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The Fairfield Area School Board met on Monday evening, October 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the district boardroom for a Board Study Session. The following members were in attendance: Mrs. Jennifer Holz, presiding; Mrs. Lauren Clark, Mr. Matthew DeGennaro, Mr. Jack Liller, Mrs. Candace Ferguson-Miller, and Mr. Tedd Sayres. .Absent were Mrs. Kelly Christiano, Mrs. Lashay Kalathas, and Mrs. Lisa Sturges

Also present were Mr. Thomas Haupt, 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

* Superintendent
* Business Manager

**Public Comment** **Agenda Items** – There was no public comment.

**Study Session Topics**

1. ACTI – Shawn Eckenrode, Director.

Mr. Eckenrode did a presentation on the vision of ACTI. He stated that they have 270 students with 8 programs serving Juniors and Seniors.

Mr. Eckenrode reviewed the demand for career technology programs stating that the market calls for 10% of advanced degrees, 20% for four-year degrees, and 70% of training less than four years.

Mr. Eckenrode stated that ACTI has the fewest programs offered compared to other schools. Based on population he stated that they should have 16-18 programs. Surrounding counties have 22-23 programs.

Mr. Eckenrode stated that statistics show that Adams County Schools underspent budgeted expenditures for technical schools.

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Mr. Eckenrode stated that ACTI received 212 applications for 147 seats.

Mr. Eckenrode stated that they do not have a facility that can accommodate the number of programs that they should have in place. They have a 20,000 square foot facility. A recent architect review of the space indicated that they should have 142,000 square foot facility.

Mr. Eckenrode mentioned that they are forming an ACTI Authority, which is the first step towards expansion of the programs. He indicated that Fairfield’s cost of any expansion would be approximately 10% of the cost with the remaining cost allocated to four other school districts. Mr. Eckenrode mentioned that they recently received a $500,000 commitment to purchase land for expansion.

1. Policies and Procedures -

Mr. Stanton reviewed changes to policies 610 Purchases Subject to Bid which clarified cooperative purchasing consortiums that can be used; and clarified that professional services are not subject to this policy.

Mr. Stanton reviewed changes to policy 622 GASB Statement 34. Stating assets placed in service the depreciation in the first year will be prorated and the depreciation schedule and useful life of the assets will be listed in an Administrative Regulation.

**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 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mrs. Jennifer Holz Mr. Tim Stanton

President Board Recording Secretary

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