

Fowler Public Schools

Board of Education

MINUTES

Regular Meeting, Monday, April 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm | Fowler High School Media Center

Meeting called to order by President Ryan O'Rourke at 7:05 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance. Recited

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

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

Presentation: A presentation was given by students Elaine Hamilton and Gavin Klein about their participation in Robotics Club, overseen by Marc Mowry, the Robotics instructor. The students demonstrated how they compete in competitions throughout the year by controlling a robot. They each spoke about how this has given them opportunities to problem solve and work together with other districts.

School board member Kristin Phillips spoke about how the Robotics Club adds a huge value to Fowler; the comradery and diversity between students is inspiring.

Superintendent's/High School Principal report by Mark Horak. Provided a written report by assistant superintendent Neil Hufnagel in addition to his report.

Elementary/Middle School Principal report by Paul Minns. Verbally reported that the new playground equipment has started to be delivered,

Athletic Director's report by Kris Ernst. Verbally reported that Fowler High School would be hosting pre-regionals and districts this year for baseball and softball.

Board Member Comments and Observations: No comments.

Board committee reports: Personnel/Finance committee met and discussed the current open positions and are working on creating an Assistant Principal job description.

Public Participation: Four guests. No comments.

Old Business for Discussion:

A. None

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Kristin Phillips approving consent agenda items Regular Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2023, and Approval of General Fund Monthly bills to be paid and funds transferred Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business for Action:

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the hire of Kari Engel, Science Teacher. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion

carried 6-0.

Motion by Kristin Phillips to approve the hire of Brett Schafer as part-time custodian. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Matt Epkey to approve the overnight Volleyball Tournament Trip. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Kristin Phillips to approve the out-of-state Cedar Point Senior Trip. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business for Discussion: None

Motion by Matt Epkey to adjourn meeting. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Smith/ek
Secretary