

Fowler Public Schools

Board of Education

MINUTES

Regular Meeting, Monday, January 9, 2023 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

Lori Miller moved to appoint Jason Smith as secretary for tonight's meeting. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 7-0.

Roll Call taken: Ryan O'Rourke, Lori Miller, Jason Smith, Kristin Phillips, Bill Sillman, Brett Thelen, Matt Epkey present.

Superintendent/HS Principal Mark Horak, Assistant Superintendent Neil Hufnagel, Principal Paul Minns, Athletic Director Kris Ernst and Secretary Kim Nixon were also present.

Presentation: A written presentation was submitted from Allison Martin, Fowler PTO Group. No presentation from the Student Council took place.

Superintendent's/High School Principal report by Mark Horak. Mr. Horak added that Spring LCC Classes began today for students. New Canon copiers were delivered to both buildings today. Upon Aaron Perez's departure at the end of the semester, we have Darci Schulz coming in to teach sign language in place of Spanish II, and Katie Marble (Dewitt Schools) teaching Spanish I virtually for 2nd semester.

Elementary/Middle School Principal report by Paul Minns. Winter benchmark assessments are coming up very soon. We are excited to have three new student teachers joining staff at Waldron today, and look forward to working with them this next half of the school year.

Athletic Director's report by Kris Ernst. Gave a verbal report this month. He has been working on the project with the placement of "stuff" in the new facility; working on getting a competition for both genders scheduled in the new competition gym as soon as it becomes available; and today was the deadline for other schools to apply for our conference. There were five schools, they will all present at the February AD meeting.

Board Member Comments and Observations: No comments.

Board committee reports: None.

Public input on District COVID Response Plan for 2022-2023 second semester. No comments.

Public Participation: Four guests/No comments.

Old Business for Discussion:

- A. Second Reading of Board Policy Updates 2022 (37.1). No comments were made.
- B. Bond Project Update – Neil reported on the latest developments of the bond project. Bids were collected on commissioning services before selecting Pro-MEC, which is on tonight's agenda for approval. Installation of flooring, kitchen and cafeteria equipment, and locker room units has begun. Series III bids have been collected, and will need to schedule a special meeting to approve them. We are still on schedule to take occupancy some time in February.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Lori Miller approving consent agenda items December 12, 2022 regular meeting minutes and General Fund monthly bills to be paid and funds transferred. Supported by Kristin Phillips. Motion carried 7-0.

New Business for Action:

Nomination made by Jason Smith to appoint Ryan O'Rourke as President and to close nominations. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion by Jason Smith to elect Ryan O'Rourke as President. Supported by Matt Epkey. Motion carried 7-0.

Nomination made by Jason Smith to appoint Lori Miller as Vice-President and to close nominations. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion by Kristin Phillips to elect Lori Miller as Vice-President. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 7-0.

Nomination made by Lori Miller to appoint Jason Smith as Secretary and to close nominations. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion by Lori Miller to elect Jason Smith as Secretary. Supported Matt Epkey. Motion carried 7-0.

Nomination made by Jason Smith to appoint Brett Thelen as Treasurer and to close nominations. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion by Jason Smith to elect Brett Thelen as Treasurer. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Jason Smith to approve Treasurer Brett Thelen and Secretary Jason Smith as authorized signatures on school accounts. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Bill Sillman to designate Business Manager Terese Pline authorized representative for ACH receipts. Supported by Matt Epkey. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lori Miller approving the designation of depositors Huntington Bank, Bank One, US Bank, the Michigan School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus (MILAF), Journey (Credit Union), Fifth Third, MBIA, Wells Fargo for the calendar year 2023. Supported by Kristin Phillips. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Kristin Phillips to set the 2023 Board Meeting dates as proposed, including January 8, 2024, to every 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the HS Media Center. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lori Miller approving the Clinton County Newspaper as our paper of record for the 2023 calendar year. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Kristin Phillips designating the Superintendent's office responsible for public postings. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Bill Sillman designating the Superintendent's office responsible for the election duties of the school district. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

President Ryan O'Rourke proposed the following board members to the following committees for 2023. Motion by Kristin Phillips to approve the proposed committees. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

Athletics

Bill Sillman - Chair
Jason Smith
Kristin Phillips

Building & Grounds

Jason Smith - Chair
Ryan O'Rourke
Matt Epkey

Construction

Lori Miller - Chair
Bill Sillman
Brett Thelen

Curriculum

Jason Smith - Chair
Matt Epkey
Kristin Phillips

Personnel/Finance

Ryan O'Rourke - Chair
Brett Thelen
Lori Miller

Policy

Ryan O'Rourke - Chair
Matt Epkey
Bill Sillman

Technology

Brett Thelen - Chair
Kristin Phillips
Lori Miller

Motion by Lori Miller to remain with Thrun Law Firm, P.C., as our legal representatives for 2023. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the hire of Associate GSRP Teacher Emily Johnson, commencing January 9, 2023. Supported by Kristin Phillips. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Bill Sillman approving the contract with Pro-MEC for commissioning services on project. Supported by Kristin Phillips. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lori Miller approving the adoption of Board Policy Updates 2022 (37.1). Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 7-0.

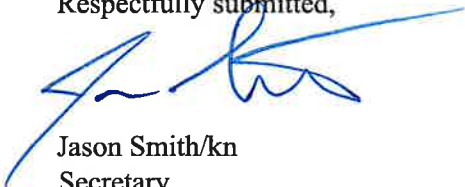
New Business for Discussion:

A. Retirement of Mark Horak, Superintendent/HS Principal. Mark wished to thank the board for their support with this very difficult decision.

B. School Board Recognition month. Cake and coffee refreshments immediately following this meeting.

Motion by Lori Miller to adjourn meeting. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jason Smith/kn
Secretary