

# Fowler Public Schools

## Board of Education | Minutes

### Regular Board Meeting, Monday, April 8, 2024 at 7:00pm | Fowler High School Media Center

Meeting called to order by President Ryan O'Rourke at 7:03 p.m.

**The Pledge of Allegiance** - Recited.

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

Superintendent/ HS Principal Patrick O'Rourke, Waldron Elementary/Middle School Principal Paul Minns, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Kris Ernst, Business Manager Pamela Stump, and Secretary Tiffany Martin were also present.

The Curriculum Committee met on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jason Smith, Matt Epkey, and Kristin Phillips were in attendance.

The Policy Committee met on April 8<sup>th</sup> before the Board Meeting, Matt Epkey, Ryan O'Rourke, and Bill Sillman were in attendance.

**Presentation:** Scott Koenigs knecht, CC-RESA Superintendent, gave a presentation on the upcoming Special Education Millage that will appear on the August 6, 2024 ballot.

**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**-Jason Smith commented on the number of athletes for Spring sports.

#### **Board Committee Reports:**

Jason Smith reported that the Curriculum Committee met and discussed updates to the K-12 Science Curriculum.

Patrick O'Rourke reported that the Policy Committee met and discussed updates to existing Board Policies.

**Public input on District COVID Response Plan for 2023-2024 School Year** – No comments.

**Public Participation** 4 Guests – No comments.

#### **Old Business for Discussion**

A. Bond Project Update: Patrick O'Rourke provided an update on the bond.

#### **Consent Agenda:**

Motion by Bill Sillman approving consent agenda items Regular Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2024 and Approval of General Fund monthly bills paid and funds transferred. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **New Business for Action:**

Ryan O'Rourke abstained from voting for the following action item.

Motion by Matt Epkey to approve the out-of-state Cedar Point Senior Trip. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Matt Epkey to approve the purchase of MacMillan-McGraw Science Curriculum. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve moving the May 13<sup>th</sup> Board of Education Meeting to May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Supported by Matt Epkey. Motion carried 5-0.

**New Business for Discussion:**

- A. First Reading of Board Policy updates po1240, po2410, po2414, po2418, po3220, po6320, po6321, po6325, po6350, po6520, po8390, po8800. Patrick O'Rourke reported on the policies and the updates.
- B. May Board Meeting- Patrick O'Rourke approached the Board about moving the date of the May Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Discussion took place among Board Members. A motion was made by Brett Thelen to move from a discussion item to action item 13C. Supported by Bill Sillman. Motion carried 5-0.
- C. Upcoming Negotiations – Executive Session

Motion by Brett Thelen to enter into an executive session, at 8:07 pm, to discuss upcoming negotiations. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Brett Thelen to exit out of executive session, at 8:29 pm, and return to the regular board meeting. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Jason Smith to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Smith/ tm

Secretary