

Fowler Public Schools

Board of Education | Minutes

Regular Board Meeting, Monday, August 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, 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.

Elementary/Middle School Principal report: Paul Minns provided a written report.

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 – Bill Sillman reported that the Athletics Committee had met prior to the regular meeting. Bill Sillman, Kristin Phillips, and Matt Epkey were in attendance. The committee met and discussed current athletic fees and determined that they will remain the same. An update on the upcoming sports season was given with the addition of a girl's golf team as a club sport. Discussion took place on the criteria for the commemoration of school buildings and fields. The athletic committee thanked Mindy Schafer for the great work she has done overseeing and scheduling for Eagle Fitness.

The Personnel/Finance Committee met prior to the regular meeting. In attendance were Ryan O'Rourke, Lori Miller, and Brett Thelen. The emergency operating procedures plan and administrative contracts were discussed.

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

Public Participation: 1 guest attended. Jason Smith approached the board about honoring former Fowler teacher and cross-country coach Kim Spalsbury.

Old Business for Discussion

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

Consent Agenda:

Ryan O'Rourke and Bill Sillman abstained from voting for the following consent agenda items.

Motion by Matt Epkey approving consent agenda items Regular Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2024, Closed Minutes of July 8, 2024, Approval of General Fund monthly bills paid and funds transferred, and administrative contracts. Supported by Kristin Phillips. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business for Action:

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the FEA Contract 2024-2026. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Kristin Phillips to approve the Return to Learn and Continuity of Learning Plan. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Matt Epkey to approve the 2024-2025 School Year Course Offerings. Supported by Andy Weber. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Kristin Phillips to approve the Master Schedule. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Kristin Phillips to approve the School Attendance Procedures. Supported by Matt Epkey. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Andy Weber to approve the Emergency Operating Procedures. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Matt Epkey to approve the Eagle Fitness Rate Updates. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Andy Weber to approve the hire of Middle School Volleyball Coach Candis Myers. Supported by Kristin Phillips. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Bill Sillman to approve the hire of Middle School Assistant Football Coach Al Goerge. Supported by Andy Weber. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Bill Sillman to approve the hire of JV Assistant Football Coach Austin Loynes. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

New Business for Discussion:

- A. Recognition of Jason Smith's Service to the Board of Education. Patrick O'Rourke and the Board of Education recognized Jason Smith for his effort, commitment, and dedication to Fowler Public Schools and the Board of Education.
- B. Resignation of William Kramer, Food Service
- C. Resignation of Joe Travis, Transportation
- D. Superintendent Evaluation Training – Board Members will be signing up for a live virtual session.

Motion made by Kristin Phillips to adjourn meeting. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Epkey/ tm

Secretary