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The Fairfield Area School Board met in regular session on Monday evening, January 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the district board room with these members in attendance: Pamela Mikesell, presiding, John Tomko, Cady Anderson, Melissa Cavey, Marcy VanMetre and Mike McDonald. Amy Randt, Robyn Koons and David Potts were absent.

Also present were Mr. William Chain, Superintendent; Dr. Mark Sewell, Business Manager; Ms. Karen Kugler, Director of Curriculum and Special Programs; Mr. Wayne Sherrard, HS Principal, Mrs. Patti Weber, MS Principal; Mr. Brian McDowell, HS/MS Asst. Principal; Mrs. Barbara Richwine, ES Principal and Mr. Phil Spare, District Solicitor.

**Minutes Approved**

The Board approved the minutes of the December 6, 2010 regular

school board meeting on a motion made by Mr. Tomko and seconded by

Mrs. Cavey. The board also approved the minutes of the December 6,

2010 reorganization meeting on a motion made by Mr. Tomko and

seconded by Mrs. Cavey.

**Public Comment**

* Nancy Petrosky, an FASD parent, asked the board to please

consider making the athletic director position a full-time position. She explained that current part-time position limits availability to the coaches and students.

* Heather Thomson, coordinator of the Fairfield Youth Basketball League, also asked the board review policy in regards to priority use of the gym for in season sports. She also asked the board to

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consider hiring a full-time athletic director to help strengthen the district’s athletic department.

* Tim Finafrock, whose father started the soccer program at Fairfield

in 1966, explained the time and dedication he witnessed from his father to build a successful program. He felt this time and dedication is also needed in a full-time athletic director.

* Scott Thomson, Head Coach of Mt. Saint Mary’s University Boys

Baseball team, recognized the size of the district but explained his

concern for a full-time athletic director to obtain quality coaches and build programs in Fairfield.

* Sherry Kelley, as FASD parent of three, explained her experiences

with the lack of availability of a part-time athletic director and the concerns for athletes and coaches this has generated.

* Kathy Hooper, an FASD parent, read a letter she wrote to the board

explained the many experiences with bullying her son has encountered over the last four years. She asked the board to review the district’s bullying policy to keep this from happening to other students.

* Lyle Pickett, an FASD parent, suggested to the board the

development of a boosters club to help create the funds for the program.

**Consent Agenda**

The Consent Agenda was approved, excluding item C, on a motion

made by Mrs. Cavey and seconded by Mrs. Anderson. A roll call vote was

taken and Mrs. Mikesell, Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Tomko, Mr. McDonald, Mrs.

VanMetre and Mrs. Cavey cast affirmative votes. The consent agenda

item approved with this action are as follows:

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**Administrative**

**Actions**

use of facilitiesA. Approved a Use of Facilities Request from Liberty Mountain Resort to use the school parking lots, if needed, January 5, 6,15,16,17 & February 5, 6,19, 20, 21, 2011, for employee parking. Approximately 200 employees will park at school and be shuttled to Liberty Mountain via their bus service.

field trip request B. Approved a foreign field trip request from the High School French Classes and Mrs. Pamela Nelson to travel to Paris, Normandy, and Brittany, France on July 16, 2012 through July 25, 2012.

**Budget**

December food D. Approved the December food service fund bill list in the

service fund bill list amount of $21,951.23.

bus driver E. Ratified the Superintendent’s approval of the addition of Ms. Renee Naugle to the bus driver list effective January 3, 2011. Currently Ms. Naugle is a van driver. Mr. Herring is the contractor.

**Personnel**

resignation F. Accepted the resignation of Ms. Cynthia Silko, RN, as the district health room assistant effective January 14, 2011 and grant permission to advertise and recommend for hire a part-time district health room assistant.

