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The Fairfield Area School Board met on Monday evening, October 10, 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, Mr. Mike McDonald, Mrs. Robyn Koons and Mrs. Amy Randt. Mrs. Kathleen Anderson, Mrs. Melissa Cavey and Mr. David Potts were absent.

Also present were Mr. William Chain, Superintendent; Mrs. Richwine, Elementary Principal; Mrs. Patricia Weber, MS Principal; Mr. Wayne Sherrard, High School Principal; Mr. Philip Spare, Solicitor; and Ms. Caroline Dean, Business Manager.

**Minutes Approved**

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

**Presentation**

Ms. Caroline Dean advised the board that she is currently working on the audit process and will have it completed by the state deadline of October 30th. She also mentioned she will begin working on the budget.

**Public Comment**

Ms. Jeanie Hanks spoke on behalf of several parents regarding issues relating to a teacher. An executive session was advised by Mr. Chain.

**Executive Session**

The Board meeting was interrupted for an executive session at 7:10 p.m. for personnel matters. The Board meeting reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

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**Consent Agenda (A-C)**

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

**Personnel** B. Approved Mr. Kirk Hoffacker as an extended term substitute middle school technology teacher beginning October 17, 2011 through October 24, 2011.

**Other Action Items**

# A. Approved the part-time employment of Ms. Angela Bosley as an elementary classroom aide with salary and benefits per the Support Staff Policy.

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A brief discussion was held suggesting the use of parent volunteers to fill this elementary classroom aide position. Mrs. Richwine noted this position would be 6 hours each day, and difficult to get a parent volunteer for 6 hours every day.

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

**Policies** C. Approved the revisions to Policy 8850, Group Insurance Contracts, on a first reading.

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After a brief discussion regarding the clarity and possible changes to the policy, it was suggested that item C be tabled. On a motion a made by Mr. Tomko and a second by Mr. McDonald a roll call vote was taken. Mr. Tomko, Mr. McDonald and Mrs. Van Metre cast affirmative votes. Mrs. Mikesell, Mrs. Koons and Mrs. Randt cast negative votes. The motion fails.

After further discussion it was agreed item C would be approved with conditions. On a motion made by Mrs. Koons and seconded by Mrs. Randt a roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Mikesell, Mrs. Randt, Mrs. Van Metre, and Mrs. Koons cast affirmative votes. Mr. McDonald and Mr. Tomko cast negative votes. Item C passes.

**Other Discussion Items:**

A. Energy Audit – Mr. William Chain

Mr. Chain explained that in order to proceed with a performance contracting program to improve system infrastructure and operational efficiencies of our facilities, an investment grade audit will be completed by Siemens.  The investment grade audit has a cost to the District if the District chooses to not execute an agreement of services meeting the objectives of the cost savings/efficiency program.  The cost of the audit is $45,000.  Assuming some or all of the suggested work is accepted by the Board the audit expense will be part of the project cost and therefore spread out over multiple years of savings.  The letter of agreement is attached.  This will be an administrative recommendation for the October 24th board meeting. Stock and Leader is reviewing the letter of agreement.

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**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. McDonald seconded by Mrs. Koons and approved by the board.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mrs. Pamela Mikesell Mrs. Leah Mort

Board President Board Recording Secretary

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