

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 31, 2005**

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A special meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Monday evening, October 31, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the elementary media center.

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

ABSENT: Anthony Fortin

**II. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved by Board consensus.

**III. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

Member Anne Tompkins joined the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

**IV. Presentation of 2004-2005 Annual Audit**

Mr. Robert Carpenter presented the 2004-2005 Annual Audit. Board members presented questions which Mr. Carpenter addressed.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution for Flexible Spending Plan**

A resolution was presented in which a contract with BASIC to provide a Cafeteria Plan as amended and restated to become effective as of 10/01/2005 pursuant to the Adoption Agreement and Cafeteria Plan would be approved.

Neff/Thompson That the Resolution to accept the Adoption Agreement and Cafeteria Plan, as amended, be approved as presented and signed.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

The Resolution, Adoption Agreement, and Cafeteria Plan, as amended, shall be part of the permanent record of minutes.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS**

**A. FTA-AFTM Master Agreement**

The FTA-AFTM ratified the 2005-2008 Master Agreement between their union and the Board of Education on October 13, 2005. The document was available for the Board’s approval.

Neff/Yoder, James That the FTA-AFTM Master Agreement for 2005-2008 be approved as presented.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

**B. 2004-2005 Annual Audit**

As noted earlier, Mr. Carpenter presented the 2004-2005 Annual Audit. The audit was presented for acceptance by the Board.

Neff/Thompson That the 2004-2005 Annual Audit be accepted as presented.

**C. Action Planning – Work Session**

1. Dual platform for computers: Ms. Shumaker presented an informational document providing the Board of Education with the history, facts, and current information regarding the PC and Mac Computer Labs. A plan, developed three years ago, provides for the replacement of all computers in the district. The plan calls for a gradual “phase-out” of some of the classroom computers in the elementary school. One computer would be left in the classroom for teacher use along with a second computer for student use. Greater emphasis would be placed on lab use.
2. Mr. Nelson provided a Summary Statement in which questions confronting the District, the District’s fiscal setting, recommendations, and ramifications were outlined.

Discussion:

- We would be better off to save what can be saved this year rather than making huge cuts in future needs.
- Declining enrollment may indicate that a wing of the school could be closed.
- The administration maintains that the Board needs to decide about filling a music position before further planning can take place.
- The administration asked: should they be looking at a framework using staff members currently here, or should they plan programs and then figure out staffing needs.
- Plans need to be in place for what will be offered in the future.
- If the music position is not filled next year, this does not mean that the music program will be closed forever.
- A growing budget deficit needs to be addressed.

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

**C. Action Planning – Work Session (Con't.)**

Summation:

- The Board's directive that as personnel leaves, the position will not be filled, if possible, remains in place
- With Carl Parker retiring at the end of 2005-2006, a position will need to be filled, but the person who is hired may have different certification from the certification presently held by staff members.
- All possible reductions need to be considered.
- A Middle School concept will be presented at the November Board meeting.

Music Position: A 2/3 vote is required to put the music question back on the table, and then requires a simple majority to approve. The item will be included on the November Board agenda for action.

Recreational Millage: Would free up general fund money, but all the townships in the school district need to be involved as well as the school.

Deficit Limit: The Board needs to decide if it will establish a deficit limit and direct the administration to develop plans which keep expenditures within that limitation.

**VII. Board Comments and Public Comment**

1. There were no Board comments.
2. There was no public comment.

The president adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

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Chris Neff, Secretary