

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2004**

The rescheduled regular meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Monday evening, December 13, 2004 in the elementary media center and was called to order at 6:00 p.m.. The Board went into Executive Session for purposes of Superintendent's Evaluation and discussion of negotiations.

I. Call to Order—Roll Call—Welcome

The president, Beth Miller, called the meeting to order.

PRESENT: Beth Miller, Pat Thompson, Joel Yoder, Tony Fortin, James Yoder, and Chris Neff

ABSENT: Galyn Troyer

Neff/Yoder, Joel That the Board goes into closed session for the purpose of the Superintendent's periodic evaluation and discussion of negotiations, and that the Board returns to open meeting in this room at the conclusion of the closed session.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 6:55 p.m. and a short recess was called. The Board reconvened in the elementary media center at 7:00 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

Beth Miller requested that Item B. Approval of Building Principal Job Description under NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS be removed from the agenda. The agenda was then approved by Board consensus.

III. Consent Agenda

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

- A. November 8, 2004 Board regular meeting minutes
- 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 \$145,525.53, bills to be ratified of \$77,608.03, and bills to be paid of \$28,668.95, totaling \$251,802.51
 - 1998 Debt Retirement Accounts Payable of \$2,056.86
- C. Administrative written reports

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

Pat Thompson rejoined the Board meeting

IV. Public Comment

Mark Gerber expressed concern about the addition to the fund equity as reported in the audit report for the year 2003-2004. He stated that the high school is providing a “bare bones” curriculum and some teachers have large classes as a result of many cutbacks. He felt that the surplus should have been used to reduce class sizes, etc. rather than being “stored”.

IV. Curriculum Spotlight

Claudia Blamer, the current Kindergarten teacher, reported on the first-grade curriculum. She taught first grade for a number of years and will follow the present Kindergarten class into first grade.

V. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent’s Report

The report is included.

B. Principal’s Report

The report is included. Mr. Poellet provided additional information on NovaNet. He also suggested that Lea Marzolo and Jamie Hart receive recognition for their written essays for the Voice of Democracy contest. Lea Marzolo earned first place and her entry will be forwarded to Regional competition, while Jamie earned a second place for her entry.

VI. Board Committee Reports

- A. Building/Maint.:** Chris Neff reported on site visits conducted on November 29, 2004 and the meeting held on December 8, 2004.
- B. Finance:** Tony Fortin reported on the meeting held on November 17, 2004.
- C. Negotiations:** Jim Yoder reported on the meeting held on December 8, 2004.
- D. Policy Review:** Beth Miller reported on the meeting held on November 17, 2004.

VII. Meeting and Conference Reports

A. MASB/Attorney Conference

Mr. Nelson included a report with the Superintendent’s Report on the School Attorney Conference he attended in November.

B. Workshop at AMA

Beth Miller, Pat Thompson, and Troy Ross attended a “Showcasing Your School” workshop at AMA in Alpena. It was a worthwhile workshop.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Student Rep Appointment to SIT

Chelsea Keller and Beth Bowers will serve as the student reps to the SIT Committee. The next SIT meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2004.

B. Approval of the Athletics Mission Statement

The committee formed to write an Athletics Mission Statement submitted a statement for the Board's approval. After discussion, the following amended statement was offered for approval:

“Fairview athletics are an extension of the classroom, fostering learning through reinforcing the importance of teamwork, honesty, discipline, dependability, the development of a positive attitude and good sportsmanship.”

Neff/Fortin That the Athletics Mission Statement be approved as amended.

Ayes – 6; Nays 0 Motion carried.

IX. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS

A. Policy No. 7950 Revision

The Policy Review Committee recommended changes to Policy No. 7950, Schools of Choice.

Neff/Fortin That Policy No. 7950 be amended as presented.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

B. Approval of Building Principal Job Description was removed from the agenda.

C. Literacy Program

Mr. Poellet offered a proposal to increase literacy and preparedness for school. After considerable discussion, the proposal was submitted for approval.

Fortin/Thompson That the Board accepts and approves the Literacy Proposal as presented.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 1 (Neff) Motion carried.

D. High School Choir Tour

Kevin Salsbury presented a proposed itinerary for a High School Choir Tour. He outlined the activities he is proposing and stated that there is great parental support for the tour.

Fortin/Neff That the Board approves the proposed High School Choir Tour in concept and authorizes Mr. Salsbury to begin the planning and organization stages.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

X. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS (Con't.)

E. Energy Use Reduction Project

After visits to Kingsley and Pellston Schools, the Building Committee recommended moving to Stage I in the process. The cost is approximately \$6,000, which will be absorbed into the project if we move to further stages. The Committee recommended the use of services from Energy Systems Group. Bidding requirements were met last year with bids from Energy Systems Group and Comfort Systems, making the final two bids.

Neff/Yoder, James That the Board authorizes the Energy Systems Group to begin a technical study and program design at a cost not to exceed \$6,000. Such cost is to be absorbed into the projects, should the projects move forward to awarding of work orders.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

F. Parent Involvement Plan

A Parent Involvement Plan, which formalizes the plan now in place, was presented. The Plan will be included in handbooks.

Neff/Thompson That the Parent Involvement Plan be approved as presented.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

G. Student Custodians

Jessica Smith, previously approved as a student custodian, is no longer working in that capacity. Mike Chicha and Kari Thompson are now sharing the position, along with Scott Brush.

Neff/Fortin That Mike Chica and Kari Thompson be approved as student custodians to share the student custodian position during the 2004-2005 school year.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

XI. NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION ITEMS AND DATES

A. SIT Committee Recommendations

The SIT Committee recommended some painting in the hallways, painting lockers, and a hand print record for Kindergarten students. Other items to be addressed are implementation of technology, Senior Exit Interviews, Transition Day for eighth to ninth grade, and Character Counts camp.

The Board, by consensus, agreed to proceed with the recommendations.

XII. NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION ITEMS AND DATES (Con't.)

B. Athletics Expectations

Along with approval of the Athletics Mission Statement, the Administrative Team suggested that a pamphlet be prepared for volunteers, which would include much of the same expectations that we have for coaches and students. It would also provide some basic information useful to all: where to park, how to report concerns, etc.

The Board, having accepted the Athletics Mission Statement, approved its distribution to the public and for use in establishing athletic procedures and expectations. Ray Poellet and Carl Parker, along with persons of their choice, will formulate the information.

C. Tax Rebate Information

There have been some large tax rebates awarded by Boards of Review or the Tax Tribunal. The rebates are for 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001.

D. Standing Committees

No committee meeting dates were set.

XIII. Board Comments, Communications, and Closing Public Comments

1. Beth Miller informed the Board that Community Caring, Inc., as part of the Educational Fair, will provide information on community-wide services and activities that are available for families.
2. Pat Thompson commented on the honors awarded to Melony Haskin, girls' varsity basketball coach, and to several of the team members. She will write letters of congratulations to the persons deserving recognition as mentioned in the Superintendent's Report.

There was no closing public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Chris Neff, Secretary