

## Fowler Public Schools Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting MINUTES | Fowler High School Media Center  
September 13, 2021

Meeting called to order by President Ryan O'Rourke at 7:00 pm

**The Pledge of Allegiance** recited.

Ryan O'Rourke asked Lori Miller to take roll in Mindy's absence.

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

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

Motion by Chad Rhynard to appoint Lori Miller as acting secretary for this meeting. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried. 5-0

**Approval of minutes:** Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on August 9, 2021. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of bills:** Motion by Jason Smith approving the general fund bills paid and monies transferred. Supported by Chad Rhynard. Motion carried 5-0.

**Presentation.** Natalie Thelen and Olivia Feldpausch presented for Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD). Currently have two projects planned for the school year and working on a third. Would like to make more of a presence in school this year.

**Superintendent's High School report** by Mark Horak. Adding an action item to this agenda (Action Item G) regarding a change order. PA-48 regarding Goal Reporting has been completed and posted to our transparency page on the website. We will report Goal Settings to the board in February and again at the end of the school year. Thanked the Foundation and everyone else involved for the "wonderful" fundraiser last Friday evening. Thank you Kris for the salute to the Veterans during Friday night's football game.

Bill Sillman arrived.

**Elementary/Middle School report** by Paul Minns. MTSS is at the tail end of their benchmark program and will be collecting data and working on getting students extra support where needed.

**Athletic Director's report.** By Kris Ernst. Happy that last Friday night went well, grateful for all the help that is received in organizing an event like that. Have had no interest in the Youth League position. Did just post it to our Facebook page today. Youth volleyball is up and running and off to a good start.

### **Board Member Comments and Observations:**

Lori Miller, "Thank you to Mark and Kris for the recognition that they put on at the game for the community.

### **Board committee reports:**

Personnel/Finance – Lori Miller reported. Reviewed job position, discussed bus situation, GRSP, teachers, and the press box proposal.

Athletics – Ryan reported. Also discussed bus situation, press box status, and more.

**Public Participation:** Five guest in attendance. Jim Rademacher commented on the fine job the two students did tonight presenting for SADD. Appreciates the topic. Asked in regards to a business plan for managing the new facility after it is open.

**Old Business for Discussion:**

Bond Project – Neil reported on bump out cost. Provided a handout addressing the change order items. Work will continue through October. Revisiting interior color scheme. Waldron upgrades are currently in the design phase. Will be accepting bids in November for them. Continuing to work on gym floor options.

**New Business for Action:**

Mark Horak gave a short summary on the current Press Box conditions and the steps that were taken to come up with the necessary repairs. Motion by Chad Rhynard to approve the Bid Proposal from Leon Schneider for repairing the Press Box. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Mark Horak reported on how and why we contract with parochial schools on offering teachers and courses. Motion by Lori Miller to approve Shared Time Teacher Amy Brunette for St. Gerard School, commencing with the 2021-2022 School year. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

Kris gave an explanation of the course and the challenges it will present to students. Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the Recreation and Fitness course offering, commencing with the 2021-2022 school year. Supported by Chad Rhynard. Motion carried 6-0.

Kris gave an explanation of the course and the types of studies that will take place. Motion by Lori Miller to approve the Global Studies Today course offering, commencing with the 2021-2022 school year. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

Mark Horak gave a summary of the course. Motion by Jason Smith to approve the Robotics course offering. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Bill Sillman approving the hire of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Coach Chris Thelen, commencing with the 2021-2022 school year. Supported by Chad Rhynard. Motion carried by 6-0.

Motion by Brett Thelen approving Change Order Bulletin 001 for the amount of \$61,764.00. Supported by Chad Rhynard. Motion carried 6-0.

**New Business for Discussion – None**

Motion by Lori Miller to adjourn meeting. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Miller/kn  
Acting Secretary