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The Fairfield Area School Board met on Monday evening, January 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the district boardroom for a Board Study Session. Prior to the meeting there was an executive session to discuss personnel issues. 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, Jr., and Mrs. Lisa Sturges. Also present were Mr. Thomas Haupt, Superintendent; Mrs. Sonja Brunner, Assistant to the Superintendent for Curriculum, Special Education & Student Services; Mr. Tim Stanton, Business Manager; and Ms. Nicole Steele, Technology Director.

**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

Mr. Thomas Haupt reviewed the Board meeting dates and structure over the next year as well as some of the Board topics to be discussed.

**Public Comment** – NONE

**Study Session Topics**

A.Review of Health Claims Data and Health Care Funding Discussion -

Mr. Tim Stanton reviewed health insurance options effective July 1, 2023. Data was reviewed showing the current funding being made by the district is below the level of claims being incurred which requires the district to increase their funding to be in compliance with the requirements of the Lincoln Benefit Trust. The recommended option was to have a 15% increase effective July 1, 2023 with an additional $400,000 being

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funded into the Health Trust in June 2023. The $400,000 would be funded from Assigned Fund Balance.

The Board was in agreement with the above recommendation.

B. Course Selection 2023-2024 -

Ms. Kristina Matthews, High School Counselor, presented changes to the FY24 High School Course Selection Book.

* Driver’s Education will no longer be offered. This was previously communicated to parents in August 2022. Students will have the option to take the National Highway Safety Administration online course at their own expense.
* The Quad Graphics Internship has been removed.
* AP Calculus will be added and Calculus will be removed.

After a discussion concerning the above changes, the Board was in agreement with the changes.

C. Foreign Field Trip 2024 -

Ms. Ute Cline and Ms. Tara Phillips, both Foreign Language teachers, did a presentation on the planned two week trip in 2024 to Spain and Germany. The Board had previously approved the trip in December. The group will be leaving on June 16, 2024. Some of the many places they will visit include Madrid, Toledo, Salamanca, Segovia, Frankfurt, Luxembourg, Trier, Paris, Bonn, and Cologne.

The Board appreciated the presentation from Ute Cline and Tara Phillips.

D. New Board Policy 218.3, Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault. -

Mr. Thomas Haupt reviewed this policy with the Board for future Board action.

E. Board Policy 805 Emergency Preparedness -

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Mr. Thomas Haupt reviewed the revisions to this policy with the Board for future Board action.

**Adjournment**

All were in favor following a motion by Mr. Jack Liller and a second by Mr. Ted Sayres to adjourn the Board Study Session at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mrs. Jennifer Holz Mr. Tim Stanton

President Board Recording Secretary

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