

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 9, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Monday evening, May 9, 2005 in the elementary media center and was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order—Roll Call—Welcome

Board President Beth Miller called the meeting to order.

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

ABSENT: Galyn Troyer

A number of students attended part of the meeting to fulfill a class assignment.

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. April 11, 2005 Board regular meeting minutes; April 11, 2005 closed session minutes; April 20, 2005 Board special 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 \$214,918.47, bills to be ratified of \$85,232.01, and bills to be paid of \$44,565.55, totaling \$344,716.03
 - 1998 Debt Retirement Accounts Payable in the amount of \$390,571.90
- C. Administrative written reports

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Curriculum Spotlight

Rick Handrich, who serves as Fairview Area Schools' guidance counselor, presented the 2005-06 proposed high school schedule. He informed the Board that we may be able to share some classes with Mio AuSable School, Novanet will be utilized, and there are a number of students who will be dual-enrolled and taking classes at KCC. If the academic support hour in the schedule is not included, special education classes would need to be re-evaluated.

VI. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent's Report

The report is included.

B. Principal's Report

The report is included.

C. Athletic Director's Report

The report is included.

VII. Board Committee Reports

The Building/Maintenance Committee will reschedule the meeting set for May 3, 2005.

VIII. Meeting and Conference Reports

Mr. Nelson included information on the MSBO Conference he attended. He reiterated that it was a very worthwhile conference.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Negotiations on Superintendent's Contract

At the April 11, 2005 Board meeting, James Yoder was appointed to speak with Mr. Nelson to review contract terms and conditions. Arrangements to meet will be postponed.

B. Superintendent's Goals for 2005-2006

Joel Yoder and James Yoder were appointed to set the Superintendent's goals for 2005-2006 and to then present the goals for the Board's review.

C. Exploration of Sharing a Superintendent Position

The Board President sent letters to Mio AuSable Schools, Hillman Community Schools, and Atlanta Community Schools in which the option of sharing a superintendent was presented. Both Mio and Atlanta thanked the Board for the proposal, but each school has selected a candidate to fill the position.

X. OLD BUSINESS (Con't.)

D. Plan for Alternative to Music Position

Discussion included the following items:

1. Declining enrollment, which yields less revenue, must be considered.
--additional resources will be needed to fund art curriculum
--are there employees who could add art to their current load?
--is it possible to hire on a contracted basis rather than employee status?
2. The Board does not want to lay off existing staff to hire new person.
3. A volunteer would not feel comfortable in the position, and an instructor needs to be certified to meet State requirements.
4. If the position is approved, the Board needs to fully fund curriculum, supplies, etc.
5. The curriculum will be reviewed in February 2006.

Thompson/Fortin That the elementary curriculum be amended to permit the instruction of art in place of elementary music for a period of one year. A review is to take place in February 2006.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 1 (Neff)

Motion carried.

IX. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of C.O.O.R. ISD's Budgets

Public Act 234 is a new law which requires that the ISD submit its preliminary budgets to local districts prior to adopting the budgets in June. It also requires action on the part of the local districts by resolution to agree with the proposed budget or to indicate areas they suggest changing. The ISD's preliminary budgets were presented to Board members at the April 20, 2005 special Board meeting.

Neff/Fortin That the preliminary 2005-2006 budgets offered by C.O.O.R. ISD be approved as presented.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

B. Approval of Coaching Assignments

The Athletic Director provided a list of recommended coaching assignments for 2005-2006. Any positions not filled at this time will be presented for approval as recommendations are offered.

Neff/Yoder, James That the 2005-2006 coaching assignments submitted by the Assistant Athletic Director be approved as presented.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

