representatives

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**Public Comment – Agenda Items** - None

**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.

**Administrative**

**Actions** A.Approve the Corrective Action Plan for the Career and Technical Education Programs for school year 2020-21 School Year.

**Budget** B.Approved the addition of the following individual(s) to the van / bus driver list for the 2021-2022 school year. The contractor is noted.

Kyle B. Flook - Jacoby Transportation

C. Approved a request from Karl A. Barron, of 340 Brent Road, Liberty Township to accept the 2021-22 tax payment at the discount of ($6,494.19) and exonerate the penalty of ($7,289.39). A difference of $795.20.

Background: Mr. Barron reported he did not receive his original tax bill, having received a delinquent notice on Friday, January 28th. Payment history since 2015 supports Mr. Barron's claim that he always pays at the discount rate for both his school taxes and county/municipal taxes.

**Personnel** D. Accepted a resignation from Thomas Weaver, Business Manager & Board Recording Secretary, effective on or before April 1, 2022.

E. Accepted a resignation for retirement from Daniel Watkins, Special Education Supervisor effective June 30, 2022

F. Accepted a resignation from Deborah Mayhew, elementary food service worker, effective March 11, 2022.

G. Approved the addition of Deborah Mayhew to the Support Staff Substitute List for the 2021-2022 school year.

H. Accepted a resignation from Heidi Reinecker as the Middle School Head Field Hockey Coach effective immediately.

I. Approved the employment of Catherine Kichler as a part-time HS/MS food service worker with salary and benefits per the Support Staff Policy.

J. Approved the employment of Amy Dennis as a temporary long-term substitute High School Health / Phys. Ed. Teacher with salary and benefits per the Collective Bargaining Agreement effective January 19, 2022 through the last day of the 2021-2022 school year, pending all certification and paperwork is complete. (Step 1 prorated)

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K. Approved a resolution granting permission for the Superintendent, Mr. Thomas J. Haupt, to use electronic signatures for all authorized grants.

**Policy** L.Approved the revisions to Policy 113, Special Education, on a second reading.

M. Approved the revisions to Policy 113.1, Discipline of Students with Disabilities, on a second reading.

N. Approved the revisions to Policy 113.2, Behavior Support, on a second reading.

O. Approved the revisions to Policy 113.3, Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities, on a second reading.

P. Approved the revisions to Policy 113.4, Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information, on a second reading.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Items A thru P was made by Mrs. Christiano and seconded by Mr. DeGennaro and approved by the Board (8-0).

**Other Discussion Items**

(No action to be taken)

Mr. Phillip provided an update from PSBA, including comments on Governor Wolf’s budget address and proposed additional funding for public education and potential changes to charter school assessment/funding.

Mrs. Holz provided an update on the Joint Operation Committee of the Adams County Technical Institute, indicating she will be presenting the Board with proposed budget information in the near future.

**Public Comment – (3 min. each / 30 min. max):**

Mr. Sean Jones provided comment on the District’s Health and Safety Plan, specifically in objection to masking of students and the interpretation of CDC guidelines.

Master Coghan Jones provided comment on the District’s Health and Safety Plan, stating that many of his classmates do not approve of the mask policy. He cited harm to students, especially in mental health.

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Terrie Ferguson provided comment on the District’s Health and Safety Plan, stating that not all student afflictions are Covid illnesses, citing seasonal influenza, colds and other viruses. Such illnesses should not be treated as Covid.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. on a motion by Mr. DeGennaro and a second by Mrs. Clark, all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mrs. Jennifer Holz Mr. Thomas J. Weaver

Board President Board Recording Secretary

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