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The Fairfield Area School Board met on Monday evening, November 14, 2022 at 7:10 p.m. in the district boardroom for a regular Board Meeting. Prior to the meeting there was a Pennsylvania State Police presentation to the public on Diversity. 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. Ted Sayres. Absent was Board member Mrs. Lisa Sturges.

Also present were Mr. Thomas Haupt, Superintendent; Mr. Tim Stanton, Business Manager; and Attorney Gareth Pahowka, Solicitor.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Matthew DeGennaro to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2022 board meeting and was seconded by Mrs. Lauren Clark. Motion carried (8-0).

**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

**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.

Mrs. Candace Miller requested item D on the consent agenda to be voted on separately. A motion was made by Mr. Matthew DeGennaro to approve the consent agenda, items A thru C and E thru K and was seconded by Mrs. Kelly Christiano. Motion carried (8-0).

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A motion was made by Mr. Jack Liller to approve the consent agenda item D and was seconded by Mrs. Kelly Christiano. Mrs. Candace Miller abstained from voting. Motion carried (7-0).

**Budget** A. Approved the audit proposal from Smith Elliott Kearns & Company for the 2021-2022 school year.

Background: The Fairfield Area School District is required to have an independent annual audit. Attached is a proposal from Smith Elliott Kearns & Company for the 2021-2022 school year. The audit price is a range of $28,350 to $31,500. The FY21 price was a range of $27,000 to $30,000. This proposal represents a 5% increase in cost.

B. Approved the addition of the following individual(s) to the van / bus driver list for the 2022-2023 school year. The contractor is noted.

Jeffrey Collins – Jacoby Transportation

C. Approved the Act 57 resolution.

Background: On July 11, 2022 Governor Tom Wolf signed into law Act 57 of 2022 which amended the tax collection law, which requires school districts to pass a resolution by January 7, 2023 requiring a tax collector to waive additional charges for taxpayers who have purchased a home but did not receive a tax bill.

**Personnel** D. Accepted a resignation from Dylan Ferguson, MS Head Wrestling Coach, effective immediately.

E. Accepted a resignation from Derek Whalen, HS Ass’t Baseball Coach, effective immediately.

F. Accepted a resignation Jason Thurston, HS Varsity Head Football Coach, effective immediately.

G. Approved a recommendation from the administration for non-renewal of a supplemental contract for MS Head Boys’ Basketball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year.

H. Accepted a resignation from Kaylyn Riley, Elementary Classroom Aide K-4, effective November 11, 2022.

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I. Approved the employment of Debra J. Boring as a part-time elementary autism support aide with salary per the Support Staff Agreement effective November 7, 2022.

J. Approved a temporary change of employment for Shelly Wheeler from part-time MS Office Aide to full-time HS/MS Attendance Secretary effective October 31, 2022 through June 30, 2022 with salary and benefits per the Support Staff Agreement.

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

Background: Board Policy 610 Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation should be updated annually as the Consumer Price Index changes the thresholds for bid and quotes when doing procurement. The attached policy has been updated for these changes.

**Other Discussion Items**

The Board reviewed Board Policy 221: Dress & Grooming Guidelines, with no action being taken.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Jake Johnson, a youth football coach, spoke about the youth football league working with the Athletic Director to strengthen the football program. He stated that there were about 80 Fairfield students in the youth football program.

Another resident asked how the district was going to manage religious objections over the bathroom transgender policy. She also asked if the district was going to show the taped Pennsylvania State Police Diversity Training presentation to staff and students.

**Adjournment**

All were in favor following a motion by Mr. Matthew DeGennaro and a second by Mr. Ted Sayres to adjourn the General Board meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mrs. Jennifer Holz Mr. Tim Stanton

President Board Recording Secretary

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