

## Fowler Public Schools Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting MINUTES | Fowler High School Media Center  
September 14, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Ryan O'Rourke at 7:00 pm

**The Pledge of Allegiance.** Recited.

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

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

All voting via roll call vote.

**Approval of minutes:** Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on August 10, 2020. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jason Smith to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on August 13, 2020. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

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

**Presentation.** None.

**Superintendent's High School report** by Neil Hufnagel. In addition to submitted report. We are undergoing specific reporting requirements for virtual learning students, with tighter parameters than with the spring 2020 count period. CMAC is discussing whether or not we charge an entry fee for spectators at sporting events. This is due to concerns with handling money. Fowler will follow the decisions made by the CMAC.

**Elementary/Middle School report** by Paul Minns. Nothing to add. Happy to have students back in school and everyone seems to be settling in to a new routine.

**Athletic Director's report** by Kris Ernst. Kris Ernst is attending the home volleyball games tonight, Coach Spicer is here in his place. Due to unexpected coaching resignations, Coach Spicer asked Kris to be acting Interim Assistant Varsity coach. The position has been posted but he is expecting that Kris will fill the position. Mindy thanked Kris for stepping in, especially during a time when he has already been working with constant changing schedules on top of now vacant coaching positions.

**Board Member Comments and Observations:** None.

**Board committee reports:** None.

**Public Participation:** No one spoke. There were three guest in attendance.

**Old Business for Discussion:**

- A. Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan. Neil reported that we are meeting all of the accountability matters. Under the current learning plan, districts are required to report the rate of participation and there must be at least 75% participation per week. This requires a monthly board approval.

- B. Bond Project. Neil reported he included a timeline in the packet for the sale of our bonds, which are scheduled to be sold on October 14th. Neil also reported that the designing process has begun and will be addressed in three separate packages.

**New Business for Action:**

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the hiring of Andrea Pohl as our HS Special Education Teacher commencing with the 2020-2021 school year. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jason Smith to approve the hiring of Amy Darling as our Shared-Time Teacher at St. Gerard School in Lansing commencing with the 2020-2021 school year. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lori Miller authorizing the Resolution for the 2020 School Building and Site Bonds Series. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-0.

**New Business for Discussion**

- A. Resignation of Assistant Varsity Football coach Tom Thelen
- B. Resignation of Varsity Softball coach Craig Koenigsknecht
- C. Resignation of Middle School Science Teacher Bonnie Carr-Brown
- D. Resignation of Waldron 5 hour Custodian Tracy Noonan

Motion by Lori Miller to adjourn meeting. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Schafer/kn  
Secretary