

Fannett-Metal School District
Willow Hill, Pennsylvania 17271

The Fannett-Metal School Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library. Members present were Bonnie Cornelious, President; Jason Goshorn, Vice-President; Catherine Adams, Stacy Coffman, Amanda Guyer, Chad McClure, Tina McGee, and Sue Rosenberry. Shelly Boggs was the only member absent. Also, present were Dr. Tara Will, Superintendent; Daniel Simpson, Business Manager; Teresa Black, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services; Todd Best, Middle/High School Principal; Stephanie Shoemaker, Elementary Principal; Elliott Sulcove, Solicitor and Sandra Bloom, Board Secretary. Visitors present were Ken North, Lori Martin, Dawn Beaumont, Annette Hill, and Heather Goshorn.

OPENING BUSINESS

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting opened with the School Board Members and audience standing and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Chad McClure and seconded by Sue Rosenberry to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2023 Board Meeting as presented. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Moved by Sue Rosenberry and seconded by Jason Goshorn to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Invoices

Moved by Jason Goshorn and seconded by Chad McClure to approve the payment of invoices from November 30, 2023 through January 4, 2024. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Cafeteria Account Report

Moved by Chad McClure and seconded by Sue Rosenberry to approve the December Cafeteria Report as presented. Voice vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Activity Account Report

Moved by Chad McClure and seconded by Amanda Guyer to approve the December Activity Report as presented. Voice call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment – (3-minute limit per person – 21-minute total public comment)

Heather Goshorn spoke on behalf of the senior class trip to Poconos, PA. Parents are requesting the Board approve the Superintendent's recommendation to allow less than 50% participation for the senior class trip. Parents of students participating approve of the trip and feel it is a once in a lifetime trip with classmates.

Administrative Reports

Mrs. Teresa Black informed the Board that most of the paperwork and information has been uploaded to the PDE website for special education monitoring. She has a few areas to finish up before it is due at the beginning of February. Leah Deitrich and Patty Wysocki will be here on January 19, 2024, to assist with our Educational Benefits Review. This is part of the monitoring process. All special education teachers will be involved with possibly a few regular education

teachers – that is still being worked out. Keystone testing is about halfway completed. Mrs. Moore has been working very hard at ensuring everything is as it should be for the testing and will continue working diligently to schedule make-up tests for students while continuing to meet with students in need of counseling ear! Kudos to her!

As a follow-up, Mr. Todd Best said the winter wave of Keystone testing had started. Algebra and literature are completed with Biology on Wednesday and Thursday. January's fire drill was completed last week and the 50th Annual Christmas Tournament was held over the break with recognition to some of the people who played in the first tournament. All twelve students who made deposits for the senior trip are still interested in the Poconos after the price increase due to the minimum room requirement. The remaining balance in full will be due by February 1, 2024.

Mrs. Stephanie Shoemaker announced congratulations to Mrs. Coral McMath on the birth of her son, Flint Arlo Mirren McMath. The elementary is currently researching the possibility of implementing Girls on the Run programming with interested third graders this spring. The after-school program's curriculum builds confidence, connection, character, and contribution in young girls through lessons that incorporate physical activities. Dr. Will, Miss Amsley, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Coble, and Mrs. Shoemaker will learn more this week during an informational webinar. K-5 teachers are in the midst of reassessing students in the areas of reading and math. Teachers will use results to determine skill groupings and instructional needs. Teachers are beginning to review the new Science, Technology and Engineering, and Environmental Literacy and Sustainability Standards (STEELS), which will be implemented in the 2025-2026 school year, and are comparing with our current curriculum materials and resources to determine if they will meet the new standards. Lastly, February 22, 2024, is Kindergarten Registration from 12:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. for children who will be five years old by September 1, 2024. Parents must present their child's birth certificate and immunization record at the time of registration.

