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The Fairfield Area School Board met on Monday evening, March 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the district boardroom for a Board Study Session. The following members were in attendance, Mrs. Erica Bollinger, Presiding; Mr. Matthew DeGennaro, Mr. James Fisher, Mrs. Jennifer Holz, Mrs. Melissa Kearchner, Mrs. Candace Ferguson-Miller, Mr. Tedd Sayres, and Mrs. Lisa Sturges. Mr. Jack Liller was absent. Also present were Mr. Thomas Haupt, Superintendent; Mr. Aaron Taylor, Assistant to the Superintendent; Mr. Tim Stanton, Business Manager; and Mrs. Nicole Steele Zepp, 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

* Assistant to the Superintendent
* Business Manager
* Technology Director

**Public Comment** **Agenda Items** –

Mrs. Laura Fisher, representing FAST, discussed an Apparel fundraising sale that FAST desired to do in the future. She asked the Board’s permission to use the logo of the school on the apparel.

**Study Session Topics**

1. Comprehensive Plan -

Mr. Aaron Taylor reviewed the Comprehensive Plan and stated that it is completed every three years and the period that he was presenting is the timeframe of 2024 to 2027.

Mr. Taylor reviewed the Profile of a Graduate, Vision Statement, Mission Statement, and Core Values.

Mr. Taylor reviewed the Goals of the Comprehensive Plan which are to improve academic scores, establish an early warning system, and to improve attendance.

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The instructional framework was reviewed including career pathways for the students.

B. FY25 Budget -

Tim Stanton discussed FY25 at a high level to obtain feedback from the Board.

Mr. Stanton explained the Act 1 index, the rate history of the index and the revenue that the Act 1 index will generate in FY25.

The millage history of the district was reviewed, and the estimated rate increases to the taxpayers based on millage increases ranging from 1% to 6.4%. The millage rates of all school districts in Adams County were also reviewed.

The possible future millage increases as a result of the borrowing that ACTI is seeking to expand their program was reviewed.

The expiration of the ARP grant funds was reviewed with feedback obtained from the Board on the salaries that these grant funds were funding. Other potential payroll increases were also reviewed.

A list of thirteen capital projects was reviewed with feedback from the Board on which projects were a priority to the Board.

The budget timeline was reviewed with the Board.

C. Draft Policy 339 – Uncompensated Leave

Mr. Thomas Haupt reviewed the draft policy of Uncompensated Leave

**Adjournment**

All were in favor following a motion by Mr. Ted Sayres and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Holz to adjourn the General Board meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mrs. Candace Ferguson-Miller Mr. Tim Stanton

President Board Recording Secretary

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