

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 21, 2005**

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The special meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Monday evening, March 21, 2005 in the elementary media center and was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

**I. Call to Order—Roll Call—Welcome**

Board President Beth Miller called the meeting to order.

PRESENT: Tony Fortin, Chris Neff, Beth Miler, Pat Thompson, James Yoder, and Joel Yoder (arrived at 6:05 p.m.)

ABSENT: Galyn Troyer

**II. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved by Board consensus.

**III. Public Comment**

Randy VanElsacker voiced his concern about school volunteers who have a criminal background. Mr. Poellet outlined his plan to handle situations involving such volunteers.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Athletic Expectations**

Board members were invited to review Athletic Expectations and provide feedback at the meeting. Several expectations were clarified and Beth expressed appreciation for the work that went into writing the expectations.

**B. Millage Awareness Plan**

Renewal of the non-homestead millage will be included in the May 3, 2005 annual election. The ballot question will ask for five years at 20 mils, but only 18 mils will be levied annually. The Board discussed ways to educate the public about the millage proposal. The following steps will be taken:

1. Mr. Nelson will write a letter to the editor of The Oscoda County Herald in which he will provide information about the proposal.
2. Information will be included in the elementary Wednesday folders.
3. Information will be included in the next Newsletter.
4. Beth will contact Mark Grantner at the Senior Citizens' Center about presenting information on the millage proposal and ways in which senior citizens can be served at the school. She will also explore means of communicating the same message at the AuSable Valley Apartments.
5. Board members will speak to community members.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS (Con't.)**

**C. Parent/Teacher Conference Survey Results**

Mr. Poellet reported on the number of parents who attended conferences and the techniques used to make the high school conferences move more efficiently.

Beth thanked Tony Fortin and Pat Thompson for presenting information to parents at the conferences. Surveys were handed out and 60 have been returned. Parents expressed reasons for satisfaction with the school as well as some reasons for concern. Results will be available for review in the Central Office.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Alcona Field Trip Request**

The Board, by consensus, gave approval for students to attend the abstinence-only assembly at Alcona High School in May. Formal action was taken on the request.

Neff/Thompson      That the field trip request for 8-11 grade students to attend the abstinence-only assembly at Alcona High School be approved.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0                      Motion carried.

Requirements of the Sex Education legislation will be included in the April meeting.

**B. Wall of Fame**

The School Spirit Committee presented the concept for the “Wall of Fame” at the regular march Board meeting.

Thompson/Fortin      That the “Wall of Fame” concept presented by the School Spirit Committee be approved.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0                      Motion carried.

Chris Neff and Beth Miller will represent the Board on the Nomination Committee. Guidelines and suggestions for nominations and selection of the charter members were discussed. Rick Handrich suggested using the Career Preparation Paths as a guide for selecting members.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

**A. Review of Our Current Arrangements**

Mr. Ray Poellet, Mr. Rick Handrich, and Mr. Bruce Nelson presented information at the regular March meeting on the K-12 instruction for 2005-2006. The information provided groundwork for this meeting.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION AND ACTION (Con't.)**

**B. Proposal for 2005-2006 and Projections for Next Several Years**

Mr. Nelson provided an outline with projections, areas for Board discussion, and items needing Board action. Mr. Poellet and Mr. Handrich presented information on a possible schedule for 2005-2006. The schedule includes eight class periods per day rather than seven, with the eighth period being used for academic support. Class meetings, community service, academic help for students, etc. could take place during the last hour without students missing class time earlier in the day. Enrollment projections were also provided.

Lengthy discussion about decisions and the future impact that the present decisions will have followed the presentations. Board members expressed appreciation for the administration's work and planning.

**C. Action Taken by the Board**

Neff/Thompson        That the administration's recommendation to fill a fulltime music position starting in the fall of 2005-2006 be approved.

Ayes – 4; Nays – 2 (James Yoder, Joel Yoder)        Motion carried.

There was some discussion on the salary step for the fulltime music position. The Superintendent is to work within the parameters of the present FTA/MFT contract language.

**D. Shop Options**

The administration did not bring a recommendation to add Shop classes at this time.

**XI. Board Comments**

Beth reinforced the fact that we need to continually look for ways to give children educational opportunities outside school hours.

The president adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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Chris Neff, Secretary