

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**JUNE 12, 2006**

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The regular meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Monday evening, June 12, 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: Beth Miller, Pat Thompson, Joel Yoder, Anne Tompkins, James Yoder and Chris Neff

ABSENT: Anthony Fortin

**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 resented:
- A. May 8, 2006 Board regular meeting minutes; May 8, 2006 closed session 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 \$148,865.03, bills to be ratified of \$79,095.20, and bills to be paid of \$55,919.52, totaling \$283,879.75
  - C. Administrative written reports

**IV. Public Comment**

Bill Sanderson presented a petition in which the Board of Education was asked to reconsider the placement of the Varsity Boys' Basketball head coach for the 2006-2007 season. An audience member requested a copy. Mr. Poellet will investigate the matter and will contact Mr. Sanderson within two weeks regarding it. The Board was cautious about discussion of personnel matters from the floor.

Leslie Green submitted a letter in which the Class of 2007 requested the Board's permission to take a senior trip in May 2007. Mr. Poellet will review the trip request and the response will be included at the June 26, 2006 special Board meeting. Jan Sims was at the Board meeting in lieu of Leslie and Mr. Poellet will provide her with an answer so that trip arrangements can be made, if approved.

**V. Curriculum Spotlight**

A number of fourth-grade students reported on their trip to the Upper Peninsula. They exhibited journals and picture books, along with great enthusiasm for the trip. Several parents who accompanied the students expressed their appreciation for Mrs. Hengy's organization of the trip and the hope that the Board will continue to approve the trip.

**VI. Administrative Reports**

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

**VII. Board Committee Reports**

- 1 The Policy Review Committee met on May 24, 2006 and minutes were included with the May 26, 2006 Weekender.
- 2 The Finance Committee met on June 1, 2006 and Board members received a copy of the minutes.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. 2006-2007 School Calendar**

A calendar for the 2006-2007 school year was presented for the Board's review and adoption. Clarification of procedure for snow make-up days was included.

Neff/Thompson That the 2006-2007 School Calendar be adopted as presented.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

Mr. Nelson and others expressed appreciation for the cooperation in working together that was shown by staff members and Board members to present a calendar.

**B. Student Wellness Policy**

Policy No. 8453—Student Wellness Policy was presented for the second reading.

Thompson/Neff That Policy No. 8453—Student Wellness Policy be approved as presented.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

Pat Thompson requested that a report on the implementation of the policy be included in the December 2006 Board meeting.

**C. Recorded Textbooks**

At the October 10, 2005 Board meeting, the purchase of recorded textbooks was approved and made part of the curriculum pending positive review by administration.

Mr. Poellet reported that the recorded textbooks have worked extremely well and are used in both the elementary and high schools.

**D. Car Raffle**

At the November 14, 2005 Board meeting, the concept of a car raffle was approved for a specific class with guidelines to be established by administration for a one-year trial. At the March 13, 2006 Board meeting, Policy No. 3800—Fund Raising and Student Activity Fund was amended and the Board reiterated that each raffle request will be considered on an individual basis.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS**

**A. K – 12 Art Position**

Sylvia Bondar was recommended to fill a service contract to teach K – 12 Art at 5/7's of MA Scale, Step 3, or \$28,594.

Neff/Yoder, Joel That Sylvia Bondar be offered a service contract to teach K – 12 Art for the 2006-2007 School year.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

**B. Supplemental Teaching Position**

Elizabeth Esch was recommended to fill a service contract at 5/7's of Prof/Cont. Step 1, or \$24,785, for the 2006-2007 school year.

Yoder, James/  
Thompson That Elizabeth Esch be offered a service contract to supplement the elementary program for the 2006-2007 school year.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 1 (Neff) Motion carried.

**C. Approval of 2006-2007 Coaching Assignments**

A list of 2006-2007 coaching assignments was presented for consideration. After much discussion, it was decided that Mr. Poellet will set down guidelines for acceptable behavior for coaches, with input from Board members, and the guidelines will be presented at the June 26, 2006 meeting.

Yoder, James/  
Thompson That consideration of coaching assignments for 2006-2007 be tabled until the June 26, 2006 special Board meeting.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

**D. Policy Amendments and Superintendent's Job Description**

Policy No. 1335—Mailing Notice to Public and Policy No 8460—Student Insurance Programs were reviewed by the Policy Review Committee and amendments were proposed.

Neff/Thompson That Policy No. 1335—Mailing Notice to Public and Policy No. 8460—Student Insurance Programs be amended as presented.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 1 (Yoder, James) Motion carried.

Neff/Thompson That the Superintendent's Job Description be approved as presented

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

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

**E. 2005-2006 Budget Amendments**

The Finance Committee considered the 2005-2006 Budget Amendments and recommended approval of the amendments.

Neff/Yoder, James That the 2005-2006 General Fund Revenue Budget be amended from \$3,038,171.56 to \$3,098,699.56 and that the 2005-2006 General Fund Expenditure Budget be amended from \$3,332,508.28 to \$3,325.915.28.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

Neff/Yoder, James That the 2005-2006 Food Service Revenue Budget be amended from \$103,010.00 to \$108,141.00 and that the 2005-2006 Food Service Expenditure Budget be amended from \$98,938.00 to \$103,560.00.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

**F. Special Board Meeting**

The Superintendent recommended that the budget hearing and adoption of the 2006-2007 budgets be set for June 26, 2006.

Yoder, James/  
Thompson That a 2006-2007 Budget Hearing be called for June 26, 2006 at 7:00 p.m, with a special Board meeting following immediately for adoption of the 2006-2007 budgets, to levy taxes for the 2006-2007 school year, and any other business that may be brought before the Board.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 1 (Tompkins) Motion carried.

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

**A. Finance Committee Recommendations**

Several questions, stemming from the Finance Committee meeting of June 1, 2006, were posed:

1. Has the time come for us to begin to make decisions which lower the projected fiscal deficit? Do we have the will to make forced choices?
2. How shall we proceed with our current resolve?
  - Give the administration a reduction target?
  - Appoint a study committee to prioritize?
  - Make our own list of reductions?

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

**A. Finance Committee Recommendations (Con't.)**

A lengthy discussion followed, resulting in several statements:

1. The Board needs to have the resolve to make reductions and then must continue to maintain the resolve to implement reductions.
2. The Board needs to prioritize reductions.
3. The Board and administration need to explore new and different ways of providing education.

At the April 17, 2006 Board meeting, the Board approved investigating potential budget reductions on a proactive basis.

No standing committee meetings were set.

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

Board comments: None

Communications: --Pam Larrison thanked the Board for the expression of sympathy at her mother's death.  
 --Beth Esch thanked the Board for the frame and contents presented to her upon her retirement.  
 --Tina Lanczak expressed her appreciation for the organization of the fourth- grade trip to the UP, commented on how much the students learned during the trip, thanked the Board for giving its approval, and expressed her hope that the Board would continue to approve these trips.  
 --Mark Gerber submitted a letter of resignation from his teaching position as of August 31, 2006, and thanked the Board and Mr. Nelson for the many years he had opportunity to be part of this community and to work with a fine staff. Mr. Gerber's letter of resignation will be acted upon at the June 26, 2006 Board meeting.

Closing Public Comments: None

**XI. Closed Session**

At 10:29 p.m., the following motion was made and seconded:

Yoder, James/  
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 – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

At 10:52 p.m., the Board returned to open session in the elementary media center and the meeting was immediately adjourned.

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Chris Neff, Secretary