

Fowler Public Schools

Board of Education | Minutes

Regular Board Meeting, Monday, August 14, 2023 at 7:00pm | Fowler High School Media Center

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

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

Superintendent Patrick O'Rourke, AP/AD Kris Ernst, Business Manager Teresa Pline, and Secretary Tiffany Martin were also present.

Presentation: None

Superintendent/High School Principal report by Patrick O'Rourke. Patrick attached the letter from GMB defining our agreement regarding the design services. An update was given regarding bus drivers and routes.

Elementary/Middle School Principal report by Paul Minns. Paul added a verbal report that many teachers are back in the building and are busy getting ready for the new school year. An update on Little Eagles was given.

Athletic Director's report by Kris Ernst. An update regarding the middle school volleyball coaching positions was given. Reported that the building was being used to full capacity now.

Board Member Comments and Observations about Our Community Schools- None

Board Committee Reports

The Athletic Committee gave a preseason update. Bill Sillman reported that entry fees and pay to participate rates were discussed but will remain the same for this upcoming season for the High School. The Middle School admission is set to increase from \$3 to \$5. An update on the upcoming sports season was discussed as well as the addition of two schools to the league. The school is one sport short to meet Title IX requirements, as a result, the addition of a girl's golf team was discussed. An update on the training facility was given.

Public input on District COVID Response Plan for 2023-2024 School Year – None

Public Participation – Four Guests / No comments

Old Business

Second reading of board policy items: po1615, po2623, po3215, po4215, po5512, po6325, po7434, po7540.02, po7540.04, po8300, po8305, po8315, po8390, po8400, po9160, po9700.01-Patrick commented on the policy regarding the non-service animal/service animal policy. A motion by Lori Miller was made to move from a discussion item to action item 13J. Supported by Kristin Phillips. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Kristin Philips to approve po1615, po2623, po3215, po4215, po5512, po6325, po7434, po7540.02, po7540.04, po8300, po8305, po8315, po8390, po8400, po9160, po9700.01. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 7-0.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Brett Thelen approving consent agenda items Regular Meeting minutes of July 10, 2023, Special Meeting minutes of August 7, 2023, and General Fund monthly bills paid and transferred. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

New Business for Action:

Motion by Kristin Phillips to approve the 2023-2024 School Year Course Offerings. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the 2023-2024 Master Schedules. Supported by Kristin Phillips. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the hire of Executive Secretary to the Superintendent Tiffany Martin. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Kristin Phillips to approve the hire of HS Secretary/HS Paraprofessional Sarah Sills. Supported by Matt Epkey. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the hire of Eagle Fitness Coordinator Mindy Schafer. Supported by Bill Sillman. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the hire of Assistant JV Football Coach Rich Whitman commencing with the 2023 Fall season. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Bill Sillman to approve the hire of 7th Grade Volleyball Coach Brenda Wirth commencing with the 2023 Fall season. Supported by Kristin Phillips. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the hire of 8th Grade Volleyball Coach Marisa Snyder commencing with the 2023 Fall season. Supported by Brett Thelen. Bill Sillman abstained from the vote. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the School Attendance Procedures for the 2023-2024 school year. Supported by Matt Epkey. Motion carried 7-0.

New Business for Discussion:

A. Past Community Input Discussion- Patrick O'Rourke discussed with the board how to best approach community input at board meetings. Suggested the Policy Committee establish standards and procedures in addressing concerns and requests that are received from the community.

B. Eagle Fitness Update – Patrick reported on the current standing of the Eagle Fitness. Procedures and standards regarding the fitness center and utilization of the center were discussed.

C. Possible School Board and Superintendent Evaluation Training- Patrick discussed advantages of Board of Ed. Members training on Superintendent Evaluation processes and other standardized procedures and processes. Patrick suggested scheduling a training session. Kristin Phillips suggested another strategic planning session as well. Board members were in agreement.

Motion by Lori Miller to adjourn meeting. Supported by Matt Epkey. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting Adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Smith/ tm *pro-temp Secretary Lori Miller*

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