

Fowler Public Schools

Board of Education | Minutes

Regular Board Meeting, Monday, September 8, 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, and Kent Weber

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

Presentation – Ashley Ferguson from the PTO gave a presentation explaining how the organization supports our teachers and schools.

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. He emphasized the success of the Waldron Block Party for the kick off to the school year that took place

Athletic Director's report: Kris Ernst provided a written report for the Athletics Department.

Board Member Comments and Observations about Our Community Schools- Board President Ryan O'Rourke spoke on the comments he has heard from community members complimenting the fresh paint on the doors at Waldron. Vice President Brett Thelen commended the Varsity Volleyball team on their sportsmanlike conduct at a recent tournament and stated their behavior is overall exemplary of the student athletes at Fowler High School.

Board Committee Reports – None

Public Participation: Two guests present, 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 8, 2025 and Approval of General Fund monthly bills paid and funds transferred. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 7-0.

New Business for Action:

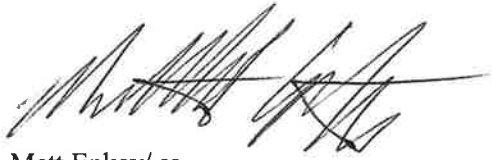
Motion by Andy Weber to approve the acceptance of the PTO Pavilion donation. Supported by Kent Weber. Motion carried 7-0.

New Business for Discussion:

Superintendent Patrick O'Rourke provided an update on the Michigan School Budget and a discussion was had on potential impacts as the deadline approaches.

Motion made by Kristin Phillips to adjourn meeting. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Matt Epkey/ ss

Secretary