Regular Board of Education Meeting; April 15, 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 Monday, April 15, 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

Members absent: Jamie Jones, 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; Dustin Fuller, Wayne County Now; Tom Matthews, Wayne County Press

AGENDA #3 – Citizens Non-Agenda Items - None

AGENDA #4 – Approval of Minutes

4.1 A motion was made by member Heather Trent that the Board of Education minutes for the Regular and Closed Session Meetings held Monday, March 18, 2024 be approved as prepared and made available to all Board of Education members. 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

Members absent: Jamie Jones, Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

AGENDA #5 – Financial Reports

5.1 Treasurer’s Report – The Treasurer’s Report, dated March 31, 2024 was presented as follows:

Education Fund $2,294,661.45

Building Fund $873,895.70

Debt Services Fund $171,719.53

Transportation Fund $214,668.09

IMRF Fund $516,024.72

Capital Projects $0.00

Working Cash Fund $1,321,981.22

Tort Fund $456,733.99

Fire Prevention/Safety Fund $268,614.78

 Total $6,118,299.48

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

5.2 Payroll – Member Jamie Jones made a motion that the salaries for the District for the month of April be approved and ordered paid. 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

Members absent: Jamie Jones, Erica Burris

 The President declared the motion passed.

5.3 Monthly Bills – Current bills, as listed, were presented for payment. After examination of the listed bills, member Brandon Berghaus made a motion to approve the bills for payment. 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

Members absent: Jamie Jones, Erica Burris

 The President declared the motion passed.

AGENDA #6 – Superintendent’s Report

 6.1 Revenue to Expense Report

6.2 Food Service Report

 6.3 Transportation Report

 6.4 Consolidated District Grant Application

 6.5 First Reading of PRESS Policy 114

 6.6 Graduation

 6.7 Curriculum Report

 6.8 Building Reports

 6.9 Board Meeting Date Change

AGENDA #7 – Action Items

7.1 A motion was made by member Jason McCulley to approve the Consolidated District Grant Application 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

Members absent: Jamie Jones, Erica Burris

 The President declared the motion passed.

AGENDA #8 – Principals’ Reports

8.1 Center Street

* Track is in full swing. The next meet is Thursday at home.
* We honored our paraprofessionals with breakfast on April 3rd for Paraprofessional day.
* The students completed IAR testing April 9-11. Mary informed me today that all make-up tests have also been completed. Testing went very smoothly. On Friday the 12th we rewarded the teachers with pizza for the hard work they put into preparing the kids for testing. They were very appreciative.
* We are hosting the conference scholastic bowl tournament as we speak, and we are also hosting the regional tournament on April 24th.
* Some of our band students will participate in an honors band performance at the high school on Sunday, April 21st at 4:30. This is something new that the surrounding directors are doing. Mr. Livesay will conduct the band. The students will meet on Saturday to practice.
* Our spring music concert will be held on Tuesday, April 23rd at Center Street at 6:00.
* The honors reception for the 8th grade honor students will be held on Monday, April 29th at 6:00 here at Center Street.
* We have several field trips coming up.
* We will celebrate our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week which is May 6-10. We will have breakfast one day, lunch a couple of days, and a small gift for each of them.
* The community vesper service will be held Sunday, May 5th, at 2:00 pm at Center Street. Pastor Phillip Trent will deliver the message.
* The current 3rd graders are scheduled to come and tour Center Street and meet the 4th grade teachers on Wednesday, May 1st.
* Center Street’s picnic will be held on Monday, May 6th. We will have lots of activities for them to do throughout the day and we will grill hot dogs for lunch.
* As you know, Center Street Graduation is scheduled for Thursday, May 9th at 6:30.
* The spring sports awards presentations will be on Wednesday, May 15th.
* The last student attendance day will be Thursday, May 16th.

8.2 North Side

* PTO: March 26th Family Folkdance Night was well attended; April 22nd will be Messy Art Night from 5:30 – 7:30
* Completed IAR testing in 3rd Grade
* Preschool Screenings 4/17 – 4/19
* Kindergarten took a field trip to Cedarhurst in Mt. Vernon, IL. The facility bragged on how well behaved our kindergarteners were.
* Getting ready to review our spring benchmark testing and assess overall student growth in academics.
* Still needing applicants for paraprofessionals and bus drivers.
* After-school tutoring will wrap up on April 25th. Retention meetings will be held as needed.

AGENDA #9 – Board Members Request/Report

AGENDA #10 – 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)

10.1 A motion was made by member Brandon Berghaus that the Board enter Closed Session at the hour of 6:26 P.M. The motion was seconded by Heather Trent, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

Members absent: Jamie Jones, Erica Burris

 The President declared the motion passed.

10.2 A motion was made by member Jason McCulley that the Board end the Closed Session at the hour of 7:16 P.M. 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, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley

Members absent: Jamie Jones, Erica Burris

 The President declared the motion passed.

AGENDA #11 – Action Items

11.1 A motion was made by member Amy Sager to hire Julie Hutson, and Heather Laird as long-term substitutes for the month of May. 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

 Members absent: Jamie Jones, Erica Burris

 The President declared the motion passed.

11.2 A motion was made by Brandon Berghaus to hire Delilah White as Girls’ Varsity Basketball Coach for the FY25 school year. 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

 Members absent: Jamie Jones, Erica Burris

 The President declared the motion passed.

11.3 A motion was made by member Heather Trent to hire Gracie Musgrave as Paraprofessional for the FY25 school year. 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

Members absent: Jamie Jones, Erica Burris,

The President declared the motion passed.

AGENDA #12 – Informational Items – None

AGENDA #13 – Adjournment – A motion was made by member Heather Trent that the meeting adjourn at 7:18 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

Members absent: Jamie Jones, Erica Burris

 The President declared the motion passed.

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 President

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 Secretary