

# Fowler Public Schools

## Board of Education

### MINUTES

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

---

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

**The Pledge of Allegiance.** Recited

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

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

**Presentation.** None

**Superintendent's High School report** by Mark Horak. Mark shared he would like to plan a retreat for board members in the fall to address district goals. Master schedule is almost complete. All staff have been invited to attend mental wellness class this month offered through RESA. Huge thank you to John Arens, Kris Ernst, Neil Hufnagel, Jason Smith, and others who donated their time in tiling the football field this summer. It looks great!

**Elementary/Middle School report** by Paul Minns. Absent. Mark added that summer school started today. We have one bus going out; Gerri Dixon is driving.

**Athletic Director's report** by Kris Ernst. Kris added that after speaking with the family, he is planning a 25-year anniversary of the Spicer Field dedication during one of the home games this fall. Planning a big event that would include players from the 1993 and 1995 championship years. Still working on a lot of the details. FHS has only four home games the year.

**Board Member Comments and Observations:** Jason spoke in regard to the work done on the football field. Kris, Neil, John, and John's dad Al did most of the work. They installed 5200 feet of tile. It was a lot of hard work and a lot of hours of work.

**Board committee reports:** None.

**Public Input on District COVID Response Plan for 2022-2023 School Year:** No comments.

**Public Participation:** Four guests. No comments.

**Old Business for Discussion:**

- A. Bond Project Update – Neil handed out a document with change order business. There are three changes that are being made that will total over \$21,000; but individually, do not require board approval. Cabinet trim is going in at Waldron. Furniture is scheduled for delivery tomorrow. At the High school we are over the bump of installing the support beams and construction schedules are continuing.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion by Chad Rhynard approving consent agenda items Regular Meeting minutes of June 20, 2022, and General Fund monthly bills to be paid and funds transferred. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

**New Business for Action:**

Mark introduced Aaron Perez to the board. Aaron had great references from everyone, but the one comment they made that stood out was “Aaron built great relationships with the students”. Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the hire of High School Teacher Aaron Perez, commencing with the 2022-2023 school year. Supported by Chad Rhynard.  
Motion carried 7-0.

**New Business for Discussion:** None

Motion by Brett Thelen to adjourn meeting. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 7-0.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Schafer/kn  
Secretary