

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2024**

The annual organizational/regular meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Monday evening, January 8, 2024 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 Amber Larrison as temporary secretary for roll call.

PRESENT: Mike Alchin, Ryan Blair, Janice Handrich, Amber Larrison, Anne Tompkins, Herb Trader, and Gary Wnuk

ABSENT: None

C. Election of Officers

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

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

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

Alchin/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.

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

Ayes –7; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

Larrison/Handrich That Mike Alchin be nominated for treasurer, that the nominations cease, and that a majority vote be cast.

Ayes –7; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

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.”

Handrich/Wnuk 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.

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

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 2024:

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

Finance: Mike Alchin, chair; Amber Larrison; and Anne Tompkins; with Mary Jo Green. Alternate: Gary Wnuk

Negotiations: Amber Larrison, chair; Mike Alchin; and Ryan Blair
Alternate: Janice Handrich

Policy Review: Anne Tompkins, chair; Janice Handrich; and Gary Wnuk
Alternate: Mike Alchin

SIT: Mike Alchin and Amber Larrison
Alternate: Ryan Blair

II. School Board Appreciation

Mrs. Taylor commended Board members on the great job they are doing and each Board member was presented with a gift.

III. Staff Recognition

This year community members have the opportunity to nominate outstanding staff members. This month the Board recognized and honored the following employee: April Evans; Central Office.

IV. Approval of Agenda The agenda was approved by consensus.

V. Consent Agenda

Larrison/Trader That the following items be included in the Consent Agenda and be accepted as presented:

- A. December 11, 2023 regular meeting minutes
- B. Treasurer's Reports
 - Cash Receipt reports General Fund, Sinking Fund, and 2018 Sinking Fund
 - General Fund Accounts Payable for December 2023, which include payrolls of \$242,425.77 bills to be ratified of \$145,586.12, and bills to be paid of \$82,271.83 totaling \$470,283.72.
- C. Administrative written reports

Ayes –7; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

VI. Public Comment

Aurora Jeason presented proposed plans for the 2024 prom. The item is on the agenda for discussion later in the meeting.

Arin Pyles inquired about the status of the concession stand and restrooms for the track area. President Tompkins informed those present that the plans are still being looked into.

VII. Administrative Reports

- A. Sarah Taylor, Superintendent / K-5 Principal
- B. Troy Ross, 6-12 Principal

VIII. Athletic Update – Raquel Rondo

IX. Board Committee Reports – Building/Maintenance, January 8, 2024

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Second Reading – Policy Updates

The Board conducted a second reading of the revised policies in the Neola Fall 2023 update 38-1.

Trader/Alchin That revised Policy Updates 38-1 be approved as presented.

After discussion, Mr. Trader made and Mr. Alchin supported an amended motion:

Trader/Alchin That revised Policy Updates 38-1 be approved with revision to Policy 7217 as suggested.

Ayes –7; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

XI. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS

A. Vendor Bid

Bids were solicited for the replacement of 19 exterior windows that need to be replaced due to their age and condition. Project to be funded using ESSER III funds. The Building/Maintenance Committee made the following recommendation:

Handrich/Trader That the bid from Rondo and Sons in the amount of \$15,415.00 for the replacement of 19 exterior windows be approved as presented.

Ayes –7; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

B. Bus Driver Training

The Board was asked to approve sending Mr. Nick Bugg to attend CDL training at a cost of \$,2400 on the condition of the terms outlined in the attached work obligation agreement.

Handrich/Larrison That the Board approve sending Nick Bugg to attend CDL training through Kirtland College at the cost of \$2,400 on the condition of the terms outlined in the attached work obligation agreement.

Ayes –7; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

XI. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS (Con’t.)

C. Leave of Absence

Ms. Emily Harder submitted a letter requesting an emergency extended leave of absence effective January 3, 2024 for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. Ms. Harder intends to return to teaching first grade in the fall of 2024.

Trader/Larrison That the extended leave of absence requested by Emily Harder be accepted as presented.

Ayes –7; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

XII. NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION ITEMS AND DATES

A. 2024 Prom

Prom is tentatively scheduled for the evening of May 11, 2024 at the Sojourn Lakeside Resort in Gaylord.

Wnuk/Blair That the Board approve the seniors’ request to hold prom on May 11, 2024 at Sojourn Lakeside Resort in Gaylord.

Ayes - 7; Nays - 0

Motion carried.

B. Standing Committee Meetings

1. Policy – Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
2. Building/Maintenance - Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6:15 p.m.

XIII. Board Comments, Communications, and Closing Public Comments

Board Comments: Herb Trader inquired about the timing of the purchase of new equipment for the weight room. Ms. Taylor informed the Board that the purchases will be made in the spring of 2024 or as cash flows allow.

Gary Wnuk inquired about adding the invocation to the agenda. The matter will be discussed at the next policy meeting.

Communications: None

Public Comment: Mike Stone informed the Board of recent awards received by the robotics teams.

Mandy Trader informed the Board of the participation in indoor track events by Nick Trader and Arin Pyles. The students participated in these events as individuals but have represented the district honorably.

President Tompkins adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Amber Larrison, Board Secretary