

Fowler Public Schools

Board of Education

MINUTES

Regular Meeting, Monday, April 11, 2022 at 7:00 pm | Fowler High School Media Center

Meeting called to order by President Ryan O'Rourke at 7:02 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance. Recited

Roll Call taken: Ryan O'Rourke, Lori Miller, Chad Rhynard, Bill Sillman, Jason Smith, Brett Thelen present. Mindy Schafer absent.

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

Ryan asked for a motion to appoint Lori Miller as acting secretary for this meeting. Motion by Jason Smith. Supported by Chad Rhynard. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on March 14, 2022. Supported by Chad Rhynard. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Presentation. Students Grace Boyd and Savannah Martin presented for FHS Yearbook.

Superintendent's High School report by Mark Horak. Mark also added we had Prom this past weekend; it went very well. Attended the CMAC scholar athlete banquet on Sunday. Will be attending the Top Ten luncheon next week, and Kris will attend the National Technical Honor Society banquet with FHS students, which is next week as well.

Elementary/Middle School report by Paul Minns. Will be conducting interviews for the middle school teaching position the last week of April. Hope to be making a recommendation for that position to the school board in May.

Athletic Director's report by Kris Ernst. Fulton Schools will be leaving our conference by the end of this school year. Ithaca has just approved putting turf on their football field. P-W will most likely follow.

Board Member Comments and Observations: Jason Smith has been getting a lot of questions from parents about the potholes behind the HS Building. Is there any way we can get something done about them? Neil will see what he can do.

Board committee reports:

Lori Miller reported from the Construction Committee. Met earlier this evening to discuss the recent change orders. Neil will give more details during his report.

Chad Rhynard reported from the Curriculum Committee. A subcommittee group consisting of teachers, parents, and students, was formed to work with the committee to address the current HS grading scale. The result was a .5 adjustment throughout the scale that will put Fowler more in line with neighboring schools.

Ryan O'Rourke reported from the Personnel/Finance Committee.

Public Participation: Four guest attended. Jim Rademacher asked the board if graduation was held in Piggott Gym due to weather conditions, would it be possible to pull the bleachers out on both sides of the gym to allow more guests while maintaining proper distancing. Mark said he was certainly not opposed to that and would look into it.

Nancy Rademacher thanked the curriculum committee for not lowering the grading scale too much. She feels that the proposed scale is a nice compromise.

Old Business for Discussion:

- A. Bond Project Update – Neil reported on the need to redesign the hallway construction where the existing building connects to the new structure. A change to the reconstruction plan is needed to meet safety code. The recommendation to the committee was to submit a change order with the reconfiguring to meet that need.

A group from FPS recently visited some STEM teaching and learning facilities to get some ideas for our project.

New Business for Action:

Final Qualifications for Bonds is for Series II of the bond project to pull funds. Motion by Jason Smith to approve the Final Qualifications for Bonds. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business for Discussion

- A. NEOLA Policies. Mark Horak explained that the NEOLA policies are presented online as first reading. Board Members were provided with a login and instructions to access them. Next month we will have an action item to approve them as amended.

Motion by Chad Rhynard to adjourn meeting. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Miller/kn
Acting Secretary