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The Fairfield Area School Board met in regular session on Monday evening, February 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the district board room with these members in attendance: Pamela Mikesell, presiding, Marcy VanMetre, John Tomko, Robin Koons, David Potts, Mike McDonald and Melissa Cavey, Amy Randt and Cady Anderson 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 and Mrs. Barbara Richwine, ES Principal.

**Minutes Approved**

The Board approved the minutes of the February 14, 2011 regular school board meeting on a motion made by Mr. Tomko and seconded by Mr. McDonald.

**Presentations/Reports**

A. Elementary “Pennies for Patients” – Mrs. Barbara Richwine

 Mrs. Richwine introduced Mrs. Mikesell-Redding who explained the pennies for patients fundraiser that benefits the Lukemia and Lymphoma Society. She introduced three students, Bailey Selman and Ashley Roberts (4th grade) and Nathan Roberts (2nd grade) who held a bake sale outside of the Jubilee Market in Emmittsburg raising over $500. The total amount raised for this fundraiser was $4,100. Elementary students had an assembly to celebrate their success which included a magic show and two teachers getting their hair cut.

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**Public Comment**

Mr. Peter Foscato, a Liberty Township supervisor, expressed

 his concerns about the proposed preliminary tax increase considering 15% of the township is at or below the poverty level.

 Mr. Mark Greathouse, a Liberty Township resident, voiced concern about the proposed preliminary tax increase.

 Mr. Darren Hebenton, a FASD parent, spoke to the board regarding his concern about the district’s bus drivers.

**Consent Agenda**

The Consent Agenda was approved, on a motion made by Mr. Tomko and seconded by Mr. McDonald. A roll call vote was taken and Mrs. Mikesell, Mrs. Koons, Mrs. Van Meter, Mr. Tomko, Mr. Potts, Mr. McDonald and Mrs. Cavey cast affirmative votes. The consent agenda items approved with this action are as follows:

**Budget**

general fund bill A. Approved the general fund bill list in the amount of

list $318,749.55

food service fund B. Approved the food service fund bill list in the amount of

bill list $21,917.13.

**Personnel**

resignation C. Accepted the resignation for retirement of Ms. Alice Allen, full-time custodian, effective March 4, 2011. Ms. Allen has served the District for 10 years.

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professional staffD. Approved the addition of Ms. Alicia Dick, Elementary, to the

substitute addition Professional Staff Substitute List K-12.

# resignation E. Accepted the resignation of Mr. Mark Petrosky as the high school head boys’ varsity basketball coach effective immediately.

head boys’ varisty F. Granted permission for the administration to advertise and

basketball coach recommend for hire a high school head boys’ varsity basketball coach.

**Policies**

3430 G. Approved the revisions to Policy 3430 Probationary Period on a first reading.

5440 H. Approved the revisions to Policy 5440 Field Trips, Administrative Procedures, on a first reading.

5180 I. Approved the revisions to Policy 5180 Homebound Instruction, Administrative Procedures, on a first reading.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m. on a motion made by

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