

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held Monday, September 11, 2023 in the high school media center.

I. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance - Roll Call

Board President Anne Tompkins called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mike Alchin, Janice Handrich, Amber Larrison, Anne Tompkins, and Gary Wnuk

ABSENT: Ryan Blair, Herb Trader

II. Presentation of 2022-2023 Audit Report

Ms. Julia Oswald from Schulze, Edwards, & Oswald, PC presented the 2022-2023 Audit Report.

III. Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved by Board consensus.

IV. Consent Agenda

Larrison/Alchin That the following items be included in the Consent Agenda and be accepted as presented:

- A. August 14 regular meeting minutes
- B. Treasurer's Reports
 - Cash Receipts for General Fund, Sinking Fund, 2018 Sinking Fund
 - General Fund Accounts Payable for August 2023, which include payrolls of \$114,938.02, bills to be ratified of \$121,916.53, and bills to be paid of \$94,638.04, totaling \$331,492.59.
- C. Administrative written reports

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

V. Public Comment - None

VI. Staff Recognition

This year community members have the opportunity to nominate an outstanding staff member who does great work for our kids and our community. This month the Board recognized and honored the following employees: Lisa Force, Library; Emily Harder, Teacher; April Evans, Central Office; Nancy Jones, Paraprofessional; Greg Jacot, Music Teacher.

VII. Administrative Reports

- A. Sarah Taylor, Superintendent / K-5 Principal
- B. Troy Ross, 6-12 Principal

VIII. Academic Advisor Update

IX. Athletics Update

X. Board Committee Reports

XI. OLD BUSINESS – None

XII. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS

A. Acceptance of 2022-2023 Audit Report

Ms. Julia Oswald, from Schulze, Edwards, and Oswald, P.C., presented the 2022-2023 Audit Report earlier this evening.

Alchin/Handrich That the 2022-2023 Audit Report be accepted as presented.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

B. Tax Rate Request

The 2023 Tax Rate Request is required to be approved by the Board of Education and then submitted on or before September 30, 2023 to the County Board of Commissioners.

Alchin/Larrison That the 2023 Tax Rate Request be approved as presented.

Ayes – 4; Nays – 1 (Wnuk) Motion carried.

C. Tuition Reimbursement Request

A tuition reimbursement request was submitted by Mr. Greg Jacot as stated in the FTA-AFTM Contract.

Alchin/Larrison That the tuition reimbursement request from Greg Jacot be approved as presented.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

D. Snow Removal Bid

Bids for snow removal services for 2023-2024 season were solicited. The Facilities Director made the following recommendation:

Alchin/Larrison That the bid from Cedar Valley for snow removal services be accepted as presented.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

E. Bus Garage Heater

Bids were solicited for the replacement of the tube heater in the bus garage. The Facilities Director made the following recommendation:

Handrich/Alchin That the bid from Grindstone Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$4,553.09 for the replacement of the tube heater in the bus garage be accepted as presented.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION ITEMS AND DATES

A. Superintendent Goals

B. Standing Committee Meeting Dates

1. Policy Review - Monday, September 25, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
2. Board Work Session – Monday, October 16, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

XIV. Board Comments, Communications, and Closing Public Comments

Board Comments: There will be a planning meeting for Eagle Festival this Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m. for anyone interested in helping plan this year’s event.

Mike Alchin expressed gratitude to the administration for their great effort, planning, and organization which led to a smooth start to the school year and an exciting year ahead.

Communications: The 2023-2024 schedule of events for the music department was made available to the Board.

Public Comment: Mr. Bob Jones commended the Board for their cooperation and willingness to work together amicably for the good of the students. Mr. Jones also inquired if student learning opportunities are available in the industries or trades. Troy Ross outlined the many dual-enrolled and career tech opportunities available through our college partnerships and remote learning venues.

President Tompkins adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Amber Larrison, Board Secretary