

# Fowler Public Schools

## Board of Education | Minutes

### Regular Board Meeting, Monday, April 14, 2025 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, Brett Thelen, Matt Epkey, Kristin Phillips, Andy Weber, James Jandernoa, Kent Weber all 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:** Josh Klein and 3 robotics club members: Jerome Thelen, Brayden Witgen, and Lucas Ledwidge provided a presentation highlighting the successes of their season and what goes into a season. The students gave a demonstration of their robot, the USS Mowry.

**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** – Matt Epkey commented on the track teams implementation of the Team Reach App and it's ease of use and benefits in communication between coaches and parents.

#### **Board Committee Reports:**

Andy Weber reported that the Policy Committee met prior to the regularly scheduled meeting and discussed updates to existing Board Policies. Those in attendance of the policy meeting were Andy Weber, Matt Epkey, and James Jandernoa.

**Public Participation** 3 Guests – Chad Rhynard spoke in recognition of Kris Ernst, Athletic Director, for his strong leadership and commitment to our students and community.

#### **Old Business for Discussion**

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

#### **Consent Agenda:**

Motion by Kristin Phillips approving consent agenda items Regular Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2025 and Approval of General Fund monthly bills paid and funds transferred. Supported by Andy Weber. Motion carried 7-0.

#### **New Business for Action:**

Motion by James Jandernoa to approve the out-of-state Cedar Point Senior Trip. Supported by Kent Weber. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Matt Epkey to approve the Fowler Education Foundation donation towards Waldron Pavilion Project. Supported by Andy Weber. Motion carried 7-0.

#### **New Business for Discussion:**

A. First Reading of Board Policy updates po0131.1, po2340, po2264(rescind), po2266, po5320, po5330, po5330.01, po8320, po8500, po8510, po8640(rescind). Patrick O'Rourke and the board discussed the policy updates.

Motion made by Kristin Phillips to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Matt Epkey. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Epkey/ ss

Secretary