

Fowler Public Schools

Board of Education | Minutes

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

Meeting called to order by President Ryan O'Rourke at 7:02 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance: Recited.

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

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

Presentation: Amanda Smith gave a presentation for the Fowler Band Boosters. Amanda gave an overview of what the Band does over the course of the year including band camp, competitions, concerts, and parades. Included in the presentation was an explanation of the types of support that the Band Boosters provides to the band program.

Superintendent/High School Principal report: Patrick O'Rourke provided an update on the High School.

Elementary/Middle School Principal report: Paul Minns provided an update on the Elementary/Middle School.

Athletic Director's report: Kris Ernst provided an Athletics update.

Board Member Comments and Observations about Our Community Schools- None

Board Committee Reports

Ryan O'Rourke reported from the Personnel/Finance Committee. The Committee met and discussed the Administrator Cell Phone Policy, HVAC project, and upcoming updates to current legislation.

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

Public Participation 2 Guests – No Comments

Old Business

- A. Bond Update- Patrick O'Rourke provided an update on the bond.
- B. Second Reading of Board Policy items: po1540, po2370.01, po7217, po7540.03, po8305, po8531. Patrick O'Rourke provided an explanation of policies. Discussion took place. A motion by Brett Thelen was made to move board policy items: po1540, po7217, po7540.03, po8305, po8351 from a discussion item to action item 13D. Supported by Matt Epkey. Motion carried 6-0.

Consent Agenda:

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

New Business for Action:

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the Special Board Meeting on 12/18/2023 at 7:30 PM to review HVAC Project Bond Bids. Supported by Kristin Phillips. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Kristin Phillips to approve the hire of GSRP Care Giver Madeline Thelen. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-0.

Jason Smith abstained from voting for the following action item.

Motion by Kristin Phillips to approve the hire of Neil Hufnagel, Girls Track Head Coach. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 5-0.

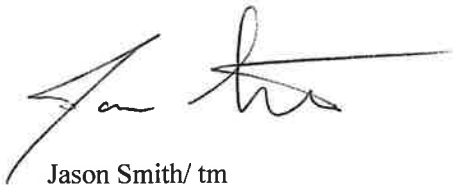
Motion by Kristin Phillips to approve Board policy items: po1540, po7217, po7540.03, po8305, po8531. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business for Discussion:

- A. First reading of Board Policy items po0122, po1420, po3120, po3130, po3131, po3132, po3139, po3140, po3142, po3220.

Motion made by Kristin Phillips to adjourn meeting. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Smith", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jason Smith/ tm

Secretary