

Fowler Public Schools

Board of Education

MINUTES

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

Meeting called to order by President Ryan O'Rourke at 7:00 pm.

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

Superintendent/HS Principal Patrick O'Rourke, Athletic Director Kris Ernst and acting Secretary Kim Nixon were also present.

Presentation: None.

Superintendent's/High School Principal report by Patrick O'Rourke. During his first few weeks Patrick has been working on getting acclimated to the business operations of the school, Board Policies and processes.

Elementary/Middle School Principal: Paul Minns Absent. No report submitted this month.

Athletic Director's verbal report by Kris Ernst. We have had 16 different traveling baseball teams utilize the Fowler Baseball field this summer and have received raving reviews on the quality of our grounds. This also brings in alot of revenue to our athletic department, and brings a lot of additional business to our community.

Board Member Comments and Observations: No comments.

Board committee reports: None.

Public Participation: Thirteen guests in attendance. Jeff Armbrustmacher, Hilary Stump, Mike Braun, Doug Fox, Jim Andros, John Rademacher, Joy Stump, Rosie Feldpausch, and Al Ruhl addressed the board and/or read prepared comments asking the Board to consider naming the new Fowler Athletic Center after George Fox, who was a lifelong supporter and follower of the Fowler Community and had a very long and successful career in coaching, educating, and mentoring youths. Bill Sillman gave comments and a response to our guest.

Old Business for Discussion:

- A. Bond Project. Patrick reported on two change orders that involved flooring. The cost of each does not require board approval. Will also be looking at replacing the wall pads in the original HS Gym.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Kristin Phillips approving consent agenda items Regular Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2023, and Approval of General Fund Monthly bills to be paid and funds transferred Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

New Business for Action:

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the hire of Cole Wittenberg, HS Social Studies/History Teacher, commencing with the 2023-2024 school year. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

Bill Sillman abstained from voting for the following two action items.

Motion by Kristin Phillips to approve the hiring of Stanley Sillman, Transportation/Maintenance Supervisor, commencing in July 2023. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the Transportation/Maintenance Supervisor's Contract for the 2023-2024 school year. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to adjourn meeting. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Smith/kn
Secretary