Regular Board of Education Meeting; December 13, 2021

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, December 13, 2021.

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:

Angie Koontz, Shane Neuman, Dan Coomer, Jessica Oliver, Heather Trent, Jason McCulley, Amy Sager

Members absent: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Kristina Gardner, North Side Principal; April Smith, Center Street Principal; Rhonda Clark, Center Street Assistant Principal/Tech Coordinator; Jeff Vaughan, WFIW Radio; Tom Matthews, Jr., Wayne County Press; Marcia Puckett, Lana Mays, & Angie Hout, Teachers; Tim Buss, IASB Representative; Emily Coombs & Schylar Weir, citizens

AGENDA #3 – Citizens Non-Agenda Items

3.1 Emily Coombs approached the Board regarding a concern for her student

AGENDA #4 – Approval of Minutes

4.1 A motion was made by member Jessica Oliver that the Board of Education minutes for the Regular and Closed Session Meetings held Monday, November 22, 2021 be approved as prepared and made available to all Board of Education members. The motion was seconded by member Heather Trent and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Angie Koontz, Shane Neuman, Dan Coomer, Jessica Oliver, Heather Trent, Jason McCulley, Amy Sager

Members absent: None

The President declared the motion passed.

AGENDA #5 – Financial Reports

5.1 Treasurer’s Report – The Treasurer’s Report, dated November 30, 2021, was presented as follows:

Education Fund $3,671,291.88

Building Fund $653,821.99

Debt Services Fund $100,931.03

Transportation Fund $208,136.90

IMRF Fund $329,989.31

Capital Projects $452,812.67

Working Cash Fund $1,239,263.71

Tort Fund $466,355.28

Fire Prevention/Safety Fund $229,047.55

Total $7,351,650.32

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

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

Angie Koontz, Shane Neuman, Dan Coomer, Jessica Oliver, Heather Trent, Jason McCulley, Amy Sager

Members absent: None

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 Jason McCulley made a motion to approve the bills for payment. The motion was seconded by member Shane Neuman, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Angie Koontz, Shane Neuman, Dan Coomer, Jessica Oliver, Heather Trent, Jason McCulley, Amy Sager

Members absent: None

The President declared the motion passed.

AGENDA #6 – Superintendent’s Report

6.1 Superintendent Search

6.2 Revenue Expenditure Report

6.3 Food Service Report

6.4 Transportation Report

6.5 Cafeteria Project Report

6.6 Tax Levy

6.7 First Reading of Press Policy Issue 108

AGENDA #7 – Action Items

7.1 A motion was made by member Shane Neuman that the Board approve the FY22 Tax Levy as presented:

Educational $ 595,128

Operations & Maintenance $ 161,720

Transportation $ 77,626

Working Cash $ 32,344

Municipal Retirement $ 165,000

Social Security $ 165,000

Fire Prevention & Safety $ 32,344

Tort Immunity $ 250,000

Special Education $ 12,938

Leasing $ 32,344

Total Levy $1,524,444

Bond & Interest $ 313,518

The motion was seconded by member Jason McCulley and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Angie Koontz, Shane Neuman, Dan Coomer, Jessica Oliver, Heather Trent, Jason McCulley, Amy Sager

Members absent: None

The President declared the motion passed.

AGENDA #8 – Principals’ Reports

8.1 Center Street School

* School Committees – Crisis Team – Improving safety working with local authorities to develop a reunification plan. School Improvement Team – Developing after-school program to begin 2nd week of January 2022 and Summer School 2022.
* Christmas Parade – Band marched – Good participation.
* Concerts – 4th/5th concert success. Upcoming Jr. High Concert this Wednesday at 6 PM.
* Athletics – Have had to cancel a few games due to Covid Illnesses/Close Contacts. Rescheduling when we can.
* Quarantine Numbers – 11 students on quarantine. High absence rate due to rhinovirus. 55 absent today.
* Jr. Beta Club – Shopped for 10 kids’ Christmas and wrapped over 90 gifts for Rotary.

8.2 North Side School

* PTO held their Christmas Shoppe for the kids on December 8th – 10th. PTO made a profit of $853.80. The company gave money towards kids who did not bring money to shop and then we had two donations which allowed every child to shop.
* Rotary Christmas was held on December 9th. We took 29 students to the Rotary Christmas lunch. Students were all given a happy meal and Santa came to give gifts to the kids. Families are given items for Christmas dinner when they come to pick up gifts at the end of the event.
* This time of year we enjoy our dress up days and other events. This year we are doing a 12 Days of Christmas. Besides dress up days, we have the high school choir coming to carol, students brought in items for the Humane Society, we have a hot chocolate and cookie day provided by PTO, pajamas and storytime with Mrs. Merrit and ending with Friday for our Christmas spirit day.
* Last week we held our Christmas programs. Monday was our K and 2nd grades, Tuesday was our 1st and 3rd grades, and Thursday evening we held our Pre-K Christmas program. Students did a wonderful job in the programs and we thank Mrs. Mays for all her work and the Pre-K teachers in preparing them for the music programs.

AGENDA #9 – Board Members Request/Report

None

AGENDA #10 – Closed Session to Discuss Information Regarding Appointment, Employment, Retirement or Dismissal of an Employee (5ILCS 120/2a)

10.1 A motion was made by member Jason McCulley that the Board enter Closed Session at the hour of 6:39 P.M. The motion was seconded by member Shane Neuman and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Angie Koontz, Shane Neuman, Dan Coomer, Jessica Oliver, Heather Trent, Jason McCulley, Amy Sager

Members absent: None

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 7:20 P.M. The motion was seconded by member Heather Trent and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Angie Koontz, Shane Neuman, Dan Coomer, Jessica Oliver, Heather Trent, Jason McCulley, Amy Sager

Members absent: None

The President declared the motion passed.

AGENDA #11 – Action Items

11.1 A motion was made by Shane Neuman to rehire Delilah White, Heather Jake, and Grace Borah as long-term substitutes for the month of January, 2022. The motion was seconded by member Jason McCulley and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Angie Koontz, Shane Neuman, Dan Coomer, Jessica Oliver, Heather Trent, Jason McCulley, Amy Sager

Members absent: None

The President declared the motion passed.

AGENDA #12 – Informational Items

None

AGENDA #13 – Adjournment

A motion was made by member Jessica Oliver that the meeting adjourn at 7:21 P.M. The motion was seconded by member Dan Coomer, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Angie Koontz, Shane Neuman, Dan Coomer, Jessica Oliver, Heather Trent, Jason McCulley, Amy Sager

Members absent: None

The President declared the motion passed.

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President

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Secretary