

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2004**

The regular meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Monday evening, August 9, 2004 in the elementary media center.

I. Call to Order—Roll Call

The president, Beth Miller, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Beth Miller, Chris Neff, Pat Thompson, Galyn Troyer, James Yoder, Joel Yoder, and Anthony Fortin

ABSENT: None

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by Board consensus.

III. Consent Agenda

Neff/Thompson That the following items be included in the Consent Agenda and be accepted as presented:

- A. July 12, 2004 regular Board meeting minutes
- B. Treasurer's Reports
 - Cash Receipts reports for General Fund, 1998 Debt Retirement Fund, and Sinking Fund
 - General Fund Accounts Payable, which include payrolls of \$115,625.81, bills to be ratified of \$91,187.94, and bills to be paid of \$64,853.65 (\$2,784.03 were approved at the July Board meeting), totaling \$271,667.40
- C. Administrative written report
- D. Policy review assignment—Section 9000, **General Public and Organizational Relations**, 9350—Public Gifts and Bequests through 9950—State Education Agency Relations

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

IV. Public Comment

Stacey Hengy, who has a son entering Kindergarten this fall, questioned why the Kindergarten room is being used for the first-grade class rather than for the Kindergarten class. The Kindergarten room was designed to accommodate children at that grade level.

V. Administrative Report

The Superintendent’s report is included.

VI. Board Committee Reports

There were no reports.

VII. Meeting and Conference Reports

1. Board members interested in attending the New Board Member Institute September 10-11 at Shanty Creek should notify someone in the Central Office.
2. Beth Miller reported on the MASB Summer Conference sessions she attended in Traverse City.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Policy Review—Section 9000

Policy No. 9001—School Community Relations through 9310—Use of Go Carts and Other Motor Vehicles on School Parking Lots were reviewed.

Neff/Troyer That the first paragraph of Policy No. 9230-2 be changed to read as follows:

“All school volunteers work under the direction of school staff and provide supportive services to them. Classroom volunteers are not teachers, they assist teachers who may, for educational reasons, decline the assistance.”

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

B. Self-Funding of Dental and Vision Coverage

The following break-down of costs and savings on the self-funded plans was provided:

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>12-Mo. Prem.</u>	<u>6-Mo. Prem. Pd.</u>	<u>6-Mo. Claims Pd.</u>	<u>6-Mo. Savings</u>
Dental	\$22,890	\$11,445	- \$6,685	= \$4,760
Vision	8,530	4,265	- 1,377	= \$2,888

C. Superintendent’s Evaluation

Phase One of the Superintendent’s evaluation was conducted at the July 12, 2004 Board meeting in closed session.

Fortin/Thompson That the minutes from the closed session on July 12, 2004 be approved as presented.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS (Con't.)

C. Superintendent's Evaluation (Con't.)

Neff/Thompson That Phase One of the Superintendent's evaluation be accepted.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

A copy of the evaluation shall be part of the permanent record of minutes.

D. Joint Study on Consolidation

The question was reviewed and after again reading the June 30, 2004 Joint Study Committee minutes, the Board reached the conclusion that no definite recommendation was received from the committee. The Joint Study Committee had requested a "straw vote" to assess support for a public ballot question by each Board.

A proposed response to the letter from the Mio AuSable Schools' Board of Education was reviewed. Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education maintains the position it took in the "straw vote" conducted at the July 12, 2004 Board meeting concerning the question of putting the consolidation issue to a vote within our district.

IX. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS

A. MASB Board of Directors

Open seats in Region 2 for the MASB Board of Directors were one for a one-year term and one for a three-year term. The ballot was available at the Board table.

Neff/Yoder That Renee Bird, Tawas Area Schools, receive the vote for the one-year term on the MASB Board of Directors.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

Neff/Yoder That Mary Jason, Charlevoix-Emmet ISD, receive the vote for the three-year term on the MASB Board of Directors.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

B. Coaching Recommendations

Ray Poellet, Athletic Director, submitted a list of the coaching staff for the 2004-2005 school year.

Neff/Troyer That the coaching staff be accepted as presented.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

IX. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS (Con't.)

C. Acceptance of Resignations

Hans Parker and Ronda Hill, both paraprofessionals, indicated that they will not return for the 2004-2005 school year.

Troyer/Neff That Fairview Area Schools accept the resignations of Hans Parker and Ronda Hill and express appreciation for services rendered in the education of children.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

Pat Thompson will write the letters of appreciation.

X. NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION ITEMS AND DATES

A. Standing Committee Meeting Dates

Policy Review August 16, 2004 6:00 p.m. Central Office

Policy No. 9250—Use of Facilities—will be reviewed. Board members were encouraged to give their thoughts on the present policy: 1) use of facility should be encouraged; 2) who will monitor use? 3) the school needs community support. The committee will return a recommendation to the Board at the September Board meeting.

Negotiations—Teamsters August 17, 2004 1:45 p.m. Central Office

B. Work Session Date

Materials relevant to the work session scheduled for **August 16, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Central Office** were distributed to Board members.

XI. Board Comments, Communications, and Closing Public Comments

A. Board Comments

Beth: Encouraged Board members to read the August 2, 2004 “Headlines”, particularly the final article.

Pat: Expressed her disappointment that more sharing between schools does not occur.

Joel: Some parents have expressed concerns about the new combined bus schedules. Mr. Nelson replied that Dave should be contacted by parents if they have questions.

B. Communications

There were no communications.

XI. Board Comments, Communications, and Closing Public Comment (Con't.)

C. Closing Public Comment

Stacey Hengy asked for and received a copy of the coaching recommendations.

XII. Closed Session

At 8:59 p.m., the following resolution was offered:

Troyer/Thompson That the Board go into closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations, and that the Board return to open meeting in this room at the conclusion of the closed session and immediately adjourn.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 9:39 p.m. in the elementary media center.

The president adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Secretary