

Fowler Public Schools

Board of Education

MINUTES

Regular Meeting, Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:00 pm | Fowler High School Media Center

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, Brett Thelen present.
Bill Sillman, Jason Smith absent. Chad Rhynard arrived late.

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

Approval of minutes: Motion by Lori Miller to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on April 11, 2022. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of bills: Motion by Lori Miller approving the general fund bills paid and monies transferred. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 4-0.

Presentation. None

Superintendent's High School report by Mark Horak. Mark had nothing new to add to his report. However, did want to highlight that the end-of-the-year activities for the senior class starts tomorrow with the awards banquet.

Elementary/Middle School report by Paul Minns. Very excited for the hiring of Michael Simon in the Waldron Middle School teacher position. The recommendation is coming up later this evening. Michael Simon attended this meeting.

Athletic Director's report by Kris Ernst. Absent due to athletic events.

Board Member Comments and Observations: Lori Miller wished to recognize Jon Arens for his efforts maintaining the athletic grounds. He does a good job, and the grounds look great.

Board committee reports:

Ryan O'Rourke reported from Personnel/Finance Committee. They met to brain storm with administration on addressing staffing issues that are coming up over the next several months. No recommendations at this time.

Public Input on District COVID Response Plan for 2022-2023 School Year:

Mark explained this requirement. No comments given at this time.

Public Participation: Three guest attended. No comments.

Old Business for Discussion:

- A. Bond Project Update – Neil reported on The Bond Project. The Project and funding was initially broken into three phases with three borrowing parts. We just opened bids for Phase II and the resolution for borrowing those funds is on the agenda tonight. Currently working on the wall graphic and school logo. Waldron cabinets are set for installation in June. Phase III is still in the design stage.

Chad Rhynard arrived at 7:12 p.m.

New Business for Action:

Motion by Brett Thelen authorizing Bid Resolution – General Obligation Bonds designated 2022 School Building and Site Bonds, Series II, at 7:17 pm. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Chad Rhynard, supported by Lori Miller, that the Fowler Public Schools board of Education approves the resolution supporting the Clinton County RESA General Fund Operating Budget for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Lori Miller authorizing the resolution to adopt the Bylaws and Policies (0000-9000) of the Fowler Public School District Board of Education. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Lori Miller approving the hiring of Waldron Middle School teacher Michael Simon, commencing with the 2022-2023 school year. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the 8th Grade Band Trip to Cedar Point. Supported by Chad Rhynard. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business for Discussion

- A. Food Service Contract – Terese reported there were two bids submitted for the District’s Food Service Contract. This service is shared with a neighboring school district whose deadline for accepting bids is Wednesday, May 10. A small committee will meet at that point; a recommendation for approval will be brought to the board next month.
- B. State Budget Update – Terese gave a report on the status of the Budget for next school year.
- C. November 8, 2022 Biennial Election Board positions – Mark reiterated that the deadline to file a petition for those who are interested in renewing their seat is July 26, 2022.

Motion by Lori Miller to adjourn meeting. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Schafer/kn
Secretary