Dr. Tara Will wished the Board a Happy New Year and hoped everyone had a nice holiday. Dr. Will announced that since January is designated School Director Recognition Month, she honored our school board directors and their dedication to public education excellence with a poster and drawings from the Pre-K classroom and a music video of various students singing, dancing, and playing instruments. Dr. Will also presented each member with a certificate. Dr. Will informed the Board that every six months we must review our Health and Safety Plan. This is a requirement under ESSER as long as we are still receiving grant funding. The final expenditures for this money must be completed by September 2024. One of her goals for this year is to offer Board Training through PSBA. Last spring several of you completed a Board self-assessment survey. Based on the information shared with her she created a document to go over with the Board to determine the next steps. The results of the survey were positive and there was not one area that varied from the next. The math candidate that was on the original agenda has decided not to accept the position. Our Library/Spanish teacher has decided to withdraw her name temporarily. She indicated she would like more time to explore the position and re-visit it at a later date. We interviewed a retired educator for our life skills opening. He has agreed to sub for us in the classroom through ESS. His desire would be full time, but his PSERS (retirement) would be affected so we are waiting for a response on his request.

Grant Opportunity – Mr. Ken North of Friends of Fannett-Metal Athletics (FOFMA) spoke to the Board on a possible grant opportunity to purchase and install permanent lights around the baseball/soccer field. In order to apply for the grant FOFMA needs a document from the school district saying FOFMA has permission to install lights on the property. Mr. North asked the Board to discuss and possibly vote on the issue at the next board meeting.

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DISCUSSION:

No discussion.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Grounds Report – No report.

Finance Committee Report – No report.

Policy and Personnel Committee Report – Next meeting will be February 6, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Administration Office.

Transportation Committee Report – There will be a meeting in the near future, to discuss renewal of the transportation contract.

OLD BUSINESS

Policy

Moved by Sue Rosenberry and seconded by Amanda Guyer to approve the second reading of Policy 113.6, Special Education Related Services (Psychological Counseling). Voice vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Specific Issues

Committee Appointments

Moved by Sue Rosenberry and seconded by Chad McClure to approve the following committee appointments (*denotes Chairperson) (Board President is a member of each committee):

Building and Grounds Committee

Stacy Coffman

Chad McClure*

Tina McGee

Finance Committee

Cathy Adams*

Shelly Boggs

Amanda Guyer

Policy and Personnel Committee

Cathy Adams

Shelly Boggs

Sue Rosenberry*

Jason Goshorn

Transportation

Stacy Coffman

Jason Goshorn*

Sue Rosenberry

Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Personnel**Course Pre-Approvals**

Moved by Cathy Adams and seconded by Jason Goshorn to approve the following course requests:

Teresa Black	Qualitative Methods in Education Leadership
Michelle Gordon	Formal/Informal Assessment
Michelle Gordon	Technology Integration

Voice vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Conference Request

Moved by Sue Rosenberry and seconded by Jason Goshorn to approve Dr. Tara Will's request to attend the LIU Spring Symposium in Sulpher Springs, WV, March 25-27, 2024, at a cost of \$500. Voice vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Permission to Hire

Moved by Sue Rosenberry and seconded by Stacy Coffman to hire Lilliana Holthaus for a co-op experience in the cafeteria from January 22, 2024, through May 30, 2024, at a rate of \$12.75 an hour. Roll call vote – all nays. Motion failed.

Coaches

Moved by Chad McClure and seconded by Cathy Adams to appoint the following coaches for the 2023-2024 school year (*denotes Bona Fide Volunteer). Jason Goshorn requested the vote be broken down. Moved by Cathy Adams and seconded by Amanda Guyer to appoint the following coaches for the 2023-2024 school year:

Paul Coffman*	Head Varsity Baseball Coach	Step 5	\$3,700
Mike Arnold*	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	Step 2	\$2,050
Luke Coffman	Volunteer Varsity Baseball Coach		

