

Fowler Public Schools

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Regular Board Meeting, Monday, June 17, 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.

Brett Thelen moved to appoint Kristin Phillips as the acting Secretary for this meeting. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Kristin Phillips to amend the June 17, 2024 Agenda to add Contract Negotiations-Closed Session as New Business for Discussion Item 14B. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Roll call taken - Ryan O'Rourke, Lori Miller, Kristin Phillips, Brett Thelen, Bill Sillman, and Andy Weber present. Matt Epkey Absent:

Superintendent/ HS Principal Patrick O'Rourke, Waldron Elementary/Middle School Principal Paul Minns, Business Managers Teresa Pline and Pamela Stump, 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 an update for the Athletics Department.

Board Member Comments and Observations about Our Community Schools-

Board Member Bill Sillman commented that the Spring Band Concert was awesome and complimented the talent that we have within our school band program. He complimented and thanked Mr. Roorda for his dedication to our band and students.

Board Committee Reports - None

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

Public Participation 2 Guests – No comments.

Old Business for Discussion

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

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Lori Miller approving consent agenda items Regular Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2024, Closed Minutes of May 14, 2024, Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2024, Approval of General Fund monthly bills paid and funds transferred, and MHSAA 2024-2025 Membership Resolution. Supported by Kristin Phillips. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business for Action:

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the Final 2023-2024 General Fund Budget Amendments. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Bill Sillman to approve the Proposed 2024-2025 General Fund Budget. Supported by Andy Weber. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Kristin Phillips to approve the Final 2023-2024 and Proposed 2024-2025 Food Services Budget. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the Final 2023-2024 and Proposed 2024-2025 Special Revenue Budget. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Brett Thelen approving the Issuance of Notes in anticipation of State School Aid. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Kristin Phillips approving the Debt Retirement and Homestead Levy. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Kristin Phillips approving the Food Service Management Contract (FMSC) Renewal. Supported by Bill Sillman. Motion carried 6-0.

Nomination by Kristin Phillips to elect Matt Epkey as Secretary and to close nominations. Supported by Brett Thelen. A motion was made by Bill Sillman to elect Matt Epkey as Secretary. Supported by Kristin Phillips. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Kristin Phillips approving the hire of JV Head Football Coach, Cole Wittenberg. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Bill Sillman abstained from voting for the following action item.

Motion by Kristin Phillips to approve the Custodial/Transportation 2024-2025 Contract Extension. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Kristin Phillips to approve the Superintendent's Secretary 2024-2025 Contract Extension. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the District MTSS Coordinator 2024-2025 Contract Extension. Supported by Andy Weber. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the Waldron Athletic Coordinator 2024-2025 Contract Extension. Supported by Kristin Phillips. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Bill Sillman to approve the High School Assistant Principal and High School Athletic Director 2024-2025 Contract Extension. Supported by Andy Weber. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Kristin Phillips to approve the Waldron Elementary/Middle School Principal 2024-2025 Contract Extension. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Motion by Kristin Phillips to approve the Superintendent / High School Principal 2024-2025 Contract Extension. Supported by Andy Weber. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Kristin Phillips to approve the Business Manager, Pamela Stump, 2024-2025 Contract Extension. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business for Discussion:

Business Manager Teresa Pline announced her retirement after 30 years of service at Fowler High School. Patrick O'Rourke and the Board of Education thanked Teresa Pline for her service to the school, students, and community.

Motion by Lori Miller to enter into closed session, at 7:49 pm, to discuss contract negotiations. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Kristin Phillips to exit closed session, at 8:10 pm, and return to the regular board meeting. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Lori Miller to adjourn meeting. Supported by Bill Sillman. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Phillips/ tm

Secretary