

Fowler Public Schools Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting MINUTES | Fowler High School Media Center
May 10, 2021

Meeting called to order by President Ryan O'Rourke at 7:02 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

Approval of minutes: Motion by Jason Smith to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on April 12, 2021. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the minutes from the special meeting on May 3, 2021. Supported by Jason Smtih. Motion carried 4-0.

Bill Sillman arrived to meeting.

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. None.

Brett Thelen arrived to meeting.

Superintendent's High School report. Neil Hufnagel gave a verbal report. Thank you to the Board of Education for putting in the extra time for committee and special meetings that have been required due to the bond project and Superintendent search. Working through the end of the year events. Had the senior trip last week to Double R ranch. It went very well. Prom is this Friday, and Graduation is the following weekend. Commencement will be held outside on the Football field. Enrollments for LCC, Math 120, and CTE programs for the next school year are up with 30+ students enrolling. Will be posting two student summer positions. Discussed whether or not we should open gym rentals to the community yet. It was decided not to at this time.

Chad Rhynard arrived to meeting.

Elementary/Middle School report by Paul Minns. Nothing to add; Waldron has returned to a full 5-day in person schedule.

Athletic Director's report by Kris Ernst. Nothing new to add. Wanted to verbally congratulate the girls basketball team on their State Championship win. Congratulations to Coach George on making the Associated Press Coach of the Year and Mia Riley on receiving Player of the Year for Division 4.

Board Member Comments and Observations: Chad Rhynard commented on how nice it is to be from a small town after witnessing Coach Goerge personally driving around town handing out championship signs to his basketball team.

Board committee reports: Jason Smith reported from Building and Grounds. Mostly had discussed the bond project with a focus on the gymnasium.

Public Participation: There were two guest in attendance.

Old Business for Discussion:

- A. 2020-2021 budget development: Terese reported.
- B. COVID-19 Response and Planning: Recommendation is that we adopt a modified plan. We continue to follow all legal orders, but review contact tracing and quarantines on a case-by-case basis. Protocols have begun changing slightly according to Health Departments in other counties in Michigan.
- C. CCRESA Board Election Resolution: This is a resolution for CCRESA to hold an election to vote in a new member to their Board of Education. There is one vacancy open and only one candidate running for the position.
- D. Superintendent/HS Principal Search update. Ryan reported. Posting closed at 4:00 pm today. There are 16 applicants.

New Business for Action:

Motion by Brett Thelen to approve the new COVID-19 Learning Plan as recommended. Supported by Chad Rhynard. Motion carried 6-1.

Motion by Jason Smith to approve Derek Koenigs knecht as JV Boys Basketball Coach. Supported by Chad Rhynard. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve Schools of Choice Section 105 for the 2021-2022 school year. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve Schools of Choice Section 105c for the 2021-2022 school year. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to approve the purchase of kitchen merchandise for the Waldron cafeteria kitchen. Supported by Brett Thelen. Motion carried 7-0.

New Business for Discussion

- A. FHS Graduation. Please arrive by 1:30 pm. Commencement begins at 2:00 pm.

Motion by Lori Miller to adjourn meeting. Supported by Chad Rhynard. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Schafer/kn
Secretary