

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 11, 2021**

The annual organizational/regular meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Monday evening, January 11, 2021 in the high school media center.

**I. Reorganization and Committee Appointments**

**A. Temporary Chairman**

Anne Tompkins, who served as President of the Board last year and continues as a member of the Board, opened the meeting and served as temporary chairman.

**B. New and Re-Elected Members**

The temporary chairman appointed Merianne Tappan as temporary secretary for roll call.

PRESENT: Mike Alchin, Jon Ford, Janice Handrich, Amber Larrison, Merianne Tappan, Anne Tompkins, and Herb Trader

ABSENT: None

**C. Election of Officers**

Nominations for the offices of president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer were received.

Tappan/Trader That Anne Tompkins be nominated for president, that the nominations cease, and that a majority vote be cast.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0; Abstain – 1 (Tompkins) Motion carried.

Tappan/Trader That Janice Handrich be nominated for vice president, that the nominations cease, and that a majority vote be cast.

Ayes 7; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

Larrison/Trader That Merianne Tappan be nominated for secretary, that the nominations cease, and that a majority vote be cast.

Ayes –7; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

Tappn/Alchin That Jon Ford be nominated for treasurer, that the nominations cease, and that a majority vote be cast.

Mr. Ford declined the nomination.

Tappan/Trader That Amber Larrison be nominated for treasurer, that the nominations cease, and that a majority vote be cast.

Ayes –7; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

**I. Reorganization and Committee Appointments (Con't.)**

**D. Regular Meetings – Board of Education**

Board Policy No. 0164.1 states in part: ....“The Board shall hold a meeting at least once each month on a date and at a time and place determined annually by a resolution of the Board.”

Trader/Tappan That the regular monthly meeting of the Fairview Area Schools’ Board of Education be held on the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the high school media center.

Board discussed and motion was amended to include new meeting start time.

Tompkins/Trader That the regular monthly meeting of the Fairview Area Schools’ Board of Education be held on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the high school media center.

Ayes - 7; Nays - 0

Motion carried.

**E. Review of Board Policies**

The following Board policies were reviewed: Policy #0143 Authority, Policy #144.2 Board Member Ethics, and Policy #144.3 Conflict of Interest. These policies contain information regarding the role of a Board member.

**F. Committee Appointments**

By Board policy, the Superintendent is a de facto member of all Board committees. **Only Board members have voting rights on Board committees.** The president appointed the following committees for 2021:

Building/Maintenance: Janice Handrich, chair; Mike Alchin; and Herb Trader; with Rich Ellis. Alternate: Anne Tompkins

Finance: Amber Larrison, chair; Merianne Tappan; and Anne Tompkins; with Mary Jo Green. Alternate: Jon Ford

Negotiations: Merianne Tappan, chair; Jon Ford; and Amber Larrison  
Alternate: Mike Alchin

Policy Review: Anne Tompkins, chair; Jon Ford; and Janice Handrich  
Alternate: Merianne Tappan

SIT: Jon Ford and Mike Alchin  
Alternate: Amber Larrison

**II. School Board Appreciation**

Mr. Lake commended Board members on the great job they are doing and each Board member was presented with a gift and a certificate of appreciation.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved with the addition of **ITEM A. Letter of Agreement** under **XI. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION**.

**IV. Consent Agenda**

Tappan/Ford That the following items be included in the Consent Agenda and be accepted as presented:

- A. December 14, 2020 regular meeting minutes
- B. Treasurer’s Reports
  - Cash Receipt reports for General Fund, Debt Retirement Fund, Sinking Fund, and 2018 Sinking Fund
  - General Fund Accounts Payable for December 2020, which include payrolls of \$136,686.73, bills to be ratified of \$79,610.59, and bills to be paid of \$46,581.58 totaling \$262,878.90.
- C. Administrative written reports

Ayes - 7; Nays - 0 Motion carried.

**V. Public Comment**

Mike Stone presented an update to the Board regarding the robotics grant program available through the State of Michigan. Four competition kits have been received. The teams will use an available room at the district for their building site. Sponsors are still being accepted.

**VI. PRESENTATION – Jim Gilbert – Alpena Community College Dual-Enrollment Plan**

Mr. Gilbert’s plan was well received and will be on the agenda for approval in February.

**VII. Administrative Report – Bill Lake, Superintendent**

**VIII. Curriculum Update**

- A. Report: Amy Clouse, Curriculum Director

**IX. Board Committee Reports – None**

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. FAS Extended Learning Plan**

As required by the MDE, the Board reviewed the district’s Extended Learning Plan. No changes were recommended at this time. The plan will be reviewed every month until further notice.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Letter of Agreement**

The FTA-AFTM asked that the Letter of Agreement for additional compensation for elementary teachers with distance learners be extended to include second semester.

Ford/Trader That the Letter of Agreement between the Board and the FTA-AFTM concerning additional compensation for elementary teachers with distance learners be extended to include second semester.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0; Abstain – 1 (Tompkins) Motion carried.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION ITEMS AND DATES**

**A. Sub Pay**

The newspaper ad placed last month has attracted some positive response. The Board is okay with not raising the hourly amount for sub workers at this time.

President Tompkins requested that each Board member choose a month to attend a class as an observer/helper. The following months were assigned:

January – Herb Trader	April – Anne Tompkins
February – Janice Handrich	May – Amber Larrison
March – Mike Alchin, Jon Ford	December – Merianne Tappan

**B. Standing Committee Meetings**

Policy Committee, Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

**XIII. Board Comments, Communications, and Closing Public Comments**

Board Comments: None

Communications: None

Public Comments: April Evans, Lynn Layman, and Mandy Trader expressed their concerns regarding the current rate of sub pay and parapro schedules. Mr. Lake will be meeting with Amy Clouse this week to review parapro job duties and schedules.

*President Tompkins adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.*

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Merianne Tappan, Board Secretary