

Fowler Public Schools Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting MINUTES | Fowler High School Media Center
November 9, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Ryan O'Rourke at 7:00 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance. Recited.

Ryan asked for a motion to appoint Lori Miller as acting Secretary until Mindy arrives.

Motion by Jason Smith to appoint Lori Miller as temporary acting Secretary. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 5-0.

Roll Call taken: Ryan O'Rourke, Lori Miller, Jason Smith, Chad Rhynard, Brett Thelen were present. Mindy Schafer will arrive later. Chris Thelen was absent.

Superintendent/HS Principal Neil Hufnagel, Business Manager Terese Pline, Athletic Director Kris Ernst and Secretary Kim Nixon were also present.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on October 12, 2020. Supported by Chad Rhynard. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of bills: Motion by Jason Smith approving the general fund bills paid and monies transferred. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 5-0.

Presentation. Samantha Cain gave a PowerPoint presentation, remotely, detailing our 2019 financial audit. Audit copy is in "Draft" waiting on clarification of the student activities account. Should be finalized by next week with a final report provided by the week of Thanksgiving.

Superintendent's High School report by Neil Hufnagel. It has been a rather hectic time at Fowler High School. We have had a rather successful fall season in athletics. Majority of HS Teachers are doing synchronized instruction at this time.

Elementary/Middle School report by Paul Minns. Absent.

Athletic Director's report by Kris Ernst. We continue to be grateful that we have been able to play during this unprecedented time. Basketball just started tonight.

Board Member Comments and Observations: Chad Rhynard shared that someone he works with forwarded an announcement regarding Adalee Thelen, FHS senior, who won the Global Award through Heartland Institute. He also said that the Fowler students do a wonderful job and represent the community well.

Board committee reports:

Jason Smith reported from the Buildings and Grounds committee. They met twice since the last board meeting. The schematic design process has pretty much been completed. Neil will discuss in more detail later in the meeting.

Public Participation: None. There were three guest in attendance.

Old Business for Discussion:

- A. Bond Project Update. Neil gave a short presentation on what the exterior design of the high school is looking like at this point.

Mindy arrived during Neil's Bond Project report.

- B. COVID 19 Extended Learning Plan. This is a monthly State requirement. Neil reported current FPS COVID counts and attendance for both schools. Recommendation is to go back to a 2-1-2 Hybrid schedule through Thanksgiving.

New Business for Action:

Motion by Jason Smith to approve the 2019-2020 Financial Audit. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Chad Rhynard to approve the adoption of the Bond Resolution. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Brett Thelen approving the Schools of Choice window for 2nd Semester. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jason Smith to approve a Breakfast Program at Waldron for the 2020-21 school year. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the 2020-2021 FPS Education Foundation Grant Recipient. Supported by Chad Rhynard. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jason Smith to approve the FPS COVID 19 Extended Learning Plan. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Chad Rhynard to approve Vicki Schlak as Freshmen Class Advisor. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 5-0. Lori Miller sustained from voting.

Approval of Junior Class Advisor is tabled until next month.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the hire of Brandi Schueller as Waldron Middle School's Science Teacher. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the hire of Freshman Boys Basketball coach Ryan O'Rourke, commencing with the 2020-2021 season. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 5-0. Ryan O'Rourke sustained from voting.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the hire of 7th Grade Girls Basketball coach Kara Schafer, commencing with the 2020-2021 season. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business for Discussion

- A. 2019-2020 Winter Coaches. All positions are returning from last year.

Motion by Lori Miller to enter into executive session, at 9:01 pm, to discuss negotiations. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to exit executive session, at 9:09 pm. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Brett Thelen to adjourn meeting. Supported by Chad Rhynard. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Schafer/kn
Secretary