

Fowler Public Schools Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting MINUTES | Fowler High School Media Center

April 12, 2021

Meeting called to order by President Ryan O'Rourke at 7:01 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Roll Call taken: Ryan O'Rourke, Lori Miller, Chad Rhynard, Mindy Schafer, Bill Sillman, Jason Smith, Brett Thelen were present.

Superintendent/HS Principal Neil Hufnagel, Principal Paul Minns, Athletic Director Kris Ernst, Secretary Kim Nixon were also present.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Lori Miller to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on March 8, 2021. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on March 15, 2021. Supported by Chad Rhynard. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of bills: Motion by Jason Smith approving the general fund bills paid and monies transferred. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

Presentation. Mark Pfaendtner, CCRESA Business Manager, gave a virtual presentation on CCRESA 2021-2022 General Fund Budget.

Superintendent's High School report by Neil Hufnagel. Neil spoke on the parade through town and past Waldron students to celebrate the Girls Basketball 2021 State Championship win. Thank you to Kris Ernst for spearheading the mandatory COVID testing of athletes. Thank you to Mike Schmitt for covering the custodial work while we try to fill the vacancies.

Elementary/Middle School report by Paul Minns. Currently ramping up academic testing at Waldron. COVID testing at the Middle School level went very well also.

Athletic Director's report. By Kris Ernst. Have four Adults conducting COVID testing on Athletes. Congratulations to Coach Nathan Goerge and the Girls Basketball team on their title run and on how well they represented our community.

Board Member Comments and Observations:

Chad Rhynard and Jason Smith both spoke on how well the Girls Basketball team represented the school and community throughout the playoffs. Also, spoke about their concern with the current drop in spring sports enrollments.

Board committee reports: None.

Public Participation: Two guest in attendance, no one spoke.

Old Business for Discussion:

Bond Project update. Neil reported first bid package deadline is 2:00 pm this Thursday, April 15th. Christman will open bids publically. Second bid packages are currently being prepared by Christman.

COVID-19 Extended Learning Plan. Neil reported the numbers for this month, attendance rate at Waldron is at 95%, attendance rate at the High School is at 82%. In keeping with the Extended Learning Plan, the High School will move to a 2-1-2 schedule effective Wednesday, April 14th.

New Business for Action:

Motion by Chad Rhynard to approve the COVID-19 Learning Plan as recommended. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Jason Smith to approve the CCRESA General Fund Budget for 2021-2022 school year. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the FSMC Food Contract Renewal Agreement for the 2021-2022 school year. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lori Smith to approve the hiring of Doug Smith, District Wide Custodian. This is a full-time position. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 7-0.

New Business for Discussion

- A. Accepted Resignations from Tyler Herblet, Custodian; Kim Smith, HS Custodian; Casey Benjamin, Temporary Custodian
- B. High School 2021 Graduation is scheduled for May 23 outside on the football field. Piggott gym will be reserved as a backup in case of inclement weather.

Motion by Brett Thelen to adjourn meeting. Supported by Chad Rhynard. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Schafer/kn
Secretary