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The Fairfield Area School Board met on Monday evening, March 24, 2025 at 7:08 p.m. in the district boardroom for a regular Board Meeting. The following members were in attendance, Mrs. Candace Ferguson-Miller, Presiding, Mrs. Erica Bollinger, Mr. Matthew DeGennaro, Mrs. Jennifer Holz, Mrs. Melissa Kearchner, Mr. Jack Liller, Mr. Tedd Sayres, and Mrs. Lisa Sturges. Mr. James Fisher was absent. Also, present were Mr. Thomas Haupt, Superintendent; Mr. Aaron Taylor, Assistant to the Superintendent; Mr. Scott Wilt, Business Manager; Mrs. Nicole Steele Zepp, Technology Director; Mr. Justin Hoffacker, Middle School Principal; and Gareth Pahowka, Solicitor.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Tedd Sayres to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on February 24, 2025, and Study Session on March 10, 2025. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Melissa Kearchner. Motion carried (8-0).

**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=PLEPDJP9udALGyQSlPPBEbCvcT62mW2sY

* Superintendent
* Assistant to the Superintendent
* Business Manager
* District Technology Coordinator
* Principal Report

**Public Comment Agenda Items** – There were no public comments.

**Consent Agenda**

Background: The following routine operational matters are presented for action by the Board of School Directors. Items that require special attention may be removed from the consent agenda upon request of a Board member.

Mr. Jack Liller made a motion to approve the consent agenda, items A through U. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Jen Holz. Motion carried (8-0).

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**Administrative**

**Actions** A. Approved the 2025-2026 Course Selection Booklet for grades 9 – 12.

**Budget**  B. Approved expenditures of the General Fund in the amount of $520,164.24; Food Services in the amount of $22,086.35; Student Activities in the amount of $10,511.91; and Payroll Fund in the amount of $361,361.03 for total expenditures of $914,123.53 for the period of February 25, 2025 through March 19, 2025.

C. Approved Budget Transfer numbers 25033 through 25044.

Background: Transfers were processed by the Business Office. These transfers reflect transfers between accounts with no overall change in the General Fund.

D. Approved February bank reconciliations, as presented.

E. Approved a Use of Facilities request from Fairfield Youth Soccer Club to use the Stadium Field on Sundays, May 18, and June 8, 2025 for home games.

F. Approved the FY26 General Fund Operating Budget of Lincoln Intermediate Unit #12.

Background: The Lincoln Intermediate Unit General Fund Budget is required to be voted on by all school districts in the three-county area that the LIU serves.

G. Approved the following individual as a bus / van driver for the 2024-2025 school year. The contractor is noted.

Bryan Hopkins - Krise Transportation

Thomas Franklin - Krise Transportation

William Sweger - Krise Transportation

Deidre Berger - Krise Transportation

Gregory Fennimore - Jacoby Transportation

William Henschke - Jacoby Transportation

Susan Stitt - Jacoby Transportation

H. Approved Saxton & Stump to provide Solicitor services, and all other services agreed upon, effective April 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025. The scope of the legal services currently provided by Stock & Leader will remain the same.

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I. Approved Saxton & Stump to provide Solicitor services, and all other services agreed upon, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

**Personnel** J. Approved a request for Intermittent Family Medical Leave from Justine Gibbon beginning March 12 through May 29, 2025.

K. Accepted a resignation from Dana Whalen, Elementary Intensive Learning Support Teacher, effective March 10, 2025.

1. Accepted a resignation for retirement from Barbara Hoffacker effective May 2, 2025.
2. Accepted a resignation from Dan Ryan as the HS Varsity Baseball Coach effective March 6, 2025.
3. Accepted a resignation from Megan Kovalevich as the HS Ass’t Cross Country Coach effective immediately.
4. Approved the following individuals as coaches for the 2024-2025 school year.

Tyler Grace

MS Ass’t Soccer Coach $1,969

Steve Bell

HS Head Baseball Coach $3,675

Megan Horrell

MS Ass’t Volleyball Coach $2,067

1. Approved the following individual as a coach for the 2025-2026 school year.

Cal Meyer

HS Head Volleyball Coach $3,500

1. Approved uncompensated leave, in accordance with Board Policy 339, for the following individuals.

Waynette Green February 28 1 day

Tammy Heitmuller March 5 1 day

Tammy Heitmuller March 18 1 day

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Michelle Molock March 12 1 day

Nichole Pressley February 24 1 day

Erin Rines March 10 1 day

Erin Rines March 11 1 day

Erin Rines March 12 1 day

Dee Shughart March 5 1 day

Dee Shughart March 6 1 day

Jane Windell April 4 1 day

Carrie Wren March 3 .5 day

**Policy** R. Approved Policy 218, Student Discipline, on a second reading.

S. Approved Policy 218.1, Weapons, on a second reading.

T. Approved Policy 218.2, Terroristic Threats, on a second reading.

U. Approved Policy 351, Controlled Substance Abuse, on a second reading.

**Other Discussion Items:**

Assignment Changes:

* **Andrea Holmes** from full-time EL/MS Art to full-time HS Art effective at the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year.

Public Comment – There were no public comments.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Tedd Sayres made a motion to adjourn the Regular Board meeting at 7:31 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Lisa Sturges and unanimously approved by the board.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Mrs. Candace Ferguson-Miller Mr. Scott Wilt

President Board Recording Secretary