Regular Board of Education Meeting; June 20, 2024

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Fairfield Public School District No. 112, Wayne County, Illinois, held in the District Board Room, 200 West Center, Fairfield, Illinois, on Thursday, June 20, 2024.

AGENDA #1 – Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by President Amy Sager, who directed the Secretary to call the roll.

AGENDA #2 – Roll Call – The Secretary called the roll and the following members answered to their names as called and were found to be present:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

There being a quorum present, the President declared the Board of Education to be in session for the transaction of business.

OTHERS PRESENT: Rhonda Clark, Center Street Principal/Tech Coordinator; April Smith, North Side Principal; Tom Matthews, Wayne County Press

AGENDA #3 – Public Hearing – A motion was made by member Jason McCulley to Open the Public Hearing on the 2023 – 2024 Amended Budget. The motion was seconded by member Jamie Jones, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

3.1 Public Comments

3.2 A motion was made by member Brandon Berghaus to approve the 2023 – 2024 Amended Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by member Jason McCulley, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

3.3 A motion was made by member Jason McCulley to close the Public Hearing on the 2023 – 2024 Amended Budget. The motion was seconded by member Heather Trent, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

AGENDA #4 – Citizens Non-Agenda Items - None

AGENDA #5 – Approval of Minutes

5.1 A motion was made by member Heather Trent that the Board of Education minutes for the Regular and Closed Session Meetings held Monday, May 20, 2024 be approved as prepared and made available to all Board of Education members. The motion was seconded by member Jamie Jones, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

5.2 A motion was made by member Heather Trent that the Board of Education minutes for the Special Meeting held Thursday, May 23, 2024 be approved as prepared and made available to all Board of Education members. The motion was seconded by member Jamie Jones, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

AGENDA #6 – Financial Reports

6.1 Treasurer’s Report – The Treasurer’s Report, dated May 31, 2024 was presented as follows:

Education Fund $2,542,657.56

Building Fund $834,481.05

Debt Services Fund $135,159.99

Transportation Fund $207,826.58

IMRF Fund $466,888.70

Capital Projects $0.00

Working Cash Fund $1,322,565.20

Tort Fund $392,053.35

Fire Prevention/Safety Fund $268,733.44

Total $6,170,365.87

There being no additions or corrections, the President declared the Treasurer’s Report will stand approved as presented.

6.2 Payroll – Member Jason McCulley made a motion that the salaries for the District for the month of June be approved and ordered paid. The motion was seconded by member Jamie Jones, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

6.3 Monthly Bills – Current bills, as listed, were presented for payment. After examination of the listed bills, member Jason McCulley made a motion to approve the bills for payment. The motion was seconded by member Brandon Berghaus, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

AGENDA #7 – Superintendent’s Report

7.1 Revenue to Expense Report

7.2 Food Service Report

7.3 Transportation Report

7.4 Second Reading of Board Policy 4.36: Tuition

7.5 First Reading of FY25 Student Handbook Changes

7.6 FY25 Board Meeting Dates

7.7 Abolish Petty Cash

7.8 FY25 School Fees/Registration Dates

7.9 Food Service Interagency Agreement

7.10 Authorization of the District to Expend Funds

7.11 School Treasurer Bond

7.12 Summer Projects

7.13 School Resource Officer

7.14 Teacher Vacancy Grant

AGENDA #8 – Action Items

8.1 A motion was made by member Amy Sager to Board Policy 4.36: Tuition as presented. The motion was seconded by member Jason McCulley, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

8.2 A motion was made by member Jason McCulley to approve the FY25 Board Meeting Dates as presented. The motion was seconded by member Jamie Jones, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

8.3 A motion was made by member Brandon Berghaus to Abolish Petty Cash for the FY24 school year. The motion was seconded by member Heather Trent, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

8.4 A motion was made by member Jason McCulley to approve the FY25 School Fees as presented. The motion was seconded by member Amy Sager, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

8.5.1 A motion was made by member Heather Trent that the Board approve the Interagency Food Service Contract with Geff School as presented. The motion was seconded by member Jamie Jones, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

8.5.2 A motion was made by member Brandon Berghaus that the Board approve the Interagency Food Service Contract with St. Joe Olney School as presented. The motion was seconded by member Jamie Jones, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

8.6 A motion was made by member Brandon Berghaus to authorize the District to expend funds in order to cover the costs of salaries, materials and supplies until the annual budget is adopted. The motion was seconded by member Heather Trent, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

8.7 A motion was made by member Amy Sager to approve the School Treasurer Bod for the period of July 1, 2024 – July 1, 2025 as presented. The motion was seconded by member Jamie Jones, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

AGENDA #9 – Principals’ Reports

9.1 Center Street

* Building projects are being completed by the custodians.
* We will be switching back to the points-based grading system for all subjects in grades 4-8.
* I attended the "Energy Bus" workshop with Kristina this summer, which was very good.

