

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 8, 2006**

The regular meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Monday evening, May 8, 2006 in the elementary media center.

Board President Beth Miller called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and roll call was taken.

PRESENT: Chris Neff, Anthony Fortin, Beth Miller, Pat Thompson, and Anne Tompkins

ABSENT: James Yoder and Joel Yoder

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: April 17, 2006 rescheduled regular Board meeting, closed session
- B. Treasurer's Reports
 - Cash Receipts reports for General Fund, 1998 Debt Retirement Fund, and Sinking Fund
 - General Fund Accounts Payable for \$267,090.42, which include payrolls of \$136,318.45, bills to be ratified of \$87,663.91, and bills to be paid of \$43,108.06
- C. Administrative written reports

IV. Public Comment

Mr. Gene Wysocki questioned the purchase of *PowerSchool* to replace *Winschool* when the budget is showing deficit spending. Ms. Shumaker presented information later in the meeting about the proposed software for student data management and state record reporting.

V. Curriculum Spotlight

Mr. Rick Handrich was unable to attend the meeting to provide an update on enrollment figures. Mr. Ray Poellet reported that the math teachers have plotted MEAP scores to note students' strengths and weaknesses. The information will benefit both teachers and students.

VI. Administrative Reports

Administrative reports were received and are part of the public record.

VII. Board Committee Reports

The Policy Review Committee met on April 20, 2006. Minutes were included with the April 21, 2006 Weekender.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2006-2007 School Calendar

The sidebar committee formed as part of negotiations submitted a proposed calendar for the Board's review, which will be part of the negotiations meeting on May 9, 2006. The Board must set the first day of school.

Neff/Thompson That the first day of school for students for 2006-2007 be set at September 6, 2006.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

IX. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS

A. Purchase of New Software Package for Pupil Data

Ms. Shumaker presented information on *PowerSchool*, the proposed software for student data management and state record reporting. In the last year, issues have been brought to the attention of the Technology Committee regarding the present products:

1. Optimal will no longer provide the required component of SRSD reports with the current version of *WinSchool*
2. Poor response from Chancery on technical questions makes continuation with them questionable
3. Parents wondering if/when we will provide online access to grades, attendance, assignments, progress reports, fees etc. We can do this with *PowerSchool*

The Technology Committee met to discuss the products after viewing demonstrations by two vendors who met the necessary criteria. The Technology Committee recommended the purchase of *PowerSchool* for a number of reasons, which were included in Ms. Shumaker's report. The cost will be split between the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school years.

Neff/Fortin That the district purchase *PowerSchool* as recommended by the Technology Committee, provided there are good reviews from a site visit.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

B. Wellness Policy

We are required to have a wellness policy in place by June 30, 2006. The policy was presented in DRAFT format for a first reading and will be included on the June agenda, following Policy Committee review, for a second reading and possible adoption.

Neff/Thompson That the Wellness Policy be accepted for a first reading in DRAFT format, subject to review of the Policy Committee.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

IX. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS (Con’t.)

C. Approval of C.O.O.R. ISD’s Budgets

Section 624 of the Revised School Code, as amended, 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 provided copies of the preliminary budgets for the Board members’ perusal.

Thompson/Fortin That the ISD Budget Resolution be adopted as presented.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

A copy of the resolution shall be part of the permanent record of minutes.

D. Acceptance of Resignations and Retirements

The following individuals submitted letters of resignation:

Elizabeth Esch	Hired 8-1973 with resignation as of 6-30-06
Dennis F. Kauffman	Hired part-time on 12-16-98, going to fulltime on 4-23-01 with resignation as of 5-8-06
Pamela Larrison	Hired 11-1981 with resignation as of 6-30-06
Arlene Olsen	Hired 6-1971 with resignation as of 5-31-06

Neff/Thompson That the Board accept the resignations of Elizabeth Esch, Dennis F. Kauffman, Pamela Larrison, and Arlene Olsen and thank them for their many years of service.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

Pat Thompson, representing the Board of Education, will write thank-you letters.

E. Consultant Position for Secretarial Duties

During the course of the 2006-07 school year, the Superintendent proposes to reduce secretarial staff by attrition and requested approval for a consultant position to assist in transition of duties.

Tompkins/Thompson That a consultant position to assist in transition of secretarial duties be approved as presented.

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

X. NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION ITEMS AND DATES

A. Senior Exit Interviews

The question of making the interviews a requirement in the graduation process was discussed. The Board decided to conduct Senior Exit Interviews in December and May so that the interviews will follow at the end of the semester in which students participate in the Senior Seminar class.

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

B. Board Members and Graduation

In the past, members of the Fairview Board of Education have awarded diplomas to graduates. Tony Fortin and James Yoder, with Pat Thompson as alternate, were selected to present diplomas to the 2006 graduating class.

C. Standing Committee Meeting Dates

1.	Policy Review	May 24, 2006	6:00 p.m.
2.	Finance	June 1, 2006	6:00 p.m.
3.	Negotiations/FTA	May 9, 2006	4:00 p.m.

XI. Board Comments, Communications, and Closing Public Comments

Board Comments: Pat Thompson expressed concern about the number of classes that will be dropped in 2006-2007. Lack of participation necessitated the elimination.

Communications: Thank-you notes were received from Carl and Melinda Parker and the Lee Sandy family for remembering them during their recent losses.

Closing Public Comment: Erick Hengy commented on an item in the proposed Wellness Policy.

XII. Closed Session for Negotiations

At 8:37 p.m., the following motion was made and seconded:

Neff/Thompson That the Board go into closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations and that the Board return to open session in this room and immediately adjourn.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

After a short recess, the meeting was reconvened in closed session.

At 9:50 p.m., the Board returned to open session in the elementary media center and the meeting was immediately adjourned.

Chris Neff, Secretary