**Minutes of the Board of Education of the FAYETTE R-III School District**

**August 18, 2021 6:45 p.m.**

**Open Forum Tax Rate Hearing and Regular Board Meeting**

**Fayette High School Media Center**

Board Members Present: Vandelicht, Hudson, Young, Stroupe, Overfelt, Wies

Board member absent: Bentley

In attendance: Superintendent Jill Wiseman and Board Secretary Trish Elliott,

Administrators: Cheri Huster, Brent Doolin, Patrick Tray and Melissa Duren

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Vandelicht called the tax rate hearing of the Fayette R-III Board of Education to order at 6:51 p.m.

**OPEN FORUM TAX RATE HEARING:** Superintendent Wiseman presented the information used to determine setting the tax rate for the 2021-2022 school year. Key factors relating to the tax rate include assessed valuation information supplied by the clerks of Howard and Boone Counties and subsequent calculations concerning the tax rate ceiling from the State Auditor’s office. Superintendent Wiseman recommended the tax rate be set at $4.9962

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| Fund | 2020 Tax Year |  | Fund | 2021 Tax Year |
| Operating Levy | $4.3398 |  | Operating Levy | $4.2200 |
| Debt Service | .6564 |  | Debt Service | .7762 |
| Capital Projects | 0000 |  | Capital Projects | 0000 |
| Total | $4.9962 |  | Total | $4.9962 |

Stroupe moved, Young seconded to set the district rate at $4.9962 for the 2021-2022 school year as presented by Superintendent Wiseman. Voice vote: Stroupe yes, Young yes, Hudson yes, Vandelicht yes, Wies yes. Overfelt yes. Motion carried.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Vandelicht called the regular meeting of the Fayette R-III Board of Education to order at 6:53 p.m.

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:** Stroupe moved, Hudson seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:** Bella Asbury reported Meet the Falcons will be on Thursday, August 19. The Football Jamboree is on the 20th and Softball Jamborees is on the 24th. Marching Falcons have been busy practicing and FFA members have been active in the State Fair.

**PRINCIPAL REPORTS:** Daly Elementary Principal, Mrs. Huster highlighted the LETRS training provided through the RPDC, PBS team goals, the new teacher orientation and training. Preschool Orientation was held on August 17 and Kindergarten Open House was on August 18. Daly Elementary Open House is scheduled for Thursday, August 19. Projected enrollment for DES is 302 with an additional 37 in Preschool.

Clark Middle School Principal, Mr. Doolin shared the sixth grade orientation was held on Aug 16. The Clark Middle School’s Open house will be on Aug 19. Christensen Construction completed the Spring Street, back parking lot project earlier in July. The parking lot is painted and ready for the new year. Clark Middle School has a projected enrollment of 130 students.

Fayette High School Principal, Mr. Tray’s report highlighted “Meet the Falcons” on Thursday, August 19, Freshmen Boot Camp set for August 20, Pre-Season FHS Football Jamboree at CMU on August 20, and the FHS Softball Jamboree on August 24. Mr. Tray thanked everyone who helped in painting the FHS gym. Projected enrollment for the high school is 190.

**2021 SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT:** Principal Huster reported the attendance of 166 for the Elementary and 18 for the High School. The elementary classrooms had a focus on reading and math with small group instruction and the high school provided credit recovery. Occupational, Physical and Speech therapy was provided during the summer session also.

**PARENTS AS TEACHERS REPORT:** Melissa Duren provided the PAT report recognizing Kristin Himmelmann for her dedication in serving as the PAT Educator for our district. Parents as Teachers provide a variety of activities including in-home family visits, providing group –learning opportunities, scheduling no-cost vision and hearing screenings, and opening the PAT Play Center on a regular basis. A grant received from the Fayette Area Common Fund was used for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to provide free books to children within the district until the age of 5 years old. In addition, the Howard County DAR donated 100 board books to the program to celebrate World Literacy Day.

