Regular Board of Education Meeting; April 17, 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, April 17, 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:

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

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: April Smith, North Side Principal; Joshua Kissen, Center Street Principal; Rhonda Clark, Center Street Assistant Principal/Technology Coordinator; Tom Matthews, Wayne County Press; Nicole Henson, Observing for her class

AGENDA #3 – Citizens Non-Agenda Items

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, March 20, 2023 be approved as prepared and made available to all Board of Education members. The motion was seconded by member Shane Neuman, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

Members absent: None

The President declared the motion passed.

AGENDA #5 – Financial Reports

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

Education Fund $3,778,901.91

Building Fund $766,059.91

Debt Services Fund $160,359.22

Transportation Fund $255,190.39

IMRF Fund $410,682.22

Capital Projects $ 16,352.46

Working Cash Fund $1,284,312.57

Tort Fund $432,301.94

Fire Prevention/Safety Fund $236,762.75

Total $7,340,923.37

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

5.2 Payroll – Member Dan Coomer 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 Shane Neuman and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

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

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

Members absent: None

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 111

6.6 FY24 Food Service Contract

6.7 Graduation

6.8 Boiler and Chiller CASO (Construction Administration/Site Observation)

6.9 Food Audit

6.10 Special Board Meeting Date

AGENDA #7 – Action Items

7.1 A motion was made by member Shane Neuman to approve the Consolidated District Grant Application as presented. The motion was seconded by member Jason McCulley, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

Members absent: None

The President declared the motion passed.

7.2 A motion was made by member Dan Coomer to approve the FY24 Food Service Contract as presented. The motion was seconded by member Jessica Oliver, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

Members absent: None

The President declared the motion passed.

7.3 A motion was made by member Shane Neuman to deny the Construction Administration/Site Observation Offer as presented. The motion was seconded by member Amy Sager, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

Members absent: None

The President declared the motion passed.

AGENDA #8 – Principals’ Reports

8.1 Center Street

* Started a small after school tutoring program for our 7th grade students who are struggling academically. Set to end on Thursday, April 27th.
* We held our 8th grade Recognition for our track students on Wednesday, April 12th. We had 27 8th grade track students that were recognized.
* 4th grade students went to New Harmony for a Field Trip on Thursday, April 13th. The students had a lot of fun, and our teachers received several compliments on how well behaved our students were.
* We have a team of 4 students who have advanced on to the ROE Brain Games regionals. It will be at Rend Lake this Wednesday.
* We will be holding our 7th/8th grade dance this Friday at 6pm.
* We have several field trips coming up in the next few weeks, so be looking on Facebook and the app for pictures.
* We have a Conference Scholastic Bowl match coming up on Monday, April 24th @ 4pm and a Regional Scholastic Bowl match on Wednesday, April 26th @ 4:30pm
* We have a Conference Track Meet on Wednesday, April 26th @ 1pm.
* Band/Choir Spring Concert will be on Thursday, April 27th.
* We are holding our 8th Grade Honors Banquet on Tuesday, May 2nd @ 6pm. GPA of 3.5-4.0
* We are holding our Vesper’s Ceremony on Sunday, May 7th @ 4pm
* 8th Grade Awards will be on Thursday, May 11th @ 9am.
* 8th Grade Graduation will be on Thursday, May 11th @ 6:30pm.

8.2 North Side

* PTO sponsored egg hunt on April 5th
* PTO sponsoring Movie Night on Friday, April 21
* Team Meetings; Collaboration on moving classrooms for efficient placement of grade levels. Discussions from a growth mindset on curriculum adjustments.
* Pre-K Graduation is May 12
* Field Day is May 16

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 Dan Coomer that the Board enter Closed Session at the hour of 6:27 P.M. The motion was seconded by member Shane Neuman, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

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 6:56 P.M. The motion was seconded by member Jessica Oliver and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

Members absent: Shane Neuman (had to leave at 6:55)

The President declared the motion passed.

AGENDA #11 – Action Items

11.1 A motion was made by Dan Coomer to re-hire Lori Kovacich and Grace Pollard as long-term substitutes for the month of May. The motion was seconded by member Jessica Oliver, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

Members absent: Shane Neuman

The President declared the motion passed.

11.2.1 A motion was made by Jason McCulley to hire Jayla Scott as Certified Teacher for the FY24 school year. The motion was seconded by member Dan Coomer, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

Members absent: Shane Neuman

The President declared the motion passed.

11.2.2 A motion was made by member Amy Sager to hire Sadie Powell as Certified Teacher for the FY24 school year. The motion was seconded by member Jessica Oliver, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

Members absent: Shane Neuman

The President declared the motion passed.

11.3.1 A motion was made by member Heather Trent to hire Cameron Gardner as summer help. The motion was seconded by member Jason McCulley, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

Members absent: Shane Neuman

The President declared the motion passed.

11.3.2 A motion was made by member Jessica Oliver to hire Aarron Denton, Jr. as summer help. The motion was seconded by member Jason McCulley, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

Members absent: Shane Neuman

The President declared the motion passed.

11.4 A motion was made by member Jason McCulley to accept the resignation of Amelia Lingafelter as Boys’ Track Coach. The motion was seconded by member Jessica Oliver, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

Members absent: Shane Neuman

The President declared the motion passed.

11.5 A motion was made by member Jason McCulley to accept the resignation of Bryce Kovacich as Boys’ Basketball Coach. The motion was seconded by member Jessica Oliver, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

Members absent: Shane Neuman

The President declared the motion passed.

11.6 A motion was made by member Jason McCulley to accept the resignation of Kelsey Hall as Certified Teacher. The motion was seconded by member Jessica Oliver, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

Members absent: Shane Neuman

The President declared the motion passed.

AGENDA #12 – Informational Items

AGENDA #13 – Adjournment – A motion was made by member Jason McCulley that the meeting adjourn at 7:02 P.M. The motion was seconded by member Heather Trent, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

Members absent: Shane Neuman

The President declared the motion passed

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President

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Secretary