

Fowler Public Schools

Board of Education

MINUTES

Regular Meeting, Monday, March 13, 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

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

Motion by Lori Miller to nominate Brett Thelen to act as Board Secretary in place of Jason Smith. Supported by Matt Epkey. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent/HS Principal Mark Horak, Principal Paul Minns, Business Manager Teresa Pline, and Secretary Elizabeth Koenigsknecht were also present. Kris Ernst, Athletic Director, was absent.

Presentation: A verbal presentation was given by Jennifer Branch from CCRESA about the Career Tech Program. Students Donovan Fenning and Nathan Hamilton gave examples on how these programs have broadened their academic opportunities.

Superintendent's/High School Principal report by Mark Horak. Provided a written report by assistant superintendent Neil Hufnagel in addition to his report. Mark verbally reported Athletic Director Kris Ernst will be bringing an overnight approval for the next school board meeting.

Elementary/Middle School Principal report by Paul Minns. Superintendent Mark Horak commented that a safety assessment company did a walkthrough of both the elementary and high school today and will submit safety recommendations

Athletic Director's report by Kris Ernst. Absent, written report.

Board Member Comments and Observations: Board Member Kristin Phillips congratulated Mr. Roorda and the HS band on their scores at the MSBOA festival. Board Member Bill Sillman acknowledged Mrs. Pline's hard work on putting together the MS Play. It was a great show and everyone had fun.

Board committee reports: Personnel/Finance committee met and discussed the current open positions and two EA proposals which they will be researching further.

Public Participation: Three guests. No comments.

Old Business for Discussion:

A. None

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Kristin Phillips approving consent agenda items Regular Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2023 and Approval of General Fund Monthly bills to be paid and funds transferred. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Business Manager Terese Pline commented that the business office is working on streamlining some processes and spoke of the grants we have received in the past couple of months.

Superintendent Mark Hork commented that the Safety Grant covers the cost of the safety assessment mentioned previously and the mapping of the facilities. They are looking at adding new servers to support the new cameras in the addition.

New Business for Action:

Motion by Brett Thelen approving the hire of Clayton Simon & Owen Simon as Co-Assistant Track Coaches. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Evaluation was tabled under after the executive session..

New Business for Discussion:

- A. Retirement of Eric Buhr, Retirement Teacher - Mark expressed his gratitude for Eric Buhr's service and commitment to our school. Board members expressed their gratitude as well.

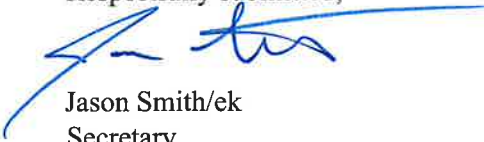
Motion by Kristin Phillips to enter into a closed session to discuss the Superintendent's Evaluation. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to exit out of executive session and return to the regular board meeting. Supported by Matt Epkey. Motion carried 6-0/

Motion by Kristin Phillips to make the Superintendent evaluation as Highly Effective. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Kristin Phillips. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jason Smith/ek
Secretary