

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2004**

The rescheduled regular meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Monday evening, November 8, 2004 in the elementary media center and was rescheduled from 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m..

I. Call to Order—Roll Call—Welcome

The president, Beth Miller, called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

PRESENT: Joel Yoder, Beth Miller, Chris Neff, and Pat Thompson, representing a quorum

ABSENT: Galyn Troyer, James Yoder, and Anthony Fortin

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by Board consensus.

III. Presentation of 2003-2004 School Audit

Mr. Robert Carpenter of Robertson & Carpenter, LLP presented the 2003-2004 Annual School Audit. With the changes in audit requirements and reporting format, the audit process was more time-consuming and the reporting process required additional explanation. Board members were given opportunity for questions, and Mr. Carpenter will be available at a future Board meeting if additional questions are posed, since audit copies were not available prior to the meeting.

IV. Consent Agenda

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

A. October 11, 2004 Board meeting minutes; regular session and closed session

B. Treasurer's Reports

--Cash Receipts reports for General Fund, 1998 Debt Retirement Fund, and Sinking Fund

--General Fund Accounts Payable, which includes payrolls of \$219,621.11, bills to be ratified of \$90,687.97, and bills to be paid of \$25,165.44, totaling \$335,474.52

--1998 Debt Retirement Accounts Payable of \$28.08

C. Administrative written reports

Ayes – 4; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

V. Public Comment

Bryant Handrich and Ashton Evans, senior class officers, presented a planning form for a class trip to Chicago. By Board consensus, the class was given permission to pursue plans for the trip.

VI. Curriculum Spotlight

Brenda Kauffman presented information on the Kindergarten curriculum and provided examples of the Skill Sheets used for students and the new report cards that were introduced last year.

Brenda also reported on the math conference she attended the last week of October. A great deal of information was presented. Brenda felt that the conference was worthwhile.

VII. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent's Report

The report is included.

B. Principal's Report

The report is included. Mr. Poellet also reported that Jim Yoder, Tom Spencer, and Rick Handrich accompanied him on his visit to Grayling to look at NovaNet. He also talked with Alpena Schools, who have been using the product. Mr. Poellet will provide a comparison between the cost factors that go into providing Alternative Education, independent study, etc. –vs- NovaNet costs.

C. Athletic Director's Report

Mr. Parker reported that the fall sports season has proceeded quite well. The boys' basketball coaching roster is being recommended to the Board as the following:

Varsity (interim)	-	Wayne Nutt
Junior Varsity (interim)	-	Jeremy Williams
Junior High (7 & 8)	-	Cody Gascho
Volunteer at Varsity level	-	Chris Leach

The possibility of sending coaches for PACE training will be investigated.

VIII. Board Committee Reports

- A. Building/Maintenance:** Minutes of the November 3, 2004 meeting were available.
- B. Finance:** Minutes of the November 3, 2004 meeting were available.
- C. Negotiations:** Jim Yoder was not present to report on the November 1, 2004 meeting.

IX. Meeting and Conference Reports

Mr. Nelson will report at a later meeting on the HPS Workshop and MASB/Attorney Conference.

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Student Rep Appointment to SIT

Student Council has not appointed a member to the SIT Committee. Mr. Poellet will solicit student participation.

B. Board Policy No. 5235—Nepotism

Proposed Board Policy No. 5235—Nepotism was presented for a first reading at the October Board meeting. The policy was presented again for a second reading and possible adoption.

Neff/Thompson That Board Policy No. 5235—Nepotism be adopted as presented.

Ayes – 4; nays – 0 Motion carried.

XI. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS

A. 2003-2004 Annual Audit Report

The 2003-2004 Annual Audit was presented earlier in the meeting.

Neff/Thompson That the Annual Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004 be accepted as presented.

Ayes – 4; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

B. Employment

Ray Poellet and Carl Parker recommended that Wayne Nutt be appointed as the interim coach for the boys' varsity basketball team.

Neff/Yoder, Joel That Wayne Nutt be appointed as the interim coach for 2004-2005 for the boys' varsity basketball team, pending a satisfactory criminal background check.

Ayes – 4; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

Mr. Poellet and Mr. Parker also offered the following recommendations for 2004-2005 interim coaching positions:

- Jeremy Williams - JV boys' basketball
- Cody Gascho - Junior High (7 & 8) boys' basketball
- Chris Leach - Volunteer assistant for Varsity boys' basketball

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

B. Employment (Con’t.)

Neff/Thompson That interim boys’ basketball coaches for 2004-2005 be appointed as follows, pending satisfactory criminal background checks:

- Jeremy Williams - JV boys’ basketball
- Cody Gascho - Junior High (7 & 8) boys’ basketball
- Chris Leach - Volunteer assistant for Varsity boys’ basketball

Ayes – 4; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

C. Request Road Signage

In the Superintendent’s Report, Mr. Nelson recommended the Board pass a resolution requesting the Department of Transportation to erect “School Bus Stop Ahead” signs on either side of the Camp Barakel stop.

Neff/Thompson That the Michigan Department of Transportation be requested to erect “School Bus Stop Ahead” signs on either side of the Camp Barakel stop.

Ayes – 4; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

XII. NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION ITEMS AND DATES

A. Committee Appointment

Mr. Nelson recommended that a committee be appointed to address athletic mission and objectives. The president appointed Joel Yoder as chair, with Chris Neff and Terry Rhoads serving as members. The committee will present their recommendation at the December Board meeting for approval.

Mr. Poellet and Mr. Parker will draft the following for the January Board meeting:

- Criteria or qualifications for coaching
- Procedures for appointing assistant staff members
- Expectations for various levels of sports

B. Standing Committees

Policy Review	November 17, 2004	6:30 p.m.	Central Office
Finance	November 17, 2004	7:15 p.m.	Central Office
Negotiations	November 22, 2004	7:00 p.m.	Central Office

XIII. Board Comments, Communications, and Closing Public Comments

1. Beth advised the Board that meetings in Curran and/or Comins will be scheduled for the beginning of next year, i.e. July or August.

Beth noted that the “Drug-Free” signs have been posted.

Beth contacted the president of the Atlanta Schools’ Board about sharing services. Beth asked if Board members would be interested in having a joint meeting with Atlanta’s Board to discuss possibilities of sharing services.

Board members expressed reservations, citing different ISDs, distance, etc. However, if Atlanta proposes a plan to us, the Board will consider it.

2. A “thank you” letter from AuSable Valley Community was received. They thanked Fairview Schools for support of the 24th annual AuSable Valley Community Harvest Festival.
3. There were no closing public comments.

The president adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Chris Neff, Secretary