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The Fairfield Area School Board met in regular session on Monday evening, March 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the district board room with these members in attendance: Mrs. Pamela Mikesell, presiding, Mrs. Marcy Van Metre, Mr. John Tomko, Mrs. Robyn Koons, Mr. David Potts and Mr. Mike McDonald. Mrs. Melissa Cavey and Mrs. Amy Randt arrived after the minutes were approved. Mrs. Kathleen Anderson was 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. 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 March 14, 2011 regular school board meeting on a motion made by Mr. Tomko and seconded by Mr. McDonald.

**Presentations/Reports**

A. Fixed Cost, Building Improvement Plans and Large Equipment

Purchases over $10,000 Presentation – Dr. Mark Sewell

Dr. Sewell reviewed how the Governor’s proposed budget cuts in education will affect our district. He then explained the cost cutting strategies the district has been using for the last few years. He examined each line item expenditure in the proposed 2011- 2012 budget. The 2011-2012 district revenue equals approximately

15.4 million with a projected expenditure budget of $16,249,759 (which is a 2.53% increase from last years budget) equates to $756,727deficit. Dr. Sewell also shared that the five year maintenance/facility plan shows no large equipment purchases or roof repairs for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. The Cafeteria operates at a cost neutral basis with no new items planned.

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**Public Comment**

* + - George Fisawich, a FASD resident, suggested to the board to use

some idle district property to establish a “victory garden”. He will meet with Mr. Chain to discuss further.

* + - Agatha Foscato, a Liberty Township resident, asked the administration how they are going to implement a budget based on the governor’s plan to reduce spending to 2008 state levels. Dr. Sewell explained that the administration is working down from the current proposed budget while maintaining the best possible education for the students.
    - Peter Foscato, a Liberty Township resident, asked the administration what represented the $1.3 million in cost cuts and if any of the state mandates will help the district? Dr. Sewell explained that the $1.3 million in cost cuts has been cumulative over five years.

**Consent Agenda**

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

**Administrative**

**Actions**

district calendar A. Approved the 2011-2012 District Calendar.

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4-day work week B. Approved a 4-day Work Week beginning June 13 through August 7, 2011. Regular hours will resume on August 8, 2011 for all buildings.

6th grade camp C.Approved a request from the 6th grade teacher team to participate in the Annual 6th Grade Camp Outdoor Education Program May 24-27, 2011 at Camp Nawakwa in Arendtsville, PA.

district calendar D. Approved a recommendation from the Administration to

amendment amend the 2010-2011 school district calendar make-up day plan by permitting senior graduation and the last day of school for all students to be on Friday, June 3, 2011.

**Budget**

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

bill list $21,734.84.

capital project G. Approved the capital project building fund bill list in the

building fund bill list amount of $206,857.54.

**Personnel**

family medical H. Approved a request for Family Medical Leave intermittently

leave request for Mrs. Eva Ray beginning April 1, 2011 through the last day of the 2010-2011 school year.

professional sub I. Approved the addition of Ms. Julia Myers, Art, to the

list addition Professional Substitute List K-12.

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**Policies**

3430 J. Approved Policy 3430, Probationary Period, on a second reading.

# 3180 K. Approved Policy 3180, Substitute Teachers, on a second reading. This policy will be effective beginning with the 2011-2012 school year.

**Other Action Items:**

general fund bill E. Approved the general fund bill list in the amount of $298,019,

list excluding check #1100120920.

On a motion made by Mr. Tomko and seconded by Mrs. Cavey, a roll call vote was taken. The board voted unanimously to approved this motion.

Check 1100120920 **Motion:** Approve check check #1100120920 in the amount of $920.

On a motion made by Mr. Tomko and seconded by Mrs. Cavey, a roll call vote was taken. Mr. Tomko, Mr. McDonald, Mrs. Randt, Mrs. Cavey, Mrs. Koons, Mr. Potts and Mrs. Van Metre cast affirmative votes. Mrs. Mikesell abstained from this vote due to a conflict of interest. This motion is approved.

**Other Discussion Items:**

A. Lenfest Foundation Newsletter Distribution

Mr. Chain explained that the Lenfest Foundation Award is a

great opportunity for students. He noted that a Fairfield student has

been selected for the last couple of years and this year as well.

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**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. on a motion made by

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