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The Fairfield Area School Board met on Monday evening, August 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the district board room with these members in attendance: Mrs. Pamela Mikesell, presiding, Mrs. Marcy Van Metre, Mr. John Tomko, Mrs. Melissa Cavey, Mr. Mike McDonald, Mrs. Amy Randt and Mrs. Robyn Koons.

Mrs. Anderson and Mr. David Potts were absent. Also present Mr. William Chain, Superintendent; and Philip Spare, Solicitor.

**Minutes Approved**

The Board approved the minutes of the July 26, 2011 school board meeting on a motion made by Mr. Tomko and seconded by Mrs. Cavey.

**Public Comment**

Ms. Dianne Stadler and Ms. Tammy Clarke addressed the board with their concerns regarding the cutting of the 6th grade camp. They shared some positive experiences of camp from both 6th grade students and camp counselors., they also offered to coordinate fundraisers or get grant assistance to keep sixth grade camp over night instead of the possible change to a day camp.

Mr. Chain noted the cost of this school year’s camp at $11,300 and advised when school returns we will meet with teachers and parents to discuss ideas to raise funds to contribute to the cost.

**Consent Agenda (A-M)**

After a request from Mr. Tomko to pull Item B, the Consent Agenda was approved excluding Item B on a motion made by Mr. Tomko and seconded by Mrs. Koons. A roll call vote was taken and Mrs. Mikesell, Mrs. Van Metre, Mr. Tomko, Mr. McDonald, Mrs. Cavey, Mrs. Koons, and Mrs. Randt cast affirmative votes. The consent agenda items approved with this action are as follows:

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**Administrative**

**Actions** A. Approved teacher assignments, testing and new textbooks for the elementary, middle school and high school for the 2011-2012.

C. Approved a Use of Facilities Request from Chad & Kim Shaffer to use the school parking areas for the Neil Shriner Memorial Car Show on Sunday, October 23, 2011. This group will supply generators for electric, trash cans, and portable restrooms.

**Budget** D. Approved the Wellspan Medical Group, as the District’s school physician(s) effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Services will be provided at $9,000 per year.

E. Approved a Letter of Agreement with Adams Hanover Counseling Services, Inc., for continued school based counseling and intervention program services effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The cost for these services remains the same as last year, $10,169 annually.

F. Granted permission for the administration to refund employees for health insurance contributions withheld in excess of the amount agreed upon in the Collective Bargaining Agreement.   The total refund payment equals $19,037.34

# Personnel G. Approved the addition of the following individuals to the Professional Staff Substitute List K-12 for the 2011-2012 school year.

# Ms. Emilee Crider Elementary

# Ms. Deanna Davidson Elementary & Hearing Impaired

# Ms. Amanda Lyons Elementary

H. Approved a request from Ms. Tara Phillips, high school Spanish teacher, for childbearing leave beginning January 3, 2012 unless it is medically necessary to leave prior to this date. She will return on February 29, 2012.

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I. Granted permission for the administration to advertise and recommend for hire an extended term high school Spanish teacher during Ms. Phillips childbearing leave beginning January 3, 2012 through February 28, 2012.

J. Approved the employment of Ms. Leah Mort as the Board Recording Secretary effective August 8, 2011. There is no extension of benefits with this position.

K. Approved supplemental contracts for the following individuals as coaches/advisors for the 2011-2012 school year with salary per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Mr. Michael Yocum

HS Varsity Assistant Boys’ Soccer Coach $2,284

Mr. Steven Thompson

HS Varsity Head Girls’ Basketball Coach $3,045

L. Accepted the resignation of Mr. Michael Yocum as the MS Head Soccer Coach effective immediately.

# Policies M. Approved the revisions to Policy 5260, Title I-Parent Involvement, on a second reading.

**Other Action Items:**

B. Approved the updated bus routes / bus stops, bus driver list and bus VIN numbers for the 2011-2012 school year.

A brief discussion was held regarding the age of the contracted buses and questions concerning van regulations and state inspections. . Mr. Chain noted he will look into these items and report back to the board.

On a motion made by Mrs. Koons and seconded by Mrs. Cavey, a roll call vote was taken and Mrs. Mikesell, Mrs. Van Metre, Mrs. Randt, Mr. McDonald, Mrs. Koons and Mrs. Cavey cast affirmative votes. Mr. Tomko cast a negative vote.

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**Other Discussion Items:**

A. Cosmetology Program

Mrs. Mikesell mentioned Empire School of Cosmetology has eliminated their high school educational program.  The closure of this program has impacted a few students at our high school and Mr. Sherrard is working on options for these students.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Tomko seconded by Mrs. Cavey and approved by the board.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mrs. Pamela Mikesell Ms. Leah Mort

Board President Board Recording Secretary

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