Regular Board of Education Meeting; November 20, 2023

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, November 20, 2023.

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, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley, 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 Assistant Principal/Tech Coordinator; April Smith, North Side Principal; Joshua Kissen, Center Street Principal; 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 Jason McCulley that the Board of Education minutes for the Regular and Closed Session Meetings held Monday, October 16, 2023 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:

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

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

AGENDA #5 – Financial Reports

5.1 Treasurer’s Report – The Treasurer’s Report, dated October 31, 2023 was presented as follows:

Education Fund $3,999,359.23

Building Fund $782,050.50

Debt Services Fund $302,979.01

Transportation Fund $245,182.69

IMRF Fund $448,419.58

Capital Projects $ 16,376.85

Working Cash Fund $1,304,262.33

Tort Fund $457,924.41

Fire Prevention/Safety Fund $251,988.06

Total $7,808,542.66

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

5.2 Payroll – Member Brandon Berghaus 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 Jamie Jones, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

Members absent: 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 Jamie Jones made a motion to approve the bills for payment. 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, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley

Members absent: 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 Tentative Tax Levy

6.5 Immunization Reports

6.6 Illinois Report Card

6.7 Bus Bids

6.8 Insurance Renewal

6.9 ESSER III Grant Project Approvals

6.10 First Reading of PRESS Policy 113

6.11 Boiler/Chiller Change Order

AGENDA #7 – Action Items

7.1 A motion was made by member Jason McCulley to approve the Tentative Tax Levy 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, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

7.2.1 A motion was made by member Amy Sager to accept the bid from Vaughan’s Diesel Repair for the 2006 and 2009 Bluebird bus as presented. 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, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

7.2.2 A motion was made by member Brandon Berghaus to accept the bid on Bus #13 from Vaughan’s Diesel Repair 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, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

7.3 A motion was made by member Amy Sager that the Board approve the $40,836.00 bid from Wright Specialty Insurance as presented. 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, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

7.4 A motion was made by member Jason McCulley to approve the Boiler/Chiller change order as presented. 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, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

AGENDA #8 – Principals’ Reports

8.1 Center Street

* Celebrated our students who have no referrals and are passing all their classes on Friday, October 6th. Students participated in a Dodgeball game!
* Held a Fall Carnival on Wednesday, October 11th. Took place in the new gymnasium and served a free spaghetti dinner. It was a huge success and we served at least 140 people, and ran out of food/prizes. Possibly looking into doing a Spring Carnival.
* I attended the IPA Conference in Peoria from October 15th-17th, and I want to thank you for the opportunity to attend.
* We held a couple of our Fire Drills for the year, and we continued to better our time. We had an unplanned fire drill and it wound up being our best time yet!
* 8th grade students took a field trip to Evansville for the JA Jobspark and they loved it. Students were able to attend several sessions with various careers, and even got to go hands-on with some of them.
* Basketball games have started here at Center Street.
* Parent Teacher Conference surveys.
* Staff field trip was enjoyed by everyone, and they can’t wait to do it again next year!
* 7th grade students visited the Ford Center on a field trip this past week and they got to enjoy a hockey game, which they loved!
* Held our Thanksgiving carry-in today, and I want to thank all of you for providing the ham and turkey for the staff. We really appreciated that!
* Tutoring is going well! Currently 37 students enrolled and attendance rate is 92%.
* Our 5th-8th grade students who are enrolled in Enrichment will participate in the ROE Brain Games in Carmi next week. They will compete against other schools within the ROE on various STEM activities.
* TTT Window Coverings

8.2 North Side

* Field Trips: Pre-K Pumpkin Patch, First Grade- Mt. Vernon Cedar Hurst, Third Grade Evansville Zoo.
* Programs: Partnering with U of I Extension Nutrition Program and Farm Bureau Ag in the Class.  Rotary Christmas
* Christmas Programs on the 4th (K/2), 5th (1/3), and 7th (Pre-k)of December.
* Thank you to the District for sending me to the IPA conference.
* Parent/Teacher Conferences: Teacher survey results, parent survey results.
* Chili Supper/Book Fair/Open House: Nov. 9th, served approximately 300 bowls of chili.  Made $5,593.69 at the book fair.
* Total enrollment 342.  After-school enrollment 28 students.
* Exemplary designation from the State.
* Closed Session

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 Jason McCulley that the Board enter Closed Session at the hour of 6:46 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, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

10.2 A motion was made by member Brandon Berghaus that the Board end the Closed Session at the hour of 7:45 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, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

AGENDA #11 – Action Items

11.1 A motion was made by member Jason McCulley to hire Grace Pollard, Sadie Powell, Julie Hutson, and Heather Laird as long-term substitutes for the month of November. 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, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

11.2 A motion was made by Amy Sager to hire Hannah Vandergraph as Paraprofessional. 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, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

11.3 A motion was made by member Jason McCulley to approve the requested dock day as presented. 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, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

11.4 A motion was made by member Jamie Jones accept the resignation of Jayla Scott as Head Cheerleading Coach. 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, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

11.5.1 A motion was made by member Brandon Berghaus to increase the substitute rate of pay for paraprofessionals to $105.00/day ($14/hour) effective January 1, 2024. 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, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

11.5.2 A motion was made by member Heather Trent to increase the rate of pay for a licensed teacher to $115.00/day and certified teachers to $125.00/day effective January 1, 2024. 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, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

11.5.3 A motion was made by member Jason McCulley to increase the rate of pay for substitute bus drivers to $18.00/hour effective January 1, 2024. 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, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

11.6.1 A motion was made by member Heather Trent to increase the rate of pay for Baseball/Softball officials to $80.00/day 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, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

11.6.2 A motion was made by member Jamie Jones to increase the rate of pay for Boys’/Girls’ Basketball officials to $80.00/day 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, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

11.6.3 A motion was made by member Brandon Berghaus to increase the rate of pay for Volleyball officials to $80.00/day 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, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

11.6.4 A motion was made by member Amy Sager to increase the rate of pay for Cross Country and Track officials to $80.00/day 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, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

11.6.5 A motion was made by member Brandon Berghaus to increase the rate of pay for 5th/6th Grade Basketball officials to $70.00/day 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, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

AGENDA #12 – Informational Items – None

AGENDA #13 – Adjournment – A motion was made by member Jamie Jones that the meeting adjourn at 7:52 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, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley

Members absent: Erica Burris

The President declared the motion passed.

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President

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Secretary