

Fowler Public Schools

Board of Education | Minutes

Regular Board Meeting, Monday, August 11, 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, Kristin Phillips, Matt Epkey, Andy Weber, James Jandernoa, and Kent Weber present.

Superintendent/ HS Principal Patrick O'Rourke, AP/AD Kris Ernst, Business Manager Tiffany Martin, and Secretary Sarah Sills 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 an update on the Elementary/Middle School.

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

Board Member Comments and Observations about Our Community Schools-

Trustee Kristin Phillips commented on the large number of participants in the summer running club as it looked to be a great success.

Board Committee Reports – Matt Epkey reported that the Athletics Committee had met prior to the regular meeting. Kris Ernst, Patrick O'Rourke, Kristin Phillips, Kent Weber, and Matt Epkey were in attendance. The committee met to discuss current athletic fees and it was decided that they will remain the same for the school year. The committee is keeping an eye on the bowling program and the golf green installation is underway. The growing need for an athletic trainer was discussed especially as we continue to host more athletic events. Members will be investigating what is involved in getting such a program up and running.

Public Participation: No guests were in attendance.

Old Business for Discussion

- A. Bond Project Update: Patrick O'Rourke provided an update on the now completed roofing project at Waldron.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Kristin Phillips approving consent agenda items Regular Meeting Minutes of July 14, 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 Kent Weber to approve the 205-2026 School Year Course Offerings. Supported by Matt Epkey. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Matt Epkey to approve the Master Schedule. Supported by James Jandernoa. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the School Attendance Procedures. Supported by Andy. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Matt Epkey to approve the Emergency Operating Procedures. Supported by Kent Weber. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Andy Weber to approve the hire of 7th Grade Volleyball Coach Jordyn Hanses. Supported by Kristin Phillips. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Matt Epkey to approve the hire of JV Assistant Football Coach Clay Wittenberg. Supported by James Jandernoa. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by James Jandernoa to approve the hire of Co-Varsity Football Assistant Coach Alex George. Supported by Kent Weber. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Andy Weber to approve the hire of Middle School Assistant Football Coach Kevin Koenigs knecht. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 7-0.

New Business for Discussion:

- A. Universal Free Breakfast and Lunch Program is set to continue until September 30, 2025.

Motion made by Brett Thelen to adjourn meeting. Supported by Kristin Phillips. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Epkey', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matt Epkey/ ss

Secretary