

Fowler Public Schools

Board of Education | Minutes

Regular Board Meeting, Monday, May 19, 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, and Kent Weber were present. James Jandernoa was absent.

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

Presentation: Kristin Phillips of the Fowler Public Schools Education Foundation presented the Foundation's mission and goals. This year the Foundation awarded three Fowler Seniors scholarships at awards night.

Superintendent/High School Principal report: Patrick O'Rourke provided an update on the High School. He spoke on the continued process in updating Personal Finance curriculum.

Elementary/Middle School Principal report: Paul Minns provided an update on the Elementary and Middle School.

Athletic Director's report: Kris Ernst provided a report for the Athletics Department. Fowler High School hosted the Regional Track and Field Meet and he commented the success was thanks to community and parental support.

Board Member Comments and Observations about Our Community Schools-

Board Member Kristin Phillips reiterated the success of the Regional Track and Field meet. Kristin also mentioned the Graduation Ceremony was well done.

Public Participation 1 Guest – No comments.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Matt Epkey approving consent agenda items Regular Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2025 and Approval of General Fund monthly bills paid and funds transferred. Supported by Andy Weber. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business for Discussion:

- A. Board Goals Survey results were discussed. Many positive comments and constructive feedback.

New Business for Action:

Motion by Matt Epkey to approve the Schools of Choice Open Enrollment 1st Semester for the 2025-2026 School Year. Supported by Kent Weber. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Matt Epkey to approve Brett Thelen as CCRESA Board of Education Election Designee and Kristin Phillips as Alternate. Supported by Kent Weber. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Andy Weber to approve the Fowler Resolution for CCRESA Board Candidate Selection. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Matt Epkey to approve the Food Service Management Contract (FSMC). Supported by Kristin Phillips. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Kent Weber to approve the Clinton County RESA General Fund Operating Budget for the 2025-2026

School Year. Supported Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Andy Weber to approve the Board Policy updates po0131.1, po2340, po2264(rescind), po2266, po5320, po5330, po5330.01, po8320, po8500, po8510, po8640(rescind). Supported by Kent Weber. Motion carried 6-0.

Ryan O'Rourke recused his duties for the Superintendent's Evaluation Executive Session and following action item.

Motion by Kristin Phillips to appoint Brett Thelen as acting Board President for the Superintendent's Evaluation Executive Session. Supported by Andy Weber. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Kristin Phillips to enter into executive session, at 7:52 pm for the Superintendent's evaluation. Supported by Matt Epkey. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Matt Epkey to exit executive session, at 8:09 pm, and return to the regular board meeting. Supported by Kristin Phillips. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Kristin Phillips to make the Superintendent Evaluation as Effective. Supported by Andy Weber. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Matt Epkey to adjourn meeting. Supported by Andy Weber. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Matt Epkey/ ss

Secretary

Brett Thelen
pro temp