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The Fairfield Area School Board met on Monday evening, September 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the district boardroom for a regular Board Meeting. The following members were in attendance, Mrs. Jennifer Holz, presiding; Mrs. Kelly Christiano, Mrs. Lauren Clark, Mr. Matthew DeGennaro, Mrs. Lashay Kalathas, Mr. Jack Liller, Mrs. Candace Miller, Mr. Tedd Sayres, and Mrs. Lisa Sturges. Also present were Mr. Thomas Haupt, Superintendent; Mrs. Sonja Brunner, Assistant to the Superintendent for Curriculum, Special Education & Student Services; Mr. Tim Stanton, Business Manager; and Mrs. Nicole Steele Zepp, Technology Director.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Tedd Sayres to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting August 28, 2023 and Board Study Session September 11, 2023. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Lisa Sturges. Motion carried (9-0).

**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=PLEPDJP9udALGyQSlPPBEbCvcT-62mW2sY

* Superintendent – 2022-2023 Years of Service Awards

The following employees were recognized for their service to the school district.

April Bender – 25 Years of Service

Ann Brown – 25 Years of Service

Jennifer Kane – 25 Years of Service

Terri Westfall – 25 Years of Service

Jennifer Sauble – 20 Years of Service

* Assistant to the Superintendent for Curriculum,

Special Education & Student Services

* Business Manager
* District Technology Coordinator
* Principal’s Update

Ms. Colleen Rebert did an update on activities at the Elementary School.

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Ms. April Bender and Ms. Leann Hazlett did a presentation on Class Wide Fluency Intervention.

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

**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.

A motion was made by Mr. Jack Liller to approve the consent agenda, items A through GG, the motion was seconded by Mr. Matthew DeGennaro. Motion carried (9-0).

**Administrative**

**Actions** A. Approved an Independent Study Contract request from Ethan Holsapple for Instrumental Music Studio for the first semester of the 2023-2024 school year.

**Budget**  B. Approved expenditures and transfers of the General Fund in the amount of $2,727,802.51; Food Service in the amount of $41,564.17; Student Activity Fund in the amount of $4,410.49; and Payroll Fund in the amount of $552,713.25 for total expenditures and transfers of $3,326,490.42 for the period of August 23, 2023 through September 19, 2023.

C. Approved bank reconciliations, as presented.

D. Approved the Heck-Meyers Bus contract effective September 25, 2023 through the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Background: Our current transportation provider is not able to supply enough drivers for the district's needs. Attached is a contract for Heck-Meyers to provide one full size school bus for a daily elementary school run and High School / Middle School run.

E. Approved the following individual(s) as bus / van drivers for the 2023-2024 school year. The contractor is noted.

Kandi Allison - Jacoby Transportation

Donald Lewis - Jacoby Transportation

Nathan Hawbaker - Heck-Meyers

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Matthew Heck - Heck-Meyers

Natalie Heck - Heck-Meyers

Erin Heck - Heck-Meyers

F. Approved an Information Technology Consultant Agreement with Creekside Technologies, LLC for professional information technology support effective September 25, 2023 through the last day of the 2023-2024 school year.

**Personnel** G. Approved a recommendation from the administration for non-renewal of a supplemental contract for the HS Head Boys’ Soccer Coach for the 2023-2024 school year.

H. Accepted the resignation of Andrew Kuhn, Athletic Director, effective September 29, 2023.

I. Accepted the resignation of Lida Fitz, Elem Classroom Aide K-4, effective September 29, 2023.

J. Accepted the resignation of Cathy Simpson, Elem Cafeteria Aide, effective August 31, 2023.

K. Accepted the resignation of Troy Ellison, HS/MS Cafeteria Aide, effective August 31, 2023.

L. Accepted the resignation of Barbara Hoffacker, MS Ass’t Drama Director, effective immediately.

M. Accepted the resignation of Jared Donmoyer, HS Ass’t Girls’ Basketball Coach, effective immediately.

N. Approved the full-time employment of Aaron D. Taylor as the Ass’t to the Superintendent for Curriculum, Special Education and Student Services with benefits per the Ass’t to the Superintendent’s Contract effective on or about November 1, 2023 through November 1, 2027.

O. Approved the employment of Dana M. Whalen as a full-time Elementary Special Education (ILS) Teacher effective September 19, 2023 with salary and benefits per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Masters - Step 2 / $58,218

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P. Approved the employment of Amy E. Barkdoll as a full-time Middle School Counselor effective October 4, 2023 with salary and benefits per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Masters+9 - Step 2 / $58,883.

Q. Approved an updated job description for Athletic Director, as attached.

R. Approved the employment of Angela J. Franke as the full-time District Athletic Director with an annual prorated salary of $72,500 and benefits per the Support Staff Agreement effective October 4, 2023.

S. Approved the addition of Adrienne Harman and Tasha Arvin, RN, to the Support Staff Substitute List K-12.

T. Approved supplemental contracts for the following individuals as coaches / advisors for the 2023-2024 school year with salary per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Jarrett Boyle

HS Ass’t Football Coach $2,648

Troy Wastler

HS Ass’t Boys’ Soccer Coach $2,648

Brandon Lingenfelter

HS Head Baseball Coach $2,908

Jeffrey Hickok

HS Head Wrestling $2,908

Erica Price

MS Ass’t Drama Director $2,050

Tara Phillips

HS Class of 2027 Advisor $2,237

U. Approved Kayla Martin as the Online Program Coordinator for the 2023-2024 school year.

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**Policy** V. Approved the revisions to Policy 808, Food Services, on a first reading.

W.Approvedthe revisions toPolicy 137, Home Education Programs, on a second reading.

X. Approved the revisions to Policy 137.1, Extracurricular Participation by Home School Students, on a second reading.

Y. Adopted Policy 137.2, Participate in Cocurricular Activities and Academic Courses by Home Education Students, on a second reading.

Z. Adopted Policy 137.3, Participation in Career and Technical Education Programs by Home Education Students, on a second reading.

AA. Approved the revisions to Policy 200, Enrollment of Students, on a second reading.

BB. Approved the revisions to Policy 202, Eligibility of Nonresident Students, on a second reading.

CC. Approved the revisions to Policy 204, Attendance, on a second reading.

DD. Approved the revisions to Policy 217 Graduation, on a second reading.

EE. Approved the revisions to Policy 251, Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability, on a second reading.

FF. Approved the revisions to Policy 331, Job Related Expenses, on a second reading.

GG. Approved the revisions to Policy 611, Purchases Budget, on a second reading.

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

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**Adjournment**

All were in favor following a motion by Mrs. Kelly Christiano and a second by Mr. Matthew DeGennaro to adjourn the Regular Board meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mrs. Jennifer Holz Mr. Tim Stanton

President Board Recording Secretary

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