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childbearing/ G. Approved a request for childbearing/family medical

family medical leave leave from Ms. Jessica Spinks, sixth grade teacher, beginning February 28, 2011, unless it is necessary to leave prior to this date. Ms. Spinks will return on May 23, 2011.

part-time HS H. Approved the employment of Mr. James Wright as a part-

social studies time high school social studies teacher effective January 17,

teacher 2011 through mid-January 2012, with salary per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. There is no extension of benefits. His last day will be at the end of the first semester of the 2011-2012 school year.

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# supplemental I. Approved supplemental contracts for the following

# contracts individuals as coaches / advisors for the 2010-2011 school year with salary per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

# Ms. Valerie Plewa

# MS Head Volleyball Coach $2,436

# Ms. Regina Lee

# MS Assistant Volleyball Coach $2,686

* Ms. Kelanie Yordy

MS Head Cheerleading Coach (Winter) $1,218

* Mr. James Wright

Class of 2012 Advisor (prorated) $1,000

resignations J. Ratified the Superintendent’s acceptance of a letter of resignation from Ms. Jamie McFalls as the HS Assistant

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Boys’ Track Coach and Ms. Crystal Mort as the MS Cheerleading Coach effective December 14, 2010.

coaches K. Ratified the Superintendent’s approval to advertise and

recommend for hire a HS Assistant Boys’ Track Coach and a

MS Cheerleading Coach effective December 14, 2010.

resignation L. Accepted a resignation from Ms. Kasey Motter as the HS Assistant Show Choir Director effective January 14, 2011 and grant permission to advertise and recommend for hire a HS Assistant Show Choir Director.

support staff M. Approved the removal of the following individuals from the

substitute list Support Staff Substitute List.

Ms. Karen Buttner Ms. Elizabeth Dahlen

Ms. Margaret Milburn Ms. Donna Weikert

Ms. Monica Forsythe Ms. Lynn Dolly

extended term N. Approved Ms. Julia Myers as an extended term substitute

substitute elementary art teacher during Ms. Swift’s childbearing leaving beginning January 31, 2011 through April 1, 2011.

medical leave O. Approved a request from Mrs. Mildred McLaughlin, food

request service worker, for medical leave beginning January 3, 2011. Mrs. McLaughlin will return to work in approximately 4 weeks.

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**Other Action Items**

consent agenda C. Move to approve the December general fund bill list, excluding check #1100120639, in the amount of $232,666.87

On a motion made by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Tomko, a roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Mikesell, Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Tomko, Mr. McDonald, Mrs. VanMetre and Mrs. Cavey cast affirmative votes. This item was approved

Check #1100120639 Mr. Tomko made a motion to approved check #1100120639 in amount of $2,300. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Anderson and a roll call vote was taken. Mr. Tomko, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Cavey, Mrs. VanMetre and Mr. McDonald cast affirmative votes. Mrs. Mikesell abstained from this vote due to a conflict of interest. An abstention form was with the board secretary.

A. Move to approve a request from Mrs. Danielle Mikesell-Redding, elementary counselor, to take an educational sabbatical beginning August 2011 through June 2012 pending all paperwork is complete and policy requirements are met.

B. Move to grant permission for the administration to advertise and recommend for hire a long-term substitute elementary counselor during Mrs. Mikesell-Redding’s sabbatical.

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Mr. Tomko made a motion to approved items A and B and

Mrs. Cavey seconded this motion. A roll call vote was taken and

Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Cavey, Mr. Tomko, Mr. McDonald and Mrs.

VanMetre cast affirmative votes. Mrs. Mikesell abstained from this

vote due to a conflict of interest. An abstention form was filed with

the board secretary.

**Other Discussion Items:**

A. LIU 2011-2012 General Operating Budget –

(emailed to the Board for review)

Mr. Chain asked the board to be prepared to vote on this

item at the next board meeting.

* Mr. Chain also explained to the board the upcoming transitioning of HS assessments from the PSSA to the Keystone assessments.
* Mr. Chain read a legal opinion from Mr. Spare, district solicitor, regarding the Act1 legislation and how it affects what index that can be used after a county reassessment. He noted it must be that of the previous year.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m. on a motion made by

Mr. Tomko seconded by Mrs. Cavey and approved by the board.