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The Fairfield Area School Board met on Monday evening, June 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the district boardroom for a Board Study Session. Prior to the Board meeting there was an executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues. The following members were in attendance: Mrs. Jennifer Holz, presiding; Mrs. Lauren Clark, Mrs. Lashay Kalathas, Mr. Jack Liller, Mrs. Candace Ferguson-Miller, Mr. Ted Sayres and Mrs. Lisa Sturges. Absent were Mrs. Kelly Christiano, and Mr. Matthew DeGennaro. Also present were Mr. Thomas Haupt, Superintendent; Ms. Sonja Brunner, Assistant to the Superintendent for Curriculum, Special Education & Student Services; Mr. Tim Stanton, Business Manager; Mr. William Mooney, Building and Grounds Supervisor; and Mr. Andy Kuhn, Athletic 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

**Public Comment** **Agenda Items**

Ms. Corinne Higgs commented on the required commitment of students on the varsity football team.

Ms. Laura Fisher spoke seeking clarification of the football program.

Ms. Suzi Miner commented on the meeting held by the varsity football coach on June 11, 2023 and the three options she stated were provided to the team for the next year with one of those options only having a junior varsity team.

Mr. Michael Betteridge commented that he has been involved in football programs for years in Maryland and in recent years with Fairfield. He stated that smaller schools’

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sports teams have various cycles that change each year. He offered his assistance in resolving any challenges with the team.

**Study Session Topics**

State of the District Address - Mr. Thomas Haupt, Superintendent

- Ms. Sonja Brunner, Ass’t to the Superintendent

- Ms. Nicole Steele, Coordinator of Instructional Technology

- Mr. William Mooney, Building and Grounds Supervisor

- Mr. Andrew Kuhn, Athletics

Mr. Haupt started the presentation by reviewing the district mission and vision statements.

Ms. Sonja Brunner reviewed the current Special Education programming.

Mr. Haupt reviewed the technology program and stated that each student has their own device. Technology equipment and software purchases are consolidated in the Technology Department. Mr. Haupt reviewed the life cycles of the student devices and stated that students would receive a new device every four years.

Mr. Kuhn spoke about a five-year **uniform** replacement cycle with the following being scheduled:

FY24 Field Hockey, Cross Country, Middle School Boys Basketball.

FY25 JV and Varsity Boys Soccer, JV and Varsity Girls Soccer, JV and Varsity Girls Basketball.

FY26 JV and Varsity Boys Basketball, Middle School and High School Cheerleading, JV and Varsity Softball, Middle School and High School Track.

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Mr. Kuhn spoke about the **equipment** replacement cycle and stated the following is scheduled to be replaced:

FY24 Volleyball netting system, storage shed for boys’ soccer, gym banners, and portable scoreboard.

FY25 Gym tables, banners, portable scoreboard, weight room upgrade, field hockey goals, batting cages.

FY26 Sound system for baseball and softball fields, baseball and softball backstops, weight room upgrades, soccer goals.

Mr. Mooney provided facilities update on projected projects which include the following:

FY24 Roofing project, High School gym renovations, roof on maintenance shop, portable chairs, greenhouse venting system, logo replacement, and Middle School office upgrades.

FY25 Painting and scoreboard in gym, athletic field LED lights, Elementary gym flooring, tractor, infield tiller, and golf cart.

FY26 Generator for High School and Middle School, Freezer for High School and Middle School, auditorium curtains, parking lot lights, zero turn mower, and truck.

Mr. Mooney provided an update on safety and security and provided comments related to equipment purchases for safety and security.

Mr. Haupt closed the session by speaking about the continual growth process.

**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 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mrs. Jennifer Holz Mr. Tim Stanton

President Board Recording Secretary

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