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The Fairfield Area School Board met on Monday evening, February 28, 2022 at 7:03 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, Mr. Ted Sayers and Mrs. Lashay Kalathas. 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; and Mr. Benjamin Pratt, Solicitor.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. DeGennaro to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2022 meeting and was seconded by Mr. Sayres. Motion carried. Board Recording Secretary Tom Weaver noted that the minutes did not reflect the attendance of Solicitor Ben Pratt, but would be added.

**Presentations/Reports** (For information only --- No action to be taken)

A. Mr. Haupt, Superintendent, provided the Board with an overview on the Health and Safety Plan in light of the recent guideline changes announced by the CDC relaxing various COVID 19 restrictions.

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 – 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

Mr. Phillip, Board Member, provided clarifying information on Covid testing done at home and added that the PA Department of Health stated at-home tests could be used on a case-by-case basis; please contact Mrs. Ebaugh, School Nurse, with questions. Mr. Haupt, Superintendent, also suggested to contact your primary care physician, as they would have the same information regarding at-home testing for Covid.

Mrs. Holz, Board President, on behalf of the Board, thanked Interim Superintendent Dr. Larry Redding for his service to the District for the past four months.

**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. Approved the 2022-2023 District Calendar.

B.Approved the 2022-2023 Fairfield Area High School Course Selection Booklet.

**Budget** C.Approved the general fund bill list for $839,759.39 from January 8, 2022 through February 18, 2022.

D. Approved the food service fund bill list for $55,655.57 from January 8, 2022 through February 18, 2022.

E. Approved the journal entries, budget adjustments and bank reconciliations as presented.

F. Approved the LIU #12 General Operating Budget for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

Paul Kriger - Jacoby Transportation

Elwood Albin - Jacoby Transportation

Regina Robinson - Jacoby Transportation

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**Personnel** A. Approved the employment of Peggy J. Drasher as a temporary full-time Elementary School Intervention Specialist with salary and benefits per the Collective Bargaining Agreement effective March 1, 2022 through the last day of the 2021-2022 school year, pending all certification and paperwork is complete. (Step 1)

A.Approved a request for Family Medical Leave (FMLA) from Shelly Mahoney beginning March 3, 2022 through June 3, 2022.

Prior to voting on the Consent Agenda, Mr. Phillip asked to discuss item A, the 2022-2023 School District Calendar. Specifically, Mr. Phillip inquired about the “Snow Days” that were built into the calendar.

A motion by Mr. Liller to approve the Consent Agenda, Items A through I, was seconded by Mr. DeGennaro and approved by the Board (9-0).

**Other Discussion Items**

Mrs. Holz, Board President, noted that the Board met in an Executive Session prior to the public meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.

**Adjournment**

Mrs. Christiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Sayres seconded with the board all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m

Respectfully Submitted:

Mrs. Jennifer Holz Mr. Thomas J. Weaver

Board President Board Recording Secretary

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