

**FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 20, 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 Teresa Zook, Megan Gingerich, Jason Grasty, Shanda Branneman, Brian Wogoman, Carla Hochstetler, Peggy Cronin and Jason Becker.

There were no public comments.

Brent Habegger from Baker Tilly shared with the board the Illustrative Financing Information for General Obligation bonds.

Dr. Evans shared a report from Pam Harmon, Transportation Director regarding bus routes and door side pick/drop off of students.

Dr. Evans presented the board with first read of NEOLA policy updates.

Monica Kegerreis updated the board on the start of 2020-2021 school year, noting that we have an increase in car riders, the decrease in bus riders on some buses has made it easier to make accommodations for social distancing on buses, staff is adjusting to ever changing situations, we have 7.5% distance learning rate which appears to be decreasing. Staff members have said that the distance learning Friday's are needed. Students seem to be excited to be back in the classrooms.

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

- a. Minutes of the August 6, 2020 Board Meeting
- b. Claims in the amount of \$341,817.05 and a Payroll Claims in the amount of \$348,699.98
- c. One professional leave request
- d. Retirement
 1. Debra Borntreger – School Nurse at Millersburg Elementary-Middle School
- e. Resignation
 1. Chris Morhbach – District Network Administrator
- f. Employments
 1. Ana Bailey – Title I Educational Assistant at New Paris Elementary School
 2. Mykayla Newman – Lifeskills Educational Assistant at Millersburg Elementary-Middle School

The motion passed unanimously.

There was no old business.

At this time the regular Board meeting was recessed by President Marilee Keim and a public hearing on the 2021 Budget was called to order. A summary of the 2021 budget was presented by Business Manager Phil Menzie. With no objections voiced concerning the budget Trent Hostetler made and Greg Kitson supported the motion to close the public hearing and resume the regular Board meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Evans recommended the board approve the Benton Elementary School improvement plan. Sarah Elledge made, Greg Kitson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Evans recommended the board accept from Elkhart County Student Masks the donation of 900 masks for student use. Greg Kitson made, Aaron Rink seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Aaron Rink made, Greg Kitson supported a motion to approve changes made to the Fairfield Jr.-Sr. High School Student handbook for 2020-2021, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Evans recommended the board approve the school board compact. Trent Hostetler made, Greg Kitson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jason Grasty shared a story of a student needing a mask in a hurry so that he could return to class quickly because he was having fun in the classroom.

Marilee Keim thanked the principals for allowing the school board members to visit the schools last week.

Sarah Elledge thanked the administration for their time and commitment to the staff and students.

Certified Contracts were signed for Amber Lawmaster, Jessica Gilreath, Erin Blomgren, Krysta Beehler, Jennifer Ann Yoder, Leah Gibson, Nadine Godfrey, Elizabeth Yoder, Angela Vargas, Lindsay Kauffman, Sarah Schroeder, Mallory Baum.

Extra-Curricular Contract was signed for Mallory Baum.

Upon proper motion and second the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

President

Vice President

Secretary

Member

Member