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

**January 21, 2021 3:30 p.m.**

**Regular Board Meeting**

**Fayette High School Media Center**

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

Present: Superintendent Jill Wiseman and Board Secretary Trish Elliott

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Vandelicht called the regular meeting of the Fayette R-III Board of Education to order at 3:31 p.m.

**SPOTLIGHT:** PresidentVandelicht presented certificates to Jonathan Ebbesmeyer and Josh Henderson and thanked them for serving their term as Student Representatives to the Board. Bella Asbury and Laci Fuhlage Student Representatives for 2021 then shared updates on high school sports and student activities.

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

**SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT:** Melissa Duren provided a detailed mid-year report on special education services. The December child count had been submitted to DESE with 69 special education students being served, with 4 of those being preschool age.

**PRINCIPAL REPORTS:** Daly Elementary Principal, Mrs. Huster’s report included information on data teams and the Fall and Winter benchmark comparisons. The Falcon Club program is off to a great start with 48 students participating. The first theme for Falcon Club is Space and the Extension Office is partnering with us to provide programming on Mars Exploration for the Monday program. Mrs. Miner is providing hands-on music activities and tutoring has begun. Stephanie Shafer, Stacie Beaman, Chrissy Linhart, Lindsay Spanovich and Ellie Trick were recognized for their work during the first semester virtual learning program for K-5 students. Elementary enrollment is 280 with 40 in Preschool. 89% of DES students attended 90% of the time in December 2020 as compared to 82% in attendance in December 2019.

The 2020-2021 Falcon Club Handbook was shared.

Clark Middle School Principal, Mr. Doolin’s report highlighted the student teachers in the district this semester. Middle school enrollment is 132 and 88.6 % of CMS students were in attendance 90% of the time this school year.

Fayette High School Principal, Mr. Tray shared updates on the high school finals and distance learning. All home basketball games are being broadcasted on the Facebook page and he thanked Jace Smentkowski and Grace Doolin for being the videographers. A new emergency map of the high school, created by Mrs. Atterbury was shared. High school enrollment is 183 with 87.43 % of students are counted in attendance at least 90% of the time.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:** Superintendent Wiseman’s report included updates on state funding, MAP assessments and enrollment. Currently total enrollment is 635 students in PK-12. This is up from 620 from last year at this time. First semester started with 59 students enrolled in virtual instruction. Second semester will start with 29 students enrolled in virtual instruction (10 at the high school, 6 at the middle school and 13 at the elementary). A mask mandate survey shows 87.5% of staff support continuing the mask mandate and contact tracing data shows 60 students have been able to remain in school since the mask mandate was initiated.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Superintendent Wiseman recommended approval of surplus items: three 10.00R-22.5 recap tires and two metal storage cabinets. Stroupe motioned to approve the surplus items as recommended, Bentley second the motion. Motion carried.

Superintendent Wiseman recommended approval of extending the virtual platform curriculum conversion and online instructional support stipend for grades K-2 for the second semester. Stroupe motioned to approve as recommended and Overfelt seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion took place on the Mask Mandate in place from November 2020. Superintendent Wiseman presented revisions including new quarantine guidelines. Dr. Frazer, Howard County Public Health Medical Director provided guidance during the meeting. Wies motioned to approve the extension of the mask mandate as revised and to revisit the subject as an agenda item for discussion again in February. Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Superintendent Wiseman presented a budget amendment with updated revenues based on the new debt service tax rate, additional CARES funding, and the SAC grant funding. Also included were updates for virtual learning and SAC expenditures. Young motioned to approve the budget amendment as presented, Hudson seconded. Motion carried.

Superintendent Wiseman recommended approval of the Request for Proposal for depository of school district funds in accordance with board policy DG. Overfelt motioned to approve as recommended, Stroupe seconded. Motion carried.

Superintendent Wiseman recommended approval of the submission of the Workplace Wellness Mini-Grant through the MO Dept. of Health and Senior Services for up to $4,000. Stroupe motioned to approve the grant submission, Hudson seconded. Motion carried.

Superintendent Wiseman recommended authorizing Sentry Financial to move forward with the 2013 Bond Refinance. This refinancing is expected to save the district approximately $200,000 over the life of the bond. Young motioned to approve as recommended, Overfelt seconded. Motion carried.

The MSBA January monthly board report was presented.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Bentley motioned, Stroupe seconded, to go into closed session according to Section 610.021 (3)(13) of the Revised Statues of Missouri for the purpose of hiring, firing, discipline, or promoting of personnel for the Fayette R-III School District. Voice vote: Stroupe yes, Overfelt yes, Young yes, Hudson yes, Vandelicht yes, Wies yes, and Bentley yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:05 p.m.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Bentley motioned, Hudson seconded, to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Voice vote: Stroupe yes, Overfelt yes, Young yes, Hudson yes, Vandelicht yes, Wies yes, and Bentley yes. Motion carried.

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