

Fowler Public Schools Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting MINUTES | Fowler High School Media Center
February 20, 2018

Meeting called to order by President Lynne Feldpausch 7:01 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Lynne Feldpausch motioned to appoint Lori Miller as acting Secretary. Supported by Jeff Thelen. Motion carried 6-0.

Roll Call was taken: Jeff Thelen, Ryan O'Rourke, Lynne Feldpausch, Jason Smith, Chris Thelen, and Lori Miller were present. Dave Feldpausch was absent. Superintendent/HS Principal Neil Hufnagel, Principal Paul Minns, Athletic Director Kris Ernst, and Secretary Kim Nixon were also present.

Approval of minutes:

Motion by Ryan O'Rourke to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on January 8, 2018. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of bills:

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the general fund bills paid and monies transferred. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

Presentation: Jennifer Branch, CCRESA Career Connections, gave a presentation to update us on CCRESA's career education. They are developing an umbrella advisory group to focus on the education, preparation, and college attainment in Clinton County. Focusing on college and career experience as one.

Reports:

Superintendent's/High School report by Neil Hufnagel. Neil also commented on how well the senior interview day went again this year. Thank you to CCRESA for helping again this year in coordinating the event.

Elementary/Middle School report submitted by Paul Minns. In addition to report, Paul added that March is reading month. This year's theme is "Michigan". Waldron has lined up a couple of Michigan authors to visit the elementary and middle school students during this time.

Athletic Director's report submitted by Kris Ernst. Kris added that he is hopeful that he will have a softball coach by next week.

Board Member Comments and Observations: None.

Board committee reports:

None.

Public Participation: No public comment. There were five guests in attendance. Two of which are student teachers currently fulfilling their teaching internships at Waldron.

Old Business for Discussion: None.

New Business for Action:

- A. Motion by Jeff Thelen approving the BPA overnight field trip to BPA State Leadership Conference and Competition in Grand Rapids, MI. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. Motion by Chris Thelen approving the Letter of Agreement authorizing the Superintendent to negotiate and sign a letter of agreement with the support staff association to create the Maintenance position within the bargaining unit. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business for Discussion:

- A. County School Board Program is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2018. Please RSVP to Neil Hufnagel if you are able to attend.
- B. Neil reported on the results of the Preliminary Facilities Survey Results. Will need to meet with the Financial Committee going into this bond issue.
- C. Paul reported on the hiring of Keri Moon as the Long Term Substitute Teacher at Waldron.
- D. Neil reported that Linda Halfmann resigned from her Food Service Position at Waldron.

Motion by Ryan O'Rourke to go into closed session to discuss negotiations. Supported by Jeff Thelen. Motion carried 6-0. Closed session at 8:24 pm.

Motion by Ryan O'Rourke to come out of closed session. Supported by Jeff Thelen. Motion carried 6-0. Came out of Closed session at 8:37 pm.

Motion by Lori Miller to adjourn meeting. Supported by Ryan O'Rourke. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Miller/kn
Acting Secretary