

Regular Board of Education Meeting; January 16, 2024

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Fairfield Public School District No. 112, Wayne County, Illinois, held in the District Board Room, 200 West Center, Fairfield, Illinois, on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

AGENDA #1 - Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by President Amy Sager, who directed the Secretary to call the roll.

AGENDA #2 - Roll Call - The Secretary called the roll and the following members answered to their names as called and were found to be present:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley, Jamie Jones, Erica Burris

Members absent: None

There being a quorum present, the President declared the Board of Education to be in session for the transaction of business.

OTHERS PRESENT: Rhonda Clark, Center Street Assistant Principal/Tech Coordinator; April Smith, North Side Principal; Joshua Kissen, Center Street Principal; Lori Ellis, Teacher; Tom Matthews, Wayne County Press

AGENDA #3 - Citizens Non-Agenda Items - None

AGENDA #4 - Approval of Minutes

4.1 A motion was made by member Jason McCulley that the Board of Education minutes for the Regular and Closed Session Meetings held Monday, December 11, 2023 be approved as prepared and made available to all Board of Education members. The motion was seconded by member Jamie Jones, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley, Erica Burris

Members absent: None

The President declared the motion passed.

AGENDA #5 - Financial Reports

5.1 Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer's Report, dated December 31, 2023 was presented as follows:

Education Fund	\$4,116,744.75
Building Fund	\$786,818.74
Debt Services Fund	\$105,140.66
Transportation Fund	\$218,942.54
IMRF Fund	\$492,607.29
Capital Projects	\$ 16,383.53
Working Cash Fund	\$1,313,860.33
Tort Fund	\$432,062.13
Fire Prevention/Safety Fund	<u>\$261,156.95</u>
Total	\$7,743,716.92

There being no additions or corrections, the President declared the Treasurer's Report will stand approved as presented.

- 5.2 Payroll – Member Brandon Berghaus made a motion that the salaries for the District for the month of January be approved and ordered paid. The motion was seconded by member Jamie Jones, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley, Erica Burris

Members absent: None

The President declared the motion passed.

- 5.3 Monthly Bills – Current bills, as listed, were presented for payment. After examination of the listed bills, member Jason McCulley made a motion to approve the bills for payment. The motion was seconded by member Heather Trent, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley, Erica Burris

Members absent: None

The President declared the motion passed.

AGENDA #6 – Superintendent's Report

- 6.1 FY23 Audit
- 6.2 Revenue to Expense Report
- 6.3 Food Service Report
- 6.4 Transportation Report
- 6.5 FY25 Calendar
- 6.6 8th Grade Graduation Date
- 6.7 Track & Field Record Board
- 6.8 Building Projects
- 6.9 FY25 Basketball Schedule

AGENDA #7 – Action Items

- 7.1 A motion was made by member Amy Sager to approve the FY23 Audit as presented. The motion was seconded by member Heather Trent, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley, Erica Burris

Members absent: None

The President declared the motion passed.

- 7.2 A motion was made by member Jamie Jones to approve May 9, 2024 as Graduation date. The motion was seconded by member Jason McCulley, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley, Erica Burris

Members absent: None

The President declared the motion passed.

AGENDA #8 – Principals’ Reports

8.1 Center Street

- Discipline referrals and write ups are down from this time last year. 398 is our current standing, but last year we were at 542.
- After school tutoring has resumed and we currently have 35 enrolled.
- 5th/6th grade boys’ basketball kicks off tonight, and 5th/6th girls’ basketball begins tomorrow evening.
- We are participating in Book Blast, along with North Side, and students only have to enter emails in order to receive books. Every student will receive a book, regardless of the number of emails.
- Held a lockdown drill last Friday, and all went well.
- We will be holding a Spelling Bee @ 8:30am on Friday, and the Pep Assembly will be @ 1:15pm.
- The high school will be coming to meet with our 8th graders on Friday, January 26th @ 1:30pm to discuss schedules.
- Coltbackers Tournament for 5th/6th boys and girls will be held on February 2nd and 3rd.
- Freshman Orientation will be held on Tuesday, February 6th @ 6pm in the East Gym of the high school.
- The winners of the Spelling Bee, will compete in the County Spelling Bee on Thursday, February 5th @ 6pm at City Hall.

