

# Fowler Public Schools

## Board of Education | Minutes

### Regular Board Meeting, Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7:00pm | Fowler High School Media Center

Meeting called to order by President Ryan O'Rourke at 7:01 p.m.

**The Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited.

Motion by Brett Thelen to appoint Lori Miller as acting Secretary for this meeting. Supported by Matt Epkey. Motion carried 5-0.

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

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

**Presentation:** None

**Superintendent/High School Principal** by Patrick O'Rourke. Patrick gave an update on the beginning of the school year and shared the excitement of students returning. Homecoming week has brought a lot of excitement to the building. Thanks were given to Lori Miller and Jason Smith for their help with the Veterans game and announcing at the game. It was reported that the end of the school day has been changed to meet the required standards for instructional time and will take effect on 9/12/2023. An update on the exam exemption policy was given.

**Elementary/Middle School Principal report** by Paul Minns. Paul reported that it is nice to have students returning to the building and classrooms. The year is off to a great start and the building is falling into a schedule. An update on the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip was given, they are expecting nice weather this year.

**Athletic Director's report** by Kris Ernst. Kris recommended Michael Simon for JV Boys Basketball Coach and Ben Feldpausch as the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach. Kris reported that the teams are doing well as the seasons have started and that there have been successful meetings/games.

**Board Member Comments and Observations about Our Community Schools-** None

### Board Committee Reports

Ryan O'Rourke reported that the Finance Committee had met and discussed Administrative severance policy/standards and the Administrative cell phone policy.

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

**Public Participation** 1 Guest/No Comments

### Old Business

- A. Superintendent Evaluation Training and School Board General Training-Patrick O'Rourke reported that he had been in contact to set up the Superintendent Training and School Board Training. Potential dates were given and discussed by Board Members and Patrick.
- B. Bond Update-Patrick O'Rourke reported that the bigger projects are starting to be finished up. The steel for the trophy case has been installed and is ready for painting. The multipurpose floor is scheduled to be redone in December. Updates on the doors at Waldron was given. Patrick reported that a meeting for punch list items is scheduled.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion by Kristin Phillips approving consent agenda items Regular Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2023 and General Fund monthly bills paid and funds transferred. Supported by Matt Epkey. Motion carried 6-0.

**New Business for Action:**

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the hire of Michael Simon, Head Boys JV Basketball Coach. Supported by Matt Epkey. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the hire of Cindi Myers, Little Eagles Pre-School Assistant. Supported by Kristin Phillips. Motion carried 6-0.

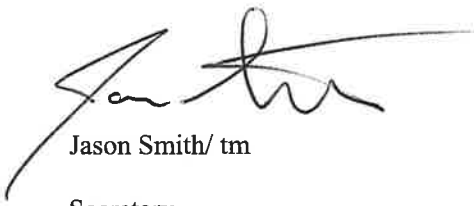
Motion by Lori Miller to approve the hire of Ben Feldpausch, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Head Coach. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-0.

**New Business for Discussion:**

- A. Resignation of Beth Simon, Paraprofessional- Paul Minns stated that Beth is a very dedicated individual who had a great impact on students' education and will be greatly missed.
- B. Superintendent Evaluation Training/Board Training-Patrick reported that this was added in this section in case it had to become an action item.

Motion made by Kristin Phillips to adjourn meeting. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jason Smith/ tm

Secretary