

Fowler Public Schools Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting MINUTES | Fowler High School Media Center
June 15, 2020

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Approval of minutes: Motion by Lori Miller to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of May 11, 2020. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Jason Smith to approve the minutes from the Budget Hearing meeting of June 8, 2020. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of bills: Motion by Brett Thelen approving the general fund bills paid and monies transferred. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 5-0.

Presentation. Kurt Marvel gave a presentation on County Agriculture Education Programs. Spoke on how FFA Educational Programs provide a path in achieving leadership and personal growth for students to succeed in their future careers. Kurt felt that Fowler is an ideal community to host such a program.

Superintendent's High School report by Neil Hufnagel. Nothing added to submitted report.

Elementary/Middle School report by Paul Minns. Nothing to add to submitted report.

Athletic Director's report by Kris Ernst. Nothing to add to submitted report.

Board Member Comments and Observations: None.

Board Committee Reports: Athletic committee report given by Ryan O'Rourke.

Public Participation: One guest in attendance. No comments.

Old Business for Discussion:

- A. Bond Project. Neil gave a short report on the current progress of the bond project. Will be on the August 4th election ballot.

New Business for Action:

After Terese gave a final report on the final 19-20 Budget and 20-21 Proposed Budget a Motion was made by Jason Smith to approve the Final 2019-2020 General Fund Budget. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Jason Smith to approve the Proposed Budget for 2020-2021 school year. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the Final Food Service Budget for 2019-2020 school year; and the Proposed Budget for the 2020-2021 school year. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 5-0.

Terese gave an explanation as to why there is a removal of the Special Revenue Budget. Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the Removal of the 2019-2020 Special Revenue Budget. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Jason Smith to approve the Proposed 2020-2021 Special Revenue Budget. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 5-0.

Chad Rhynard arrived and joined meeting.

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the Issuance of Notes in anticipation of State School Aid. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jason Smith to approve the MHSAA Membership for the 2020-2021 school year. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jason Smith to approve the Superintendent's/High School Principal's 2020-2021 Contract. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the Elementary/Middle School Principal's 2020-2021 Contract. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Chad Rhynard to approve the Business Manager's 2020-2021 Contract. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the Custodial/Transportation 2020-2021 Contract. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the Superintendent Secretary's 2020-2021 Contract. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jason Smith to approve the H.S. Athletic Director's 2020-2021 Contract. Supported by Chad Rhynard. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the M.S. Athletic Director's 2020-2021 Contract. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Chad Rhynard to approve the Waldron Athletic Coordinator 2020-2021 Contract. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the District MTSS & Curriculum Coordinator Stipend for the 2020-2021 school year. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jason Smith to approve Middle School Football as a Club Sport commencing with the 2020-2021 school year. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Chad Rhynard to approve an increase in the Pay to Play fee for the Youth Sports Program commencing with the 2020-2021 school year. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent's Evaluation tabled for closed session discussion.

New Business for Discussion

- A. Resignation of Anne Pierson. Mrs. Pierson is retiring after serving 25 years teaching at Fowler High School. She made a huge impact on students, staff, and culture at FHS. She will certainly be missed.
- B. Resignation of Viktor Bedaine, Custodian. Viktor has found employment elsewhere.
- C. Mike Spicer resigned as our Middle School Cross Country Coach.

Motion by Brett Thelen to enter into executive session to discuss contract negotiations and Superintendent's evaluation. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Motion by Jason Smith to approve Superintendent's evaluation of "Effective" with an overall score of 3.42/4.0. Supported by Chad Rhynard. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to adjourn meeting. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Schafer/kn
Secretary