

# Fowler Public Schools

## Board of Education

### MINUTES

Regular Meeting, Monday, October 12, 2022 at 7:00 pm | Fowler High School Media Center

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

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

**Presentation:** Student Council presentation cancelled due to LCC Face to Face meetings.

**Superintendent's/High School Principal** report by Mark Horak. Homecoming went well accept for the outcome of the game. The new hallway and restrooms were open in time for the Homecoming dance. Kari Engel is the new student council advisor and is doing very well with it. She is also our Success Coach at both schools. Kari has provided an update to the program in writing that is attached to my report.

**Elementary/Middle School Principal** report by Paul Minns. Mark reported that the hiring process for the open pre-school teaching position is going well and they hope to have a recommendation for the board next month.

**Athletic Director's** report by Kris Ernst. We did receive the two Pixellot Cameras and have them installed. Will be working with our IT Technician to check wifi connections this week.

**Board Member Comments and Observations:**

Mindy wished to publicly thank several staff and board members for helping out at the apples to apples cross-country meet last week. There were over 1,000 runners, and the event was a huge success.

**Board committee reports:**

Ryan reported from the Personnel/Finance Committee. Most of the discussion was about posting for positions that will be coming open in the near future. Neil reported on the next borrowing schedule series to finish the bond project.

**Public Input on District COVID Response Plan for 2022-2023 School Year:** None.

**Public Participation:** One guest/ No comments.

**Old Business for Discussion:**

- A. Bond Project Update – Neil reported. Renovated hallway and new bathrooms are now open to the school. Reported on the progress of the remaining area, update on the branding package that is on the agenda, still on schedule to be open the end of January 2023.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion by Jason Smith approving consent agenda items September 12, 2022 regular meeting minutes and General Fund monthly bills to be paid and funds transferred. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

**New Business for Action:**

Mark Horak reported from the FPS Education Foundation's meeting from last week. They voted to award four grants totaling \$5,000. Motion by Brett Thelen approving all four of the Education Foundation grants. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lori Miller approving the open enrollment period for the 2nd Semester of the 2022-2023 school year. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Bill Sillman approving the change order on drywall and plaster. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Brett Thelen approving the change order for branding modifications and interior graphics package. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

**New Business for Discussion:**

- A. Resignation of Kim Nixon, Secretary to the Superintendent effective February 25, 2023. Letter attached.
- B. Resignation of Jamie Drabek, Little Eagles Pre-School Teacher effective September 23, 2022. Letter attached.

Motion by Brett Thelen to adjourn meeting. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Schafer/kn  
Secretary