

Fowler Public Schools

Board of Education | Minutes

Regular Board Meeting, Monday, October 14, 2024 at 7:30pm | Fowler High School Media Center

Meeting called to order by President Ryan O'Rourke at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance - Recited.

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

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

Presentation – Bethany Hughey provided a presentation about Quiz Bowl.

Ford Phillips, a Senior NHS member, provided a presentation on Fowler's NHS Chapter.

Superintendent/High School Principal report: Patrick O'Rourke provided an update on the High School.

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

Athletic Director's report: Kris Ernst provided an update from the Athletics' Department.

Board Member Comments and Observations about Our Community Schools- Kristin Phillips spoke about the Fowler High School Band and how well they performed in Grand Ledge on October 2nd.

Board Committee Reports – None

Public Participation: 3 Guests. No Comments.

Old Business for Discussion

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

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Matt Epkey approving consent agenda items Regular Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2024 and Approval of General Fund monthly bills paid and funds transferred. Supported by Kristin Phillips. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business for Action:

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the Schools of Choice Open Enrollment 2nd Semester for the 2024-2025 school year. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Kristin Phillips to approve the 8th Grade Class Trip. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the hire of Kristina Myers, GSRP Teacher Assistant. Supported by Andy Weber. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the Fowler Public Schools Food Service Charge Policy. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business for Discussion:

- A. Driver's Education Courses – Discussion took place among the Board about the possible addition of Driver's Education courses.
- B. Refrigerator/Freezer-Waldron

Motion made by Brett Thelen to adjourn meeting. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Epkey". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Matt Epkey/ tm

Secretary