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The Fairfield Area School Board met in regular session on Monday evening, March 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the district board room with these members in attendance: Mrs. Pamela Mikesell, presiding, Mrs. Marcy VanMetre, Mr. John Tomko, Mrs. Robin Koons, Mr. David Potts, Mrs. Kathleen Anderson, Mrs. Melissa Cavey, Mrs. Amy Randt and Mr. Mike McDonald.

Also present were Mr. William Chain, Superintendent; Ms. Karen Kugler, Director of Curriculum and Special Programs; Mr. Wayne Sherrard, HS Principal; Mrs. Patricia Weber, MS Principal; Mr. Brian McDowell, HS/MS Assistant Principal and Ms. Barbara Richwine, ES Principal.

**Minutes Approved**

The Board approved the minutes of the February 28, 2011 regular school board meeting on a motion made by Mr. Tomko and seconded by Mr. McDonald.

**Presentations/Reports**

Mr. Chain addressed the board about several items.

* Budget Process and Timeline – Mr. Chain explained that the budget process begins before all needed information is known. The state budget is not usually in place until after our district budget has been adopted. He shared that the governor’s budget showed $677,738 less in state funding for our district and then reviewed the district’s prior cost cutting practices.
* Student Performance – Mr. Chain highlighted the PSSA performance for the junior class in 2009 and 2010, noting that the district’s scores are improving.
* Points of Pride – Mr. Chain stated that our district has many things to pride themselves on including; athletics, music, arts and cooperation with the community. He said we are moving toward online education, through skill building, credit recovery, homebound instruction and offers of course work not available in the traditional classroom; however, supported by a network of teachers within our district.

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* Future Cost Cutting – Mr. Chain said that the Adams County Superintendent Council is meeting regularly to review opportunities to provide educational and support services collaboratively such as food services, custodial and maintenance services, educational programs and job sharing.
* Resolve – His final resolve was that budgetary issues are bigger than ever and the district recognizes the taxpayers’ responsibility. He assured the board that the administration would make the best choices possible through good communication from all parties involved. Our goal is to be the district of choice.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Matt Atkinson, a Carroll Valley resident, asked Mr. Chain for clarification on some budget questions.

**Consent Agenda**

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

**Administrative**

**Actions**

use of facilities A. Approved a Use of Facilities request from the Senior Project Advisors to use the school grounds to conduct an Easter Egg Hunt and other activities for a Senior Project on Sunday, April 2, 2011 (This is the rain date.)

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# Personnel

# supplemental B. Approved a supplemental contract for Mr. Brett Barnes as

# contract the high school varsity boys’ assistant track coach for the 2010-2011 school year with salary per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. ($2,284)

# supplemental C. Approved a supplemental contract for Mr. Mark Keller as a

# contract high school varsity assistant softball coach for the 2010-2011 school year with salary per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. ($2,284)

**Other Action Items:**

memorandum ofA. Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the

understanding Fairfield Area School District and the Fairfield Area Education Association for a one-year only retirement incentive.

retirement B. Approved a one-year only retirement incentive to include the

incentive administration and support staff. The same terms and conditions will apply as stated in the Memorandum of Understanding between FASD and FEA.

The board approved both items A & B on a motion made by Mr. Tomko and seconded by Mr. McDonald. A roll call vote was taken and the board voted unanimously to approve both motions A and B.

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**Other Discussion Items:**

A. LIU Annual School Directors Election - Distribution of Ballots

Mrs. Mikesell asked the board to make sure their ballots are signed and returned to Mr. Chain.

B. Draft 2011-2012 District Calendar- Mr. William Chain

Mr. Chain asked the board if they had any questions or concerns with the draft 2011-2012 district calendar.

C. Proposed Summer 4-day Work Week - Mr. William Chain

Mr. Chain explained that the administration is planning to close the district three days a week (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) for an eight week period this summer having staff work four, ten hour days. He said by doing this the district should realize a utility cost savings. It will come up for a vote at the next board meeting.

D. A brief update on the Elementary School Roof and the School District Water Treatment Facility.

Mr. Chain noted that a few weeks ago, in some high wind, a section of the elementary roof above the gym was compromised. This damage has been accepted by the insurance company as a claim and repairs will be completed soon.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. on a motion made by

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