

Fowler Public Schools Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting MINUTES | Fowler High School Media Center
May 11, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Ryan O'Rourke at 7:01 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was not recited due to virtual meeting setup.

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

Ryan O'Rourke noted all voting will be taken as a Roll Call vote due to virtual meeting setup.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on April 8, 2020. Supported by Chris Thelen. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Presentation. None.

Superintendent's High School report by Neil Hufnagel. Acknowledged Rhonda Feldpausch and the Village of Fowler for initiating and heading the project of ordering and hanging the Senior Banners that line the two main streets through Fowler.

Elementary/Middle School report by Paul Minns. Nothing to add; currently working with Neil on the schedule for next school year.

Athletic Director's report by Kris Ernst. Nothing to add. Playing a waiting game to hear on summer sports.

Board Member Comments and Observations: None.

Board Committee Reports: None.

Public Participation: Three guest in attendance. No comments.

Old Business for Discussion:

- A. 2020-2021 budget development: Neil reported on the process of developing the budget. Explained what to watch for from the State in response to COVID-19 regarding school funds.
- B. COVID-19 Response and Planning: Neil reported on how Fowler teachers have been able to provide schoolwork each week to students. We have seen a steady increase each week of student engagement. We are actively preparing for whatever scenario presents itself for the start of next school year.

New Business for Action:

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the Resolution to place the Bond Project on the August Ballot. Supported by Chad Rhynard. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Chris Thelen to approve Schools of Choice Section 105 for the 2020-2021 school year. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve Schools of Choice Section 105c for the 2020-2021 school year. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Chad Rhynard to approve the proposed Budget Hearing date for Monday, June 8, 2020. Supported by Chris Thelen. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Chris Thelen to approve the Food Service Contract (FSMC) with Chartwells for the 2020-2021 school year. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 7-0.

New Business for Discussion

- A. FHS Graduation and everything else. Neil expressed the desire to host as many as our regular student events as possible, such as, graduation, prom, spring band concert, senior picnic, and student awards, once quarantine is lifted.

Motion by Chris Thelen to adjourn meeting. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Schafer/kn
Secretary