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The Fairfield Area School Board met on Monday evening, December 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the district boardroom for a reorganization and regular Board Meeting. The following members were in attendance, Mr. Matthew DeGennaro, Mrs. Jennifer Holz, Mrs. Melissa Kearchner, Mr. Jack Liller, Mrs. Candace Ferguson-Miller, Mr. Tedd Sayres, and Mrs. Lisa Sturges. Mrs. Erica Bollinger and Mr. James Fisher were 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 Coordinator; Mr. Justin Hoffacker, Middle School Principal; Mr. Todd Wolford, MS/High School Assistant Principal; Ms. Colleen Rebert, Elementary School Principal; Mr. Keith Bruck, Athletic Director; and Gareth Pahowka, Solicitor.

**Board Reorganization**

*Election of Temporary President* – A motion was made by Mrs. Jennifer Holz to elect Mr. Jack Liller as Temporary President. Motion carried (7-0).

*Election of President* - A motion was made by Mr. Jack Liller to nominate Mrs. Candace Ferguson-Miller as President. Motion carried (7-0).

*Election of Vice-President* - A motion was made by Mrs. Candace Ferguson-Miller to nominate Mr. Jack Liller as Vice President. Motion carried (7-0).

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Mrs. Lisa Sturges to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting November 11, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jack Liller. Motion carried (7-0).

**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

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* Superintendent

Recognize Students for their Holiday Illustrations on the District Holiday Card

Payton Crum 4th Grade

Leah Burgett 8th Grade

Michael Gonzles 10th Grade

Miah Montgomery 11th Grade

Elly Pecher 12th Grade

Delaney Gass 12 Grade

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

**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.

Mr. Tedd Sayres made a motion to approve the consent agenda, items A through O. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Holz. Motion carried (7-0).

**Administrative**

**Actions** A. Approved a Field Trip Request from Jen Fleener and FFA to travel to Harrisburg, PA, for the ACES Leadership Conference February 15-16, 2025.

B. Approved a Field Trip Request from Susan Donaldson and FCCLA to travel to Champion, PA, for the State Leadership Conference March 28 – April 2, 2025.

C. Approved a Field Trip Request from Coach Shelton and the MS/HS Wrestling Teams to travel to Chambersburg, PA for a wrestling tournament at Chambersburg Area High School on Sunday, December 29, 2024.

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D. Approved a Use of Facilities request from Fairfield Youth Basketball to use the Elementary, Middle, and High School Gyms on Sunday, February 2, 2025 for games and practice.

E. Approved a Use of Facilities request from Fairfield Recreation Association to use the Middle School and High School Gyms on Sunday, January 19 & 26, 2025 for baseball and softball open gym.

**Budget** F. Approved expenditures of the General Fund in the amount of $1,148,210.70; Food Service in the amount of $38,313.07; Student Activities in the amount of $4,694.49; and Payroll Fund in the amount of $470,318.78 for total expenditures of $1,661,537.49 for the period of October 23, 2024 through November 22, 2024.

G. Approved Budget Transfer numbers 25001 through 25011.

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

H. Approved October bank reconciliations, as presented.

1. Approved the attached  Act 1 Resolution indicating that the Fairfield Area School District will not raise taxes by more than 4.8% for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Background: Each year school districts must choose between adoption of either a preliminary general fund budget or stating that taxes will not be raised above the school district's Act 1 adjusted index. The Act 1 index represents the maximum tax increase a school district can levy without PDE or voter approval. The FY26 index for the Fairfield Area School District is 4.8%.

J. Approved the addition of the following individual(s) to the van / bus driver list for the 2024-2025 school year. The contractor is noted.

Michael Koemm - Krise Transportation Joseph Mulewich - Jacoby Transportation Dale Trump - Jacoby Transportation William Korman - Jacoby Transportation Ashley Clabaugh - Jacoby Transportation Stacey Klein - Jacoby Transportation

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K. Approved a transportation contract for Scott Seaman to transport one student to High Roads of Southern York effective November 13, 2024, through the last day of the 2024-2025 school year.

**Personnel** L. Accepted a resignation from Dalton Sponaugle, Food Services Supervisor, effective December 22, 2024.

M.Accepted a resignation from Matt McCann as the Middle School Head Wrestling Coach effective immediately.

N. Accepted a resignation from Gabe Jackson as the High School Head Varsity Football Coach effective immediately.

1. Approved Dan Ryan as the HS Head Baseball Coach for the 2024-2025 school year.($3,500)

P. Approved a supplemental contract for Marcie Kozack as the MS Student Council Advisor effective November 14, 2024 with salary per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. ($2,074 prorated)

Q. Approved a request for Intermittent Family Medical Leave from Barbara Hoffacker effective November 21, 2024.

**Policy**  R. Approved the revisions to Policy 707, Use of School Facilities, on a first reading.

1. Approved the revisions to the Fee Schedule for Policy 707, Use of School Facilities, on a first reading.

**Other Action Items**

1. Mr. Tedd Sayres moved to establish meeting dates, times and place for study sessions and regular board meetings for the ensuing year, as presented. Mrs. Lisa Sturges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. Mrs. Candace Ferguson-Miller moved to appoint Mrs. Jennifer Holz to the ACTI Joint Operating Committee effective 1/2025 through 12/2027. Mr. Jack Liller seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. Mrs. Jennifer Holz moved to appoint Mr. Tedd Sayres, as an alternate to the ACTI Joint Operating Committee effective 1/2025 through 12/2027. Mrs. Candace Ferguson-Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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1. Mr. Tedd Sayres moved to approve a Special Board Meeting for December 9, 2024, beginning at 6 pm in the auditorium. Mr. Jack Liller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

The board asked clarifying questions concerning football to the Athletic Director in preparation for the December 9, 2024 meeting.

**Other Discussion Items-** (No action to be taken)

1. Academic Data Presentation – Mr. Aaron Taylor, Mr. Todd Wolford, Mr. Justin Hoffacker & Ms. Colleen Rebert.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Jack Liller made a motion to adjourn the Regular Board meeting at 8:52 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. Matthew DeGennaro.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Mrs. Candace Ferguson-Miller Mr. Scott Wilt

President Board Recording Secretary