Roll call vote – Jason Goshorn – aye, Amanda Guyer – aye, Cathy Adams – aye, Tina McGee – aye, Stacy Coffman – abstained, Sue Rosenberry – aye, Chad McClure – aye, Bonnie Cornelious – aye. 7 ayes, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

Moved by Chad McClure and seconded by Jason Goshorn to appoint the following coaches for the 2023-2024 school year:

Garrett Hill*	Head Varsity Softball Coach	Step 1	\$2,900
Annette Hill*	Assistant Varsity Softball Coach	Step 4	\$2,450
Scott Naugle*	Head Jr. High Baseball Coach	Step 3	\$2,000

Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Curriculum

Field Trip Request

Moved by Cathy Adams and seconded by Jason Goshorn to approve as per Policy 231, Social Events and Class Trips, the Superintendent's recommendation for an exception regarding the less than 50% participation for the senior class trip as previously board approved on November 14, 2023, to Poconos, PA on April 17-19, 2024. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Cathy Adams and seconded by Sue Rosenberry to approve the Class of 2024 field trip request to Hershey Park, PA on Saturday, May 18, 2024, to be paid by Class of 2024. Moved by Sue Rosenberry and seconded by Cathy Adams to table the motion. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion is tabled.

Independent Course

Moved by Jason Goshorn and seconded by Amanda Guyer approve Greg Best to provide an independent course (Physical Education) for a student during the spring 2024 semester at a stipend of \$265. Voice vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds

Building Use Request

Moved by Sue Rosenberry and seconded by Chad McClure to approve the following building use requests:

Mike Arnold the use of the high school gym on Saturdays in January and February, times to be determined, for baseball pitchers and catchers.

Path Valley Baseball the use of the elementary large group room or lobby on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, and Monday, January 29, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. for baseball signups.

Path Valley Baseball the use of the high school lobby on Saturday, February 3, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. for baseball signups.

Fannett-Metal Fire and Ambulance Company the use of the high school cafeteria and kitchen on Saturday, March 16, 2024, for their annual awards banquet.

Ft. Loudon Legion Baseball the use of the baseball field in the evenings in April through July for summer legion baseball.

Voice vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Domestic Hot Water

Moved by Sue Rosenberry and seconded by Chad McClure to accept the quote from McClure Company for replacement of two domestic hot water mixing valve assemblies at the elementary building at a cost of \$13,500. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Policy**Health and Safety Plan**

Moved by Jason Goshorn and seconded by Chad McClure to approve the revisions to the Fannett-Metal School District's Health and Safety Plan. Voice vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Budget and Finance**LIU Internet Agreement**

Moved by Sue Rosenberry and seconded by Amanda Guyer to approve an agreement to participate in the LIU RWAN for a five-year period, effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2029, and have the LIU administer the service at an annual cost of \$18,955.68 before e-rate discount. The district will pay approximately \$6,510.24 annually after e-rate discount is applied. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

LIU 12 General Operating Budget

Moved by Jason Goshorn and seconded by Chad McClure to approve the proposed 2024-2025 Lincoln Intermediate Unit's General Operating Budget totaling \$8,421,785 which is an increase in expenditures of \$218,604 from 2023-2024. Fannett-Metal's share will be \$1,049.49 which is an increase of \$11.13. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Copier Rental Agreement

Moved by Chad McClure and seconded by Sue Rosenberry to accept the quote from Document Solutions, Inc. for copier rental and maintenance at a cost of \$1,220 a month for 63 months. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Dates To Remember

January 15, 2024 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – no school for teachers/students

January 19, 2024 – Teacher In-Service Day – no school for students

Chad McClure recommended the various sports and activities should clean off the stage when done with it to help keep it clean. He helped Carl move the bleachers and the stage was a mess.

Cathy Adams said there was quite a turnout for the Christmas Tournament. It was nice to see the gym packed.

Moved by Cathy Adams and seconded by Stacy Coffman to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.



Sandra D. Bloom
Board Secretary