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

**February 16, 2022 6:30 p.m.**

**Regular Board Meeting**

**District Office Conference Room**

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

Superintendent Jill Wiseman and Board Secretary Trish Elliott,

Administrators: Cheri Huster, Brent Doolin, Melissa Duren

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Vandelicht called the regular meeting of the Fayette R-III Board of Education to order at 6:30 p.m.

**SPOTLIGHT:** Leah Lembke and Hannah Quint, Student Representatives for 2022 shared their report on high school sports and student activities.

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:** Young moved Wies seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

**FOOD SERVICE REPORT:** Paula Volkmann, Food Service Director reported an increased number of breakfasts and lunches served. All breakfasts are served “Grab & Go”. Lunch numbers are up 10,540 meals from last year. She commended her experienced and caring staff and noted with the increased serving numbers, 3 student workers have been added to assist with dishes and other tasks. The tilt skillet has been a great addition to the kitchen and a new steamer has been ordered.

**ADMIN REPORTS:** Daly Elementary Principal, Mrs. Huster’s report highlighted winter benchmark scores. Growth is shown in each grade level from fall to winter benchmark!

Elementary enrollment is 306 with 35 in Preschool. 88% of DES students attended 90% of the time in January.

Clark Middle School Principal, Mr. Doolin’s report highlighted music education class and Mrs. Miner’s incredible job of incorporating critical thinking questions into her lessons. He reported an enrollment of 139 students and 80.6% of CMS students have been in school for 90% of the time.

Fayette High School Principal, Mr. Tray’ s report highlighted students attending the Missouri Welding Institute contest, Cameron McCallister being selected into the MATC National Technical Honor Society, Fayette Music Booster’s Trivia Night and Courtwarming festivities. FFA Week is February 21-26 with the Annual FFA Auction on Saturday, February 26 in the Ag building. The 2022 Pink Out raised $8400! Enrollment for the high school is 187, with 83% of students attending 90% of the time.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:** Superintendent Wiseman’s report included the ACT Profile report. She shared that Mrs. Huster was selected to participate in DESE’s Success-Ready Students Work Group to explore alternatives that replace the traditional time-based educational system with a competency-based system. Missouri schools are still waiting for ESSER III funds to be appropriated.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Superintendent Wiseman recommended approval of the 2022-2023 school calendar. The calendar has an August 23 start date and shows no school on Mondays with the 4-day school week. With the exceptions of the Mondays of Thanksgiving and Christmas weeks and April 3, school will be in session. The last day of school will be May 25. Stroupe motioned to approve as recommended, Young seconded. Motion carried.

Superintendent Wiseman recommended approval of the 2022-2023 Fayette High School Course Description Book as presented. Overfelt motioned to approve as recommended, Stroupe seconded. Motion carried.

Superintendent Wiseman recommended approval of the 2022 Summer School Session as follows: 16 total days- May 31-June 3, June 7-10, June 14-17, and June 21-24.

DES- 8:00-2:00 each day, CMS/FHS- 8:00-12:00 each day. Transportation along with Breakfast and Lunch are provided. Summer School will be offered to DES upcoming Kindergarten through outgoing 5th grade students and CMS/FHS credit recovery on an as needed basis. Young motioned to approve as recommended, Overfelt seconded. Motion carried.

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service Plan brought to the board with consideration for change:

Current \*As of December 7, 2021, the Howard County Health Department is no longer issuing quarantine orders. With this change, Fayette R-III will continue to exclude students who test positive for COVID-19 from school for **5** days following CDC guidelines and referencing Board Policy EBB for Communicable Disease. Students and staff may return to school after the 5-day period if they remain fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and symptoms are improving. Individuals should wear a mask when around others per CDC guidance for an additional 5 days. Individuals who are unable to wear a mask when around others should continue to stay home for the remainder of the 10-day period**.** The district will continue to contact trace positive cases and notify parents/guardians if a student has been identified as a close contact at school, however, those students will NOT be excluded from school. This allows parents/guardians the opportunity to more closely monitor their student for possible signs/symptoms of illness. It is the goal of our district to keep students and staff members safe and healthy and to keep as many students learning in-seat as possible.

Proposed:

 **With the recent decline in cases, the district will pause contact tracing to match current Howard County Health Department protocol.  If cases rise significantly, we will reevaluate this position.  All parents/guardians should continue to closely monitor their students for possible signs/symptoms of illness. The district will continue to follow protocol to send students home who are symptomatic and advise seeking guidance from a medical professional.**

Hudson motioned to approve the revision to the district’s COVID Plan as presented. Overfelt seconded. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Bentley motioned, Young seconded, to go into closed session according to Section 610.021 (3)(13)&(14) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri for student issues and the purpose of hiring, firing, discipline, or promoting personnel for the Fayette R-III School District. Voice vote: Stroupe yes, Young yes, Vandelicht yes, Hudson yes, Wies yes, Overfelt yes and Bentley yes. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:02 p.m.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Overfelt motioned, Young seconded to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Voice vote: Stroupe yes, Young yes, Vandelicht yes, Hudson yes, Wies yes, Overfelt yes and Bentley yes. Motion carried 7-0.

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