

# Fowler Public Schools

## Board of Education | Minutes

### **Regular Board Meeting, Monday, February 10, 2025 at 7:00pm | Fowler High School Media Center**

Meeting called to order by President Ryan O'Rourke at 7:01 p.m.

**The Pledge of Allegiance** - Recited.

**Roll call taken** - Ryan O'Rourke, Kent Weber, Brett Thelen, Matt Epkey, Kristin Phillips, James Jandernoa, and Andy Weber present.

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

**Presentation** – Scott Koenigs knecht gave a presentation about CCRESA Strategic planning and goals. He discussed the process that the administration went through to create these goals and how they plan to implement them. Fowler received a plaque from CCRESA to display in the school.

Jennifer Branch gave a presentation about the Career Tech Program through CCRESA. Fowler High School students Jerome Thelen, Noah Schafer, and Nicholas Smith spoke about the impact about the impact that these programs have had on their educational experiences.

**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-** None

**Board Committee Reports** – None

**Public Participation:** 5 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 January 13, 2025 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 Andy Weber to approve the 2025-2026 school year calendar. Supported by Kristin Phillips. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Kent Weber to approve the hire of Sara Canfield, High School Secretary/Library Para Professional effective February 24, 2025. Supported by Matt Epkey. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Andy Weber to approve moving the May 13, 2025 to May 19, 2025. Supported by Kent Weber. Motion carried 7-0.


**New Business for Discussion:**

- A. Patrick O'Rourke discussed options for goal setting workshops/strategic planning with the board.
- B. Patrick O'Rourke discussed the possible addition of a drone program similar to Robotics Club.
- C. Discussion took place among the board about moving the May 13, 2025 board meeting to May 19, 2025 due to scheduling conflicts.

A motion was made by Brett Thelen to move from a discussion item to action item 12C. Supported by Matt Epkey. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Kristin Phillips to adjourn meeting. Supported by Kent Weber. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Pro-temp Secretary

Matt Epkey/ ss

Secretary