

Fowler Public Schools

Board of Education | Minutes

Regular Board Meeting, Monday, March 11, 2024 at 6:00pm | Fowler High School Media Center

Meeting called to order by President Ryan O'Rourke at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance: Recited.

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

Superintendent/ HS Principal Patrick O'Rourke, Waldron Elementary/Middle School Principal Paul Minns, Business Manager Teresa Pline, and Secretary Tiffany Martin were also present.

Presentation: None

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 and Middle School.

Athletic Director's report: Kris Ernst provided a written report for the Athletics Department.

Board Member Comments and Observations about Our Community Schools-

Board Members Kristin Phillips and Bill Sillman commented that the sound system in the Athletic Center has improved.

Board Member Brett Thelen stated that he had attended the Robotics competition and commented that it is a great experience for our students. The Robotics club gives students the opportunity to compete and collaborate with other students and teams.

Board Committee Reports- None

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

Public Participation 3 Guests – No comments.

Old Business for Discussion

- A. Bond Project Update: Patrick O'Rourke provided an update on the bond.
- B. Second reading of Board Policy update po7250. A motion was made by Jason Smith to move from a discussion item to action item 13E. Supported by Kristin Phillips. Motion carried 6-0.
- C. First and second reading of Board Policy po2340. A motion was made by Jason Smith to move from a discussion item to action item 13F. Supported by Kristin Phillips. Motion carried 6-0.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Matt Epkey approving consent agenda items Regular Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2024 and Approval of General Fund monthly bills paid and funds transferred. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business for Action:

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the hire of McKenzie Feldpausch, HS Resource Room Teacher. Supported by Kristin Phillips. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Matt Epkey to approve the hire of Rick Thelen, Varsity Boys Golf Coach. 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 Cari Smith, Middle School Track Coach. Supported by Bill Sillman. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Kristin Phillips to approve the hire of Pamela Stump, Business Manager, contingent upon background check. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve Board Policy update po7250. Supported by Matt Epkey. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve Board Policy po2340. Supported by Matt Epkey. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business for Discussion:

- A. Resignation of Kim Armbrustmacher, GSRP Lead Teacher

Motion made by Kristin Phillips to adjourn meeting. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 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