9.2 North Side

* We have four students in summer tutoring; eligible for retention

AGENDA #10 – Board Members Request/Report

AGENDA #11 – Closed Session to Discuss Information Regarding Appointment, Employment, Retirement or Dismissal of an Employee, Labor Relations, Collective Negotiations, Litigation, Public Office Vacancy and Student Discipline (5ILCS 120/2a)

11.1 A motion was made by member Jamie Jones that the Board enter Closed Session at the hour of 6:43 P.M. The motion was seconded by Jessica Oliver, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

11.2 A motion was made by member Heather Trent that the Board end the Closed Session at the hour of 7:49 P.M. The motion was seconded by member Jamie Jones, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

AGENDA #12 – Action Items

12.1 A motion was made by member Amy Sager to approve the Special Education Coordinator Ten-Month Contract as presented. The motion was seconded by member Jamie Jones, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

12.2 A motion was made by member Jamie Jones to accept the resignation of Laura Zurliene ad 5th/6th Girls’ Basketball Coach. The motion was seconded by member Brandon Berghaus, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

12.3 A motion was made by member Jason McCulley to accept the resignation of Angie Hout as Assistant Softball Coach. The motion was seconded by member Jamie Jones, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

12.4 A motion was made by Jamie Jones to accept the resignation of Lauren Eckleberry as Paraprofessional. The motion was seconded by member Jason McCulley, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

12.5.1 A motion was made by Jason McCulley to hire Jodi Robinson as Paraprofessional for the FY25 school year. The motion was seconded by member Jamie Jones, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

12.5.2 A motion was made by Jason McCulley to hire Deanna Downen as Paraprofessional for the FY25 school year. The motion was seconded by member Heather Trent, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

Members abstaining: Amy Sager

The President declared the motion passed.

12.5.3 A motion was made by Jason McCulley to hire Nichole McKitrick as Paraprofessional for the FY25 school year. The motion was seconded by member Amy Sager, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

12.5.4 A motion was made by Jason McCulley to hire Kristi Paul as Paraprofessional for the FY25 school year. The motion was seconded by member Heather Trent, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

12.5.5 A motion was made by Jason McCulley to hire Kamberlyn White as Paraprofessional for the FY25 school year pending background screening results. The motion was seconded by member Jamie Jones, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

12.5.6 A motion was made by Jason McCulley to hire Caitlin Herald as Paraprofessional for the FY25 school year pending background screening results. The motion was seconded by member Amy Sager, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

12.6 A motion was made by member Jason McCulley to hire John Wicker as Band Director for the FY25 school year. The motion was seconded by member Jamie Jones, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

12.7 A motion was made by member Jamie Jones to hire Brittany Titzer as 7th Grade Girls’ Basketball Coach. The motion was seconded by member Jessica Oliver, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

12.8 A motion was made by member Jason McCulley to re-hire the Fall Coaching Staff and Athletic Director for the FY25 school year as follows:

Bryce Kovacich – Head Softball

Robert Black – Head Baseball

Eric Stewart – Assistant Baseball

Amelia Lingafelter – Cross Country

Alissa McConnaughhay – Assistant Cross Country

Raya Horton – Cheerleading

Jana Toombs – Assistant Cheerleading

Yvette Combs – Athletic Director

The motion was seconded by member Amy Sager, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

12.9 A motion was made by member Heather Trent to hire Stevey Ukena as Pep Club Sponsor for the FY25 school year. The motion was seconded by member Amy Sager, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

12.10 A motion was made by member Jason McCulley to hire Morgan Bowers as School Nurse. The motion was seconded by member Brandon Berghaus, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

12.11 A motion was made by member Amy Sager to hire Mike Hart as Part-time Custodian. The motion was seconded by member Jamie Jones, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

12.12 A motion was made by member Jason McCulley to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement and MOU as presented. The motion was seconded by member Jamie Jones, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

12.13.1 A motion was made by member Jason McCulley to increase the Paraprofessional Substitute pay rate to $15/hour = $113/day. The motion was seconded by member Jamie Jones, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

12.13.2 A motion was made by member Jamie Jones to increase the Substitute Teacher pay rate to $123/day and Certified Substitute Teacher pay rate to $133/day. The motion was seconded by member Brandon Berghaus, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

12.14 A motion was made by member Heather Trent to approve the Non-Certified Staff pay rates as presented. The motion was seconded by member Jamie Jones, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

12.15 A motion was made by member Jason McCulley to approve the Nursing Staff pay rates as presented. The motion was seconded by member Jamie Jones, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

AGENDA #13 – Informational Items – None

AGENDA #14 – Adjournment – A motion was made by member Jamie Jones that the meeting adjourn at 7:57 P.M. The motion was seconded by member Brandon Berghaus, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jason McCulley, Brandon Berghaus, Jamie Jones

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

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