

Fowler Public Schools Board of Education

Special Board Meeting MINUTES | Fowler High School Room 105 & Virtual
August 13, 2020

Meeting called to order by Ryan O'Rourke at 7:01 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Roll Call taken: Ryan O'Rourke, Lori Miller, Chad Rhynard, Mindy Schafer, Jason Smith, Brett Thelen and Chris Thelen were all present. Superintendent/HS Principal Neil Hufnagel, Principal Paul Minns, Business Manager Terese Pline and Secretary Kim Nixon also present.

Public Participation: No comment. There were 26 guest attending virtually.

New Business for Action - Fowler Public Schools Return to School

Neil reported on the latest COVID-19 county and state levels. Presented a Hybrid plan for face-to-face schooling for those families who are currently planning to send their children to school (approx. 85%) and virtual school for the others (approx. 15%). If the numbers change to 50% in school, we would switch to all virtual schooling. Questions discussed: How much notice will be given if we need to make a change in our plan, Switching from face-to-face to virtual could be disruptive to parents, How much notice would we need if a parent decides to send child to school, Should FPS schedule a set date for switching to full face-to-face schooling, Will we be able to amend this plan? Board members agreed they wish to amend 50% in school to 40% in school to switch to an all-virtual school plan.

Brett Thelen was attending virtually, connection was lost prior to voting.

Motion by Jason Smith to approve the FPS Return to School plan as amended. Supported by Chad Rhynard. Motion carried 5-1.

Motion by Chad Rhynard to adjourn meeting. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Schafer/kn
Secretary