

Fowler Public Schools Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting MINUTES | Fowler High School Media Center
August 10, 2020

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

The Pledge of Allegiance. Recited.

Roll Call taken: Lori Miller, Ryan O'Rourke, Mindy Schafer, Jason Smith, Chad Rhynard, and Brett Thelen were present. Chris Thelen was absent.

Superintendent/HS Principal Neil Hufnagel, Principal Paul Minns , Business Manager Terese Pline, and Secretary Kim Nixon were also present. Athletic Director Kris Ernst attended virtually.

All voting via roll call vote.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Lori Miller to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on July 13, 2020. Supported by Chad Rhynard. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Presentation. None.

Superintendent's High School report by Neil Hufnagel. Very exciting times in Fowler these days with the approval of the bond, improvements around town, city market, and new construction after the fire.

Elementary/Middle School report by Paul Minns.

Athletic Director's report by Kris Ernst. MHSAA is still undecided in regards to fall sports at this point, but do not seem to feel pressured to follow the decisions made at college level. Fowler is ready to go when given the green light.

Board Member Comments and Observations: Brett Thelen commented that he has certainly heard many positive comments in regards to the bond project, but has also heard positive comments in appreciation to Neil for his work and leadership through the whole process. Lori Miller shared comments she received from a family who just moved to Fowler with young children, on how nice of a town and community it is, and how excited they are to be able to raise their children here.

Board committee reports:

Curriculum committee. Chad Rhynard reported that much of the discussion was about COVID-19 and returning to school. The consensus is that the community wants to come back to school.

Public Participation: There were no guest in attendance.

Old Business for Discussion:

- A. Back to School Plan. Neil reported on the results of the parent survey, the latest COVID report from the Health Dept., health standards in respect to face-to-face or virtual school. Provided a comparison table of different school plan scenarios. Will have a recommendation for the board at a special meeting on Thursday, August 13, 2020, 7:00 pm.

New Business for Action:

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the K-12 Course Offerings for the 2020-2021 school year. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jason Smith to approve the FEA Contract for the 2020-2021 fiscal school year. Supported by Chad Rhynard. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Brett Thelen to table the Return to School Plan until Thursday, August 13, 2020, special meeting. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the hiring of Melissa Klamer in the HS English Teacher's position. Supported by Chad Rhynard. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve Policy 2266. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the amended 2020 Tax Rate. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the amended 2020-2021 Food Service Agreement. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business for Discussion

- A. Election Results. Community has passed the bond for an additional 4.1 mils for improving and expanding school facilities. Now the fun work will begin. This will require a number of Building and Grounds and Finance committees to meet as a plan is structured and work commences.
- B. Construction Project. Neil will start getting information out to members. GMB will need to begin collecting specifics from us and get with the architect to put together details.

Motion by Lori Miller to adjourn meeting. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Schafer/kn
Secretary