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

**March 17, 2021 6:30 p.m.**

**Regular Board Meeting**

**Fayette High School Media Center**

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

Present: Superintendent Jill Wiseman, Board Secretary Trish Elliott, Admin: Brent Doolin, Cheri Huster, Patrick Tray

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Vandelicht called the regular meeting of the Fayette R-III Board of Education to order at 6:30 p.m. The order of action items was adjusted to put the Mask Mandate discussion as the first item.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Aaron Cunningham presented to the board on the Mask Mandate.

**SPOTLIGHT:** Bella Asbury and Laci Fuhlage Student Representatives shared updates on high school sports and student activities.

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

**TECHNOLOGY REPORT:** Technology Coordinator, Tom Oakley’s report highlighted the many changes in this years’ technology. 100 new iPads were distributed to the kindergarten and first grades to provide 1:1 in those classrooms. We are currently waiting for the 375 Chromebooks ordered in the fall. When those arrive, it will allow for 1:1 in grades 2-12 with chromebooks. K12itc updated our infrastructure last summer, replacing needed switches and wireless access points. This will prepare the district to handle the increased mobile device usage. A plan is in place to systematically replace projector/smartboard combinations in the district with smart panels over the next several years. One has been purchased and placed in the D/C music room.

**PRINCIPAL REPORTS:** Daly Elementary Principal, Mrs. Huster highlighted parent teacher conferences, Read Across America Week, the sixth Falcon Fest, preschool screenings, a Boot Camp to review school wide expectations, and Mr. Duren’s fifth grade classroom Book Clubs. Elementary enrollment is 278 and 40 in Preschool. 82% of DES students attended 90% of the time in February.

Clark Middle School Principal, Mr. Doolin’s report highlighted the Buddy Pack Program and its collaboration with the Howard County Food Pantry, the Ministerial Alliance and our CMS students volunteers to help meet this need for our community. Middle school enrollment is 132 and 85.6 % of CMS students were in attendance 90% of the time this school year.

Fayette High School Principal, Mr. Tray recognized nine players of the Lady Falcon Softball Team for being named to the Academic All State Team and the team being named as an Academic All State for carrying a 3.591 GPA for the season. The FHS Student Council sponsored a successful blood drive, the trap shooting team was awarded a $938 Midway USA grant, information was shared on FFA Week, FFA Service Day and on Job Corps. High school enrollment is 180 with 85.56% of students in attendance at least 90% of the time.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:** Superintendent Wiseman’s report recognized Gary Beeler for his work in keeping our bus fleet in top shape. Our recent Missouri State Highway Patrol inspection resulted in a 100% pass rate and our district will receive an “Exemplary School Bus Maintenance Award” from DESE this summer. The bond refinancing was a success. As a result of this refinance, the district will save $267,756 including all fees, over the life of the bonds. Governor Parson announced the release of state funds he had originally scheduled to be withheld this school year. This could result in additional $117,000 in revenue for our district.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Aaron Bentley shared a recommendation from the Wellness Committee and motioned to suspend the mask mandate beginning on March 29, based on adjusting the reopening plan at the yellow level. The adjustment would be to add a requirement “if the district reaches 25 individuals in quarantine, the mask mandate will be enforced again for 2 weeks or until the district transitions back to the green level.” Discussion took place. Shauna Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CMS Principal Doolin presented the 2021-2022 Course List for Clark Middle School. Amber Overfelt motioned to approve as presented, John Stroupe seconded. Motion carried.

Superintendent Wiseman recommended Tuesday, April 20 for the Reorganization Meeting of the board with the regular board meeting to follow. Matt Hudson motioned to approve as recommended, Amber Overfelt seconded. Motion carried.

Superintendent Wiseman recommended approval of the MSBA Full Policy Maintenance Agreement renewal for the 2021-2022 school year. John Stroupe motioned, Aaron Bentley seconded to approve as recommended. Motion carried.

Superintendent Wiseman recommended approval of the EBA Insurance Consortium plans and rates for 2021-2022. Discussion took place on an increase to the district contribution to the board paid insurance cap of $465 per employee. Aaron Bentley motioned to approve the plans and rates as presented and to raise the board paid cap to $485 per employee. Amber Overfelt seconded. Motion carried.

Two banks- Commercial Trust Company and Exchange Bank submitted bids for the district’s depository services. Shauna Young motioned to accept Commercial Trust Company’s bid for bank depository services for a 5-year period through June 30, 2026. John Stroupe seconded. Motion carried, Matt Hudson abstained.

**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 the purpose of student issues: hiring, firing, discipline, or promoting of personnel for the Fayette R-III School District. Voice vote: Overfelt yes, Stroupe yes, Young yes, Hudson yes, Vandelicht yes, Wies yes, and Bentley yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:55 p.m.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Stroupe motioned, Hudson seconded, to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Voice vote: Overfelt yes, Stroupe yes, Hudson yes, Vandelicht yes, Young yes, Wies yes, and Bentley yes. Motion carried.

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