

**FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 9, 2020**

President Marilee Keim called the board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with board members Aaron Rink, Trent Hostetler, Greg Kitson and Sarah Elledge present. Also present were administrators Dr. Robert J Evans, Superintendent, Monica Kegerreis, Assistant Superintendent and Philip Menzie, Business Manager.

Visitors were Neil Cripe, Jim Jones, Dennis Schooley, Ben Kambs, Teresa Zook, Shanda Branneman, Tim Tahara, Daryl & Deb Crothers, Lindsey Jones, Mallory & Debbie Baum, Jason Grasty, Marie Whirlledge, Carla Hochstetler, Sandra Miller, Megan Gingerich, Mykayla Neilson, Jason Becker.

Retirement gifts were presented to Deb Crothers for her 33 years of service and Marie Whirlledge for her 26 year of service at Fairfield Community Schools.

Tim Tahara from Views on Learning presented the \$25,000.00 Views on Learning Technology Innovation Grant to Jim Jones, Dennis Schooley and Lindsey Jones from Fairfield Jr.-Sr. High School.

There were no public comments.

Neil Cripe from the Fairfield Youth League shared with the board their current objectives and future plans for the league.

Monica Kegerreis gave a report on the Parent and Staff Re-Opening Survey Results.

Trent Hostetler made and Aaron Rink supported the motion to approve the following:

- a. Minutes of the June 11, 2020 Board Meeting
- b. Claims in the amount of \$1,969,533.79 and a Payroll Claims in the amount of \$897,152.20
- c. There is 1 professional leave request
- d. Approve Resignation
 1. Nathan Weaver – District Network Administrator
 2. Cynthia Michael – Custodian at Millersburg Elementary-Middle School
 3. Kaitlyn Morrical – Physical Education Teacher at Benton Elementary School
- e. Approve Retirements
 1. Marie Whirlledge – Nurse at Fairfield Jr.-Sr. High School
- f. Approve Transfer
 1. Ella Haldeman – from Cafeteria Assistant Manager to Full Time Route Bus Driver
- g. Approve Employments
 1. John Skibbe – Jr. High Football Co-Coach at Fairfield Jr.-Sr. High School
 2. Mallory Baum – CTE Agriculture Teacher and FFA Sponsor at Fairfield Jr.-Sr. High School
 3. Candice Tobias – Varsity Assistant Head Cheerleading Coach at Fairfield Jr.-Sr. High School
 4. Amy Garber – Varsity Assistant Girls Basketball Coach at Fairfield Jr.-Sr. High School
 5. Scott Lancaster – Varsity Assistant Football Co-Coach at Fairfield Jr.-Sr. High School
 6. Gene Willard – Varsity Assistant Football Co-Coach at Fairfield Jr.-Sr. High School

7. Austin Turner – Varsity Assistant Football Co-Coach at Fairfield Jr.-Sr. High School
8. Dan Glogouski – Varsity Assistant Football Co-Coach at Fairfield Jr.-Sr. High School
9. Jacinda Neff – One on One Educational Assistant at Benton Elementary School
10. Amber Lawmaster – School Counselor at New Paris Elementary School

The motion passed unanimously.

There was no old business.

Monica Kegerreis requested board approval for the use of Netzwerk German textbooks for German 3 and 4 as per Indiana University ACP requirements. Trent Hostetler made, Greg Kitson supported the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Monica Kegerreis requested board approval for the use of the TPRS consumable books as supplemental materials for Spanish. Greg Kitson made, Sarah Elledge supported the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Monica Kegerreis request board approval for the Textbook Adoptions for English 11, English 11 Honors, English 12 and English 12 Blended specific list of books. Aaron Rink made, Trent Hostetler supported the motion, the motion failed unanimously.

Trent Hostetler made a motion to table the English 11, English 11 Honors, English 12 and English 12 Blended requested textbook adoption, Sarah Elledge supported the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Monica Kegerreis requested the board to accept the \$25,000.00 grant from Views on Learning and to congratulate Jim Jones, Dennis Schooley, Lindsey Jones and Chris Mohrbach for their work to complete the grant application. Greg Kitson made, Trent Hostetler supported the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Monica Kegerreis requested the board accept a Title IV Innovation Grant in the amount of \$5,760.74 from the Indiana Department of Education and to congratulate Elizabeth Yoder for her work to obtain the grant. Trent Hostetler made, Aaron Rink supported the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Evans recommended the board approve the FLMA leave for Demi Hawkins, Educational Assistant at Millersburg Elementary-Middle School from September 8, 2020 to November 6, 2020, and Melissa Martin Computer Paraprofessional at Millersburg Elementary-Middle School from August 1, 2020 to September 14, 2020. Greg Kitson made, Sarah Elledge seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Evans recommended the board approve changes to the 2020-2021 School calendar; adjustments were made to build in days for Covid-19 closures. Trent Hostetler made, Sarah Elledge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Evans requested approval of the Plan for Returning to School for the 2020-2021 school year as approved by the Elkhart County Health Department. Trent Hostetler made, Aaron Rink seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Evans recommended approval for the Plan for Athletics for the 2020-2021 school year. Greg Kitson made, Sarah Elledge supported the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Evans recommended approval of the Plan for the Fairfield Jr.-Sr. High School Marching Band and Band Camp for the 2020-2021 school year. Trent Hostetler made, Aaron Rink supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Trent Hostetler made a motion to have block scheduling at Fairfield Jr.-Sr. High School for the school year 2020-2021 only, which needs to be reviewed before the end of the 2020-2021 school year, and must be board approved for the 2021-2022 school year. Aaron Rink seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Evans recommended approval of Barton Coe Villema to be our architects for any future projects as defined by the recent Fairfield Jr.-Sr. High School site plan. Greg Kitson made, Trent Hostetler supported the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Evans requested the board approve a Resolution for Suspension of School Board Policies Conflicting with Waivers or Extensions During Covid-19 Pandemic. Sarah Elledge made, Greg Kitson seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously. A copy of the signed resolution follows these minutes.

Dr. Evans recommended the board approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Elkhart County for the KidsCare After School Program to provide before school and after school development programming services at Benton, Millersburg and New Paris Elementary students. Programming will take place at New Paris Elementary School. Trent Hostetler made, Greg Kitson supported the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Evans recommended approval of the Junior High and High School coaches for the 2020-2021 Athletic seasons. Trent Hostetler made, Aaron Rink seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The list of the coaches follows these minutes.

Dr. Evans recommended approval for changes made to the Millersburg Elementary-Middle School, Benton Elementary School, New Paris Elementary Preschool and New Paris Elementary student handbooks. Trent Hostetler made, Aaron Rink supported the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Phil Menzie reminded the board of the budget meeting on July 22, 2020 at 5:30pm.

Extra-Curricular Contracts were signed for Caleb Yoder, Mykayla Neilson and Amanda Lester.

Upon proper motion and second the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

An executive session was held immediately following the regular meeting to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees and for the discussion of the assessment, design and implementation of school safety and security measures, plans and systems. IC 5-14-1.5-6.1

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