

Fowler Public Schools Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting MINUTES | Fowler High School Media Center
June 21, 2021

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call taken: Ryan O'Rourke, Lori Miller, Mindy Schafer, Bill Sillman, Jason Smith, Brett Thelen present. Chad Rhynard absent. Superintendent/HS Principal Neil Hufnagel, Principal Paul Minns, 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 of May 10, 2021. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jason Smith to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting of May 24, 2021. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting of June 6, 2021. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the minutes from the Budget Hearing meeting of June 14, 2021. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of bills: Motion by Lori Miller approving the general fund bills paid and monies transferred. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

Presentation. None.

Superintendent's High School report by Neil Hufnagel. Added that Summer School/Credit recovery began this week. There are 7 students at Waldron and approximately 20 students at the high school enrolled. Students are in-person 2 days a week with a Teacher mentor on hand.

Elementary/Middle School report by Paul Minns. Nothing to add to submitted report. Was pleased that they were able to end the school year with some of the traditional events, such as, the 8th grade graduation and cedar point field trip.

Athletic Director's report by Kris Ernst. Gave a verbal report. Very happy to be able to finish up the spring sports season and to host their traditional banquets. The CMAC has been discussing the possibility of combining some sports groups. Fulton has already decided to join the league north of them.

Board Member Comments and Observations: None.

Board Committee Reports: None.

Public Participation: Five guests in attendance. No comments.

Old Business for Discussion:

- A. Bond Project. The area behind the high school is currently being staged in preparation for construction to begin. By the end of 2022 summer there will have been many changes made to FHS and throughout Waldron.

New Business for Action:

Motion by Jason Smith to approve the Final 2020-2021 General Fund Budget. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the Proposed Budget for 2021-2022 school year. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the final Food Service Budget for 2020-2021 school year; and the proposed Budget for the 2021-2022 school year. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the final Special Revenue Budget for 2020-2021 school year; and the proposed Budget for the 2021-2022 school year. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the Issuance of Notes in anticipation of State School Aid (cash flow). Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the increase of the Capital Improvement Fund to \$40,000. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the Debt Retirement and Homestead Levy. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the Superintendent/High School Principal's 2021-2022 Contract. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jason Smith to approve the Elementary/Middle School Principal's 2021-2022 Contract. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the Business Manager's 2021-2022 Contract. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the Custodial/Transportation 2021-2022 Contract. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the Superintendent Secretary's 2021-2022 Contract. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Superintendent's Evaluation tabled until after closed session discussion.

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the Waldron Athletic Coordinator 2020-2021 Stipend to Kris Ernst. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business for Discussion

- A. Resignation of Kathy Feldpausch. Retired after 32 years of service as a Bus Driver.
- B. Resignation of Eric Buhr as Drivers Education Instructor for 20+ years for Fowler Public Schools.
- C. Resignation of Mike Spicer as Drivers Education Instructor for 20 years for Fowler Public Schools.

Motion by Jason Smith to enter into closed session to discuss contract negotiations and Superintendent's evaluation. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jason Smith to exit out of closed session and return to the regular board meeting. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jason Smith to approve Superintendent's evaluation as "Highly Effective". Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Brett Thelen to adjourn meeting. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Schafer/kn
Secretary