**SUMMER MAINTENANCE & TRANSPORTATION REPORT:** Gary Beeler summarized summer projects: the FHS gym and the Daly Clark gym have both been painted, ceiling tiles were replaced in the elementary building, the new interactive boards have been installed and the new basketball scoreboard additions are in the process of being wired. He is also re-plumbing the greenhouse after the pipes froze last winter and Hilgedick Electric is installing the new venting hood in the HS kitchen. Buses have been inspected and all necessary repairs made. He is training two staff members to obtain their Class B CDL with P & S endorsements. In addition, just as last year, all buses will be disinfected after each route and masks will be available for students and drivers.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:** Superintendent Wiseman reported on federal funds received through the Title programs and how those funds are used to support learning in the district. We are utilizing the Missouri United School Insurance Council (MUSIC) safe schools training videos to provide our staff the required training on many board policy topics. DESE has notified the district that our determination category for 2021 IDEA is *Meets Requirements in Implementing the Requirements and Purposes of the IDEA*. This shows the Special Education Department received an overall score of 4 out of 4.

Our district also received a letter from the Howard County Clerk in July informing us that they made an error in calculating the State Assessed Railroad and Utility tax payment last year, which resulted in an overpayment to our district of $11,575.05. This amount is being paid back to the county so that it can be distributed to the correct school district.

Superintendent Wiseman expressed her gratitude to all the board members, administrators and spouses that helped in giving the highs school gym a facelift. She thanked Strodtman Real Estate (Jeff and Lori Strodtman) for their donation of 20 air purifiers for our elementary and middle school classrooms. Bekki Galloway and Brad & Cindy Dudenhoffer also donated replacement filters for these purifiers. She also thanked the community supporters that arranged for Fireside Bakes & Brews to provide coffees to the Fayette Schools staff and teachers at this morning’s “Back to School” meetings. Those supporters were Exchange Bank, Gold Apple Boutique, Howard Electric Cooperative, Merchants & Farmers Bank and Home Oil. And Commercial Trust Company provided a great lunch for all the staff. Once again, the businesses and individuals in our community are always willing to lend a helping hand and it is so appreciated.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Jackie Besgrove, Board Treasurer/Bookkeeper provided the Annual Secretary of the Board Report for approval. The annual report shows an actual unrestricted balance of $3,868,677.51. The final unrestricted fund balance as of June 30, 2021 is 45.32% (an increase from 28.72% last year). This percent is based upon the final unrestricted balance of Fund 1 and Fund 2. The addition of ESSER and CARES funds had a dramatic impact on our fund balance and will be utilized to help make necessary improvements in our district facilities.

Hudson motioned to approve the 2020-2021 Annual Secretary of the Board Report, Young seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Wiseman recommended approval to utilize Control, Technology and Solutions (CTS Group) for Energy Savings work. Young motioned to approve as recommended, Overfelt seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Wiseman and Mr. Beeler recommended approval of the following bids for the 2021-2022 school year: \*\*Wright’s Oil Service bid on Fuel (gas and diesel) and motor oil. \*\*Home Oil Company’s bid on car, van and truck tires and \*\*Jireh, Inc. bid for Hankook bus tires and recaps. Hudson moved to approve the bids as recommended, Wies seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Wiseman recommended approval of the 2021-2022 tuition rate being set at $9,050.00 per student, per year. This rate is determined utilizing a DESE calculation tool, which changes annually based upon expenditures and average daily attendance from the prior year. This rate applies to any student who attends, but resides within another school district’s boundary. Overfelt motioned to approve as recommended, Young seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Wiseman recommended approval of a grant application for Parents’ as Teachers to the Fayette Common Fund for $3,450 to support the PAT participation in the Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library program. Young motioned to approve the grant application as recommended, Wies seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Wiseman and the Policy Committee recommended approval of the MSBA 2021A&B Policy Updates as presented by MSBA with revisions to policies AC,DK and JG-R1, R2, R3 & R4 and revisions to policies GCBDA and GDBDA. Hudson motioned to approve as recommended with revisions, Wies seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Wiseman recommended approval to add an instructional paraprofessional position at Daly Elementary. Stroupe motioned to approve as recommended, Overfelt seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Stroupe motioned, Young seconded, to go into closed session according to Section 610.021 (3) (13) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri for the purpose of hiring, firing, discipline, or promoting personnel for the Fayette R-III School District. Voice vote: Stroupe yes, Young yes, Hudson yes, Vandelicht yes, Wies yes, and Overfelt yes. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:27 p.m.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Stroupe motioned, Young seconded, to adjourn at 8:41 p.m. Voice vote: Stroupe yes, Young yes, Hudson yes, Vandelicht yes, Wies yes, and Overfelt yes. Motion carried 6-0.

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