

Fowler Public Schools

Board of Education

MINUTES

Regular Meeting, Monday, November 14, 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, Mindy Schafer, Bill Sillman, Jason Smith, Chad Rhynard present.
Brett Thelen absent.

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

Presentation: Samantha Cain presented virtually from Weinlander Fitzhugh with a PowerPoint reporting on the results of the 2021-2022 Financial Audit.

Superintendent's/High School Principal report by Mark Horak. In addition to the submitted report, Mark added: 10th grade students attended the Career Expo in Dewitt, he will be attending the Small Rural Schools Conference next week, currently have three positions posted, discussed the recent ransom ware attack on Jackson public schools, there will be a county wide dinner for all Board of Education members on February 23, 2023, and look for Neola policies to be on the December agenda for first reading.

Elementary/Middle School Principal report by Paul Minns. Absent.

Athletic Director's report by Kris Ernst. Provided a handout. Reported on the massive fee increases for officials. There is also a shortage in officials. Have proposed to superintendents that we increase admittance fees by \$2.00. Gave a verbal report on CMAC expansions.

Board Member Comments and Observations:

Bill Sillman thanked Jason, Cari, and Kris for working so hard for the Red Cedar League in organizing and scheduling gym time. You do an amazing time.

Board committee reports:

Jason Smith reported from the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Discussed splitting up phase 3 and phase 4 of the project for financial reason. Started discussions on what managing the "Fitness Center" will look like.

Public Participation: No guest/ No comments.

Old Business for Discussion:

A. Bond Project Update – Neil was absent and provided a written report instead.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Jason Smith approving consent agenda items October 10, 2022 regular meeting minutes and General Fund monthly bills to be paid and funds transferred. Supported by Chad Rhynard. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business for Action:

Motion by Bill Sillman to approve the 2021-2022 Financial Audit findings. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

Terese Pline gave a quick report regarding our copiers. Motion by Chad Rhynard approving the leasing of 4 new copiers for the district. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Chad Rhynard to approve the hiring of Little Eagles Preschool Teacher Jamie Lacksheide, commencing October 31, 2022. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business for Discussion:

- A. Resignation of Aaron Perez, Spanish Teacher effective at the end of the first semester.
- B. Resignation of Lindsie Grieves, GSRP Assistant Teacher

Motion by Lori Miller to adjourn meeting. Supported by Chad Rhynard. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Schafer/kn
Secretary