

Fowler Public Schools Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting MINUTES | Fowler High School Media Center
February 8, 2021

Meeting called to order by President Ryan O'Rourke at 7:01 pm

Quick reminders- please turn your microphone on when speaking, and there will be roll call voting throughout this meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call taken: Ryan O'Rourke, Lori Miller, Chad Rhynard, Mindy Schafer, Bill Sillman, Jason Smith, Brett Thelen.

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

Approval of minutes: Motion by Lori Miller to approve the minutes from Committee of the Whole meeting on January 11, 2021. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Jason Smith to approve the minutes as amended from the regular meeting on January 11, 2021. Supported by Chad Rhynard. Motion carried 6-0. Lori Miller lost connection.

Approval of bills: Motion by Chad Rhynard approving the general fund bills paid and monies transferred. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 7-0.

Presentation. None.

Superintendent's High School report by Neil Hufnagel. Excited to be in-person in school. All staff who wanted to get the COVID vaccination has received their 1st round and will begin receiving their 2nd dose tomorrow.

Elementary/Middle School report by Paul Minns. Have MTSS Data review on Wednesday of this week. Following the reading assessment test, we have 88% of students at benchmark, which is our best rate yet.

Athletic Director's report by Kris Ernst. Basketball starts this week with games on Thursday and Friday. We have streaming set up and ready to go. We are setup better with WiFi and program so we will be able to provide an even better product this time around.

Board Member Comments and Observations: Chad wished to thank Kris for all of his patients with the 4th – 6th grade basketball coaches. They are all new this year and have had a lot of questions. Also a big thank you to Kam Riley for paying a visit to their teams practice and getting them all fired up about Fowler basketball.

Board committee reports: None.

Public Participation: No comments. One guest in attendance.

Old Business for Discussion:

- A. Bond Project Update. Neil reported they have been working hard on the final building design and structure. Trying to add 4' more on the length of the building to allow for a full size practice court.
- B. COVID 19 Extended Learning Plan. We are currently at 100% 2-way communication at the high school and 99% at Waldron. We have 97% of students in-person at Waldron with 8 students currently quarantined due to exposure

outside of school. We have 99% of students in-person at the high school with 2 students currently quarantined due to exposure outside of school. The recommendation is to continue with the current plan with no changes.

New Business for Action:

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the COVID-19 Learning Plan as recommended. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 7-0.

Terese Pline gave a quick explanation of this document. This motion is to approve the Superintendent/or his designee as the authorized designee to execute IRS Form 2848. Motion by Chad Rhynard to approve the authorization of IRS Form 2848. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

Neil gave a quick explanation of this policy. Motion by Lori Miller to approve Policy 8450.05. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 7-0.

New Business for Discussion

- A. Summer Program for Credit Recover and Remediation. Neil introduced the thought of starting to plan to allow time for students to catch up on the curriculum they lost due to our remote learning periods. This will be through providing program after the school year has ended, for those students that need it.

Motion by Jason Smith to adjourn meeting. Supported by Chad Rhynard. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Schafer/kn
Secretary