8.2 North Side

- Attendance improvement from last year. 1% better than last year with +381 days more of attendance for students. Last year 1,877 days of absences. This year 1,496 days of absences.
- Wednesday the 24th is the 100th Day of School
- 30 students enrolled and making progress in the after school program
- Springfield IPA Board Meeting Thursday, January 18th – Advocate for Positive Principal Pipeline
- PASS program interventions.
- Winter Benchmark/ Student Growth Percentiles
- Reading Curriculum Reviews

AGENDA #9 – Board Members Request/Report

AGENDA #10 – Closed Session to Discuss Information Regarding Appointment, Employment, Retirement or Dismissal of an Employee, Labor Relations, Collective Negotiations, Litigation, Public Office Vacancy and Student Discipline (5ILCS 120/2a)

- 10.1 A motion was made by member Brandon Berghaus that the Board enter Closed Session at the hour of 6:44 P.M. The motion was seconded by member Jamie Jones, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley, Erica Burris

Members absent: None

The President declared the motion passed.

- 10.2 A motion was made by member Jamie Jones that the Board end the Closed Session at the hour of 8:21 P.M. The motion was seconded by member Heather Trent, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley, Erica Burris

Members absent: None

The President declared the motion passed.

AGENDA #11 – Action Items

- 11.1 A motion was made by member Jamie Jones to hire Grace Pollard, Sadie Powell, Julie Hutson, and Heather Laird as long-term substitutes for the month of February. The motion was seconded by member Erica Burris, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley, Erica Burris

Members absent: None

The President declared the motion passed.

- 11.2 A motion was made by Brandon Berghaus to accept the resignation of Whitney Allison as Paraprofessional. The motion was seconded by member Jason McCulley, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley, Erica Burris

Members absent: None

The President declared the motion passed.

- 11.3.1 A motion was made by member Jamie Jones to hire Kimberly Williams as Paraprofessional. The motion was seconded by member Heather Trent, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley, Erica Burris

Members absent: None

The President declared the motion passed.

- 11.3.2 A motion was made by member Brandon Berghaus to hire Lacey Johnson as Paraprofessional. The motion was seconded by member Erica Burris, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley, Erica Burris

Members absent: None

The President declared the motion passed.

- 11.3.3 A motion was made by member Jamie Jones to hire Abbigail Marshel as Paraprofessional pending licensure completion. The motion was seconded by member Heather Trent, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley, Erica Burris

Members absent: None

The President declared the motion passed.

- 11.4 A motion was made by member Heather Trent to hire Kylie Stewart as Certified Teacher for the FY25 school year. The motion was seconded by member Brandon Berghaus and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley, Erica Burris

Members absent: None

The President declared the motion passed.

- 11.5 A motion was made by member Amy Sager to accept the resignation of Joshua Kissen as Center Street Principal. The motion was seconded by member Jamie Jones and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley, Erica Burris

Members absent: None

The President declared the motion passed.

- 11.6 A motion was made by member Heather Trent to keep the written closed session minutes for the period of July 2021 thru June 2022 private, and to destroy the audio tapes of those same closed sessions for the period of July 2021 thru June 2022 as presented. The motion was seconded by member Jamie Jones and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley, Erica Burris

Members absent: None

The President declared the motion passed.

AGENDA #12 - Informational Items - None

AGENDA #13 - Adjournment - A motion was made by member Jason McCulley that the meeting adjourn at 8:25 P.M. The motion was seconded by member Jamie Jones, and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Amy Sager, Heather Trent, Jessica Oliver, Jamie Jones, Brandon Berghaus, Jason McCulley, Erica Burris

Members absent: None

The President declared the motion passed.

President

Secretary