

Fowler Public Schools

Board of Education | Minutes

Regular Board Meeting, Monday, February 12, 2024 at 7:00pm | Fowler High School Media Center

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

The Pledge of Allegiance: Recited.

Roll call taken: Ryan O'Rourke, Matt Epkey, Kristin Phillips, Jason Smith, and Lori Miller present. Bill Sillman arrived at 7:13 PM. Brett Thelen absent.

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

Presentation: Kelcie Pung and Madelyn Sillman from the LINKS program gave a verbal presentation. The LINKS program presented the purpose and goals of the club along with events that have taken place over the course of the current school year. The LINKS members reported that there is a Color Run in conjunction with CCRESA in May that will take place at Fowler High School. Students from both CCRESA and Fowler High School will be participating in the event.

Jennifer Branch from CCRESA gave a presentation about the Career Tech Program. Fowler High School students Tristan Smith and Bryce Ward spoke about the impact that these programs have had on their educational experiences.

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 - Board Member Bill Sillman commented on the Fowler Athletic Facilities sound system and community observations regarding it.

Board Committee Reports

Patrick O'Rourke gave a report from the Personnel/Finance committee meeting.

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

Public Participation 8 Guests – No Comments

Old Business for Discussion

- A. Bond Update- Patrick O'Rourke provided an update on the bond.
- B. Board Retreat – Patrick O'Rourke suggested a date for the Board Retreat, discussion took place among board members. Future possible dates will be proposed at a later time.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Kristin Phillips approving consent agenda items Regular Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2024 and Approval of General Fund monthly bills paid and funds transferred. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business for Action:

- A. Business Manager Teresa Pline reported on the 2023-2024 Budget Amendment. Teresa gave a verbal explanation of the budget amendment to the Board. Motion by Lori Miller to approve the 2023-2024 Budget Amendment. Supported by Kristin Phillips. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business for Discussion:

- A. First reading of Board Policy update po7250- Patrick O'Rourke reported that this is an update to the current Board Policy concerning the procedures and guidelines pertaining to the commemoration and naming of buildings.
- B. Retirement of Marc Mowry, High School Science & Math Teacher – Patrick expressed his gratitude for Mr. Mowry and all that he has done for our students and school.
- C. Resignation of Kortnie Fox, Librarian/Paraprofessional

Motion made by Lori Miller to adjourn meeting. Supported by Kristin Phillips. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 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