

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 10, 2005**

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The regular meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Monday evening, October 10, 2005 in the Mitchell Twp. Hall—Curran, MI.

Board President Beth Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and roll call was taken.

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

ABSENT: Anne Tompkins and Anthony Fortin

Several community members from Mitchell Twp. were also present.

**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. Minutes: September 12, 2005, closed session on the same date, September 26, 2005, and closed session on the same date.
- 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 \$202,088.38, bills to be ratified of \$88,562.47, and bills to be paid of \$35,615.27, totaling \$326,266.12
- C. Administrative written reports

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0                      Motion carried.

**IV. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**V. Curriculum Spotlight**

**A. Presentation of Good Sportsmanship Awards**

Good Sportsmanship Awards were received from MHSAA and MEEMIC for Girls' Volleyball District tournament and for Boys' Basketball in both District and Regional games. Congratulatory letters were sent to Mr. Poellet, Mr. Parker, Ms. Wiedbrauk, and Mr. Nutt.

**V. Curriculum Spotlight (Con't.)**

**B. Review of Testing Process**

Rick Handrich and Mr. Poellet presented information for changes in the testing schedule. Mr. Poellet will present a proposal for possible Board action at the November meeting.

**VI. Administrative Reports**

**A. Superintendent's Report**

The report is included.

**B. Principal's Report**

The report is included.

**VII. Board Committee Reports**

Negotiations: The FTA/AFTM will vote Thursday, October 13, 2005 on the proposed contracted.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Approval of Credit for Child Development Independent Study**

Ruth Ressler, from His Love Family Resources, presented an independent study in child development at the September 12, 2005 Board meeting. The course is a mentoring program for students who become pregnant. Mr. Poellet presented a recommendation for approving a pass/fail credit of child development independent study. Mr. Poellet will check with Ms. Ressler to see if fathers-to-be can be included in the independent study, if they so desire.

Neff/Thompson That one (1) independent study credit for Pregnancy and Parenting Curriculum be provided for teenagers successfully completing the course.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

**B. Follow-Up on Special Board Meeting/Board Expectations**

**Model**

Board develops goals (May)

Board identifies several priorities (June)

Verification Report (April)

Administration develops action plans with time frames & reports (September)

Progress is assessed (March)

Action plans are implemented and reported on (December, February)

The amended model from the September 26, 2005 special Board meeting, as it appears above, was included for the Board's consideration. The follow-up consideration of the model may be taken up at a special Board meeting.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS**

**A. 2004-2005 Annual Report**

Mr. Nelson reviewed the 2004-2005 Annual Report. Copies were available for community members to follow the review.

**B. Educational Senior Class Trip**

Leslie Green was not present, but indicated her intent to address the Board at the November meeting about a car raffle for funding an educational senior class trip.

**C. Snow Removal Bids**

Bids were invited from various vendors and a Request for Bids was advertised in The Oscoda County Herald. One bid was received from Fairview Excavating—Fairview, MI and the superintendent recommended accepting the bid as follows:

\$82.20 per hour for the following pieces:

- 1 Ton truck with 9’2” Boss adjustable vee plow
- 4-wheel drive pickup with straight blade
- 4-wheel drive pickup with vee plow
- 4-wheel drive loader with 2-yard bucket
- 4-wheel drive loader with 1-yard bucket

\$88.20 per hour for the following piece:

- 4-wheel drive 2- yard loader with 12-foot blade attached

Neff/Thompson That the bid from Fairview Excavating for snow removal during the 2005-2006 school year be accepted as presented.

Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; Abstain – 1 (Miller) Motion carried.

**D. Proposal to Purchase Recorded Textbooks**

Mr. Poellet presented a written proposal to purchase recorded textbooks from Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic Company. The recorded materials would be available on computers that students may use during class, academic support, before or after school. It is also possible to have a group of students listening to the same text. If the service is valuable to students, Mr. Poellet recommended that the service become a budgeted annual expense.

Yoder,

James/Thompson That recorded textbooks services be purchased and made part of our curriculum pending positive review by administration in June 2006.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

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

**E. Contract Approval**

Mr. Poellet's contract for the K-12 Principal position was presented for the Board's approval. The Negotiations Team met with him on September 7, 2005.

Neff/Yoder, James That the 2005-2006 Contract with Mr. Raymond Poellet be approved as presented.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

**X. NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION ITEMS AND DATES**

**A. November Elections**

Mr. Nelson presented information at the September 26, 2005 Special Board meeting. If the election date is moved to November, it can never be changed. By Board consensus, it was agreed that it is not urgent to make a change, but that the item may be considered again.

**B. Energy Conservation**

At the August 8, 2005 meeting at the Clinton Twp. Hall, Mr. Norman Fredrickson expressed concern about the energy conservation movement at the State level and asked about the Board's stand on the issue. Energy conservation, which will make Daylight Savings Time permanent year-round nationwide, is to take affect in 2007. The Board will consider the question at the August 2006 Board meeting.

**C. Preliminary to Action Planning**

Mr. Nelson, Mr. Poellet, and Mr. Rick Handrich have begun action planning. However, they came to the consensus that further work requires the Board's clarification of priorities. Mr. Nelson presented information that is known and projected questions that arise, along with some ramifications of possible decisions.

The Board asked for information pertaining to:

- Present staffing and the number of students compared with staffing in previous years when the student count was approximately the same as now (355)
- Would a four-day week provide enough savings to make it worthwhile?
- What have Posen, AuGres-Sims, and Vanderbilt done about making reductions and/or budget cuts?

**D. Meeting Dates**

Standing Committees

1. Policy Review: Committee members will check policies relevant to elections.
2. Negotiations: Mr. Nelson recommended that the committee meet one more time after the FAS/AFTM ratifies the contract.
3. Building/Maintenance: Mr. Nelson updated the Board about the energy project.
4. Finance: No meeting set.

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

**D. Meeting Dates**

Special Board Meeting

Mr. Nelson recommended that a special Board meeting be called for Monday night, October 31, 2005 for presentation of the 2004-2005 Audit. Discussion and decisions on Action Planning could be included in the meeting.

Thompson/Yoder,

James That a special Board meeting be called for Monday evening, October 31, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. for presentation of the 2004-2005 Audit and for any other matters the Board may wish to consider.

Ayes – 4, Nays – 1 (Neff) Motion carried.

**XI. Board Comments, Communications, and Closing Public Comments**

Board Comments

1. James Yoder thanked community members for attending the Board meeting.
2. Chris Neff reported that a local business person had suggested recruiting students to add to our student count, perhaps paying an incentive of \$20,000.

Communications

1. The Department of Education communicated a change in the base amount above which competitive bids must be obtained for remodeling, procurement of supplies, materials, and equipment. The base for fiscal year 2005-2006 is \$18,915.
2. Mr. Nelson had written to MHSAA and addressed his concern about an incident which occurred during a girls' basketball game. MHSAA corresponded with the school in question and encouraged the school to investigate the matter, and once completed, to report the findings to MHSAA and Fairview Area Schools.

Closing Public Comments

There were none.

The president adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

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Chris Neff, Secretary