

Fowler Public Schools Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting MINUTES | Fowler High School Media Center
December 14, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Ryan O'Rourke at 7:02 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance. Recited.

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

Superintendent/HS Principal Neil Hufnagel, Business Manager Terese Pline, Athletic Director Kris Ernst and Secretary Kim Nixon were also present.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Lori Miller to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on November 9, 2020. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Presentation. None.

Superintendent's High School report by Neil Hufnagel. Added to his report-Kim Nixon is currently working on getting our Board documents updated for Neola using their electronic BoardDocs system. HS Teachers were able to transition from in school and synchronous teaching to fully remote with no loss of days. If the elementary schools ever have to transition to fully remote, they may require a few days to fully prepare.

Elementary/Middle School report by Paul Minns. Absent.

Athletic Director's report by Kris Ernst. Currently in a holding system with MHSAA on whether or not we will be able to conclude the football and volleyball seasons. They are supposed to release a statement this week. Red Cedar community league has cancelled their season due to the resignation of Mike Spicer and COVID restrictions. There are discussions with neighboring communities about possibly organizing a short season after the New Year.

Board Member Comments and Observations: None.

Board committee reports:

Ryan O'Rourke reported from the Personnel/Finance committee. Most of the discussion was in regards to the budget amendment, of which Terese will be go through in detail. Also discussed filling the custodial position at the high school.

Public Participation: None. Two guest attended.

Old Business for Discussion:

- A. 2020-2021 Budget Amendment. Terese gave a full detailed report.
- B. Bond Project Update. Neil gave a detailed report and provided a hand out.
- C. Lockout Security System. Lockout Co. completed the installations of the system, including Bluetooth connections. Neil gave a demonstration.

- D. COVID 19 Extended Learning Plan. Monthly State requirement. Neil reported current percentages of students in person and remote at Waldron. High School buildings are learning remote per Governor's order. Discussed transitioning back to a more normal in-person learning plan by the Second Semester.

New Business for Action:

Motion by Jason Smith to approve the 2020-2021 Budget Amendment. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve 2020 Staff Bonus. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Chad Rhynard to approve the hiring of Kim Smith, High School Custodian. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Jason Smith to approve FPS COVID-19 Extended Learning Plan to initiate a return to normal school by Second Semester. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-1.

New Business for Discussion

- A. Recognition of Chris Thelen's service to the FPS Board of Education. Presented with a bronzed Eagle Sculpture.

Motion by Chris Thelen to adjourn meeting. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Schafer/kn
Secretary