

Fowler Public Schools

Board of Education | Minutes

Regular Board Meeting, Monday, July 8, 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, Lori Miller, Matt Epkey, Kristin Phillips, Brett Thelen, Bill Sillman, and Andy Weber present.

Superintendent/ HS Principal Patrick O'Rourke, AP/AD Kris Ernst, Business Manager 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.

Athletic Director's report - Kris Ernst provided an update for the Athletics Department.

Board Member Comments and Observations about Our Community Schools- None

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 June 17, 2024, Closed Minutes of June 17, 2024, and Approval of General Fund monthly bills paid and funds transferred. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 7-0.

New Business for Action:

Motion by Matt Epkey to approve the Overnight Cross-Country Trip. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Kristin Phillips to approve the 2024-2025 School Year Calendar. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Kristin Phillips to recognize that there is compelling reason to adopt the new Title IX policies that address recent revisions to the Title IX regulations after one reading under Bylaw 0131.1 to ensure the Board's policies comply with 2024 Title IX regulations effective August 1, 2024. Supported by Matt Epkey. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Bill Sillman to adopt Policies po2266 and po2264 in the interest in complying with 2024 Title IX regulations. Supported by Kristin Phillips. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the Board of Education 24-25 District Goals. Supported by Matt Epkey. Motion carried 7-0.

New Business for Discussion:

- A. First/Second reading of Board Policy Updates po2266 and po2264. A motion was made by Kristin Phillips to move from a discussion item to action item 13C. Supported by Matt Epkey. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. Superintendent's Evaluation Training
- C. Board Goals – A motion was made by Andy weber to move from a discussion item to action item 13D. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 7-0.
- D. FEA Contract Negotiations – Closed Session

Motion by Bill Sillman to enter into closed session, at 7:35 pm, to discuss FEA contract negotiations. Supported by Andy Weber. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to exit closed session, at 8:13 pm, and return to the regular board meeting. Supported by Andy Weber. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Kristin Phillips to adjourn meeting. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Epkey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Matt Epkey/ tm

Secretary