

Fowler Public Schools Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting MINUTES | Fowler High School Media Center
July 13, 2020

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

All voting will be taken by roll call.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Chris Thelen to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on June 15, 2020. Supported by Lori Miller. 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. None.

Superintendent's High School report by Neil Hufnagel. Took a moment to thank his staff for helping out in communications, bond work, and graduation planning during his mother's illness.

Elementary/Middle School report by Paul Minns. Did not submit a written report. Verbally reported he is currently planning the 8th Grade graduation presentation for this Wednesday. It will be hosted outside.

Athletic Director's report by Kris Ernst. Nothing to add.

Board Member Comments and Observations: None.

Board committee reports: None.

Public Participation: There were three guest in attendance.

Old Business for Discussion:

- A. Budget Update. Neil reported on the status of the 2019-2020 budget. Will not have as much of a reduction as feared, which will also be offset by COVID funding going out to schools. At this point, feeling confident with the adopted 2020-2021 budget.
- B. Graduation Update. Neil reported that graduation commencement will be held on Spicer football field limiting the number of people allowed inside the grounds in order to comply with the Governor's order. Graduation rehearsal is set for Thursday evening with commencement on Sunday.
- C. Bond Update. Neil reported that there will be a Special Edition Eagle Flyer next week that will feature only Bond related materials. There is an advocacy group in the community spreading the word to vote August 4.

New Business for Action:

Motion by Chris Thelen to approve the hire of Cari Smith as the Middle School Cross-Country Coach commencing with the 2020-2021 school year. Supported by Lori Miller. Motion carried 4-0. Jason Smith sustained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

New Business for Discussion

- A. COVID 19 Roadmap for Fowler Schools. Sending out a survey to school parents asking if they will, or will not, send their child(ren) back to school. Will they provide a face mask. This is a countywide survey discussed and implemented by Clinton County Superintendents. Stage 4 allows return to school. Stages 1, 2, and 3 does not.

Motion by Lori Miller to enter into executive session to discuss negotiations. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Lori Miller to exit out of executive session. Supported by Jason Smith. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Jason Smith to adjourn meeting. Supported by Chris Thelen. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Schafer/kn
Secretary