

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
JUNE 26, 2006**

The Annual Budget Hearing of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Monday evening, June 26, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the elementary media center. Board President Beth Miller opened the meeting and information pertinent to the hearing was presented. Mr. Nelson explained the sources of revenue and the imbalance of expenditures. He explained that the deficit would be balanced using funds from the district's fund Equity/Balance. Opportunity was given for questions and/or input from Board members as well as from other persons who were present at the meeting. Mr. Gene Wysocki asked several questions about the deficit and how it might be brought into balance.

After a brief recess, President Miller called the special meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Anne Tompkins

Many community members were also present.

II. Approval of Agenda

Item F. Approval of Math Position: Brent King was added under V. NEW BUSINESS—
ACTION ITEMS. The agenda was then approved by Board consensus.

III. Public Comment

President Miller recognized each person requesting to address the Board and asked them to state their name. They were then given opportunity to speak in the order they had been recognized.

1. Gene Wysocki: Protested the lack of recognition he was given during the public comment period at the June 12, 2006 Board meeting.
2. Scott Taylor: Read his list of grievances against Mr. Wayne Nutt as a basketball coach.
3. Bill Sanderson: Submitted a letter from his son Kyle Sanderson concerning Mr. Nutt as a basketball coach.
4. Janice Handrich: Read a letter of support for Mr. Nutt.
5. Don Crowell: Submitted two letters of support for Mr. Nutt.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Report on Contact with Mr. Nutt and Mr. Sanderson

Mr. Poellet, Athletic Director, met with Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson and Kyle Sanderson. Mr. Poellet has drawn up guidelines for coaches, which are based on MHSAA guidelines. He stated that a medium needs to be provided for parents to voice concerns about coaching issues. Board members will receive a copy of the Athletic Code for Fairview’s Coaches.

Joel Yoder asked if the guidelines are enforceable. Mr. Poellet replied that they are, with administrative time and effort. All coaches need to agree to the guidelines prior to being approved as a coach.

Pat Thompson stated that many small schools are experiencing problems with coaching issues.

Beth Miller cited the Athletic Statement and reiterated that athletics are an extension of the classroom.

B. Motion to Take the Approval of Coaches from the Table

Consideration of coaching assignments for 2006-2007 was tabled at the June 12, 2006 Board meeting until the June 26, 2006 special Board meeting.

Neff/Thompson That Approval of 2006-2007 Coaching Assignments be taken from the table.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

C. Approval of 2006-2007 Coaching Assignments

The 2006-2007 coaching assignments were presented for approval.

Neff/Yoder, James That the 2006-2007 coaching assignments be approved as presented.

After discussion, the following motion and second were made:

Neff/Yoder, James That the previous motion to approve the 2006-2007 coaching assignments be withdrawn.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

Neff/Yoder, James That Approval of 2006-2007 Coaching Assignments be tabled until the July 10, 2006 Board meeting.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

D. Senior Trip

At the June 12, 2006 Board meeting, 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 approved the trip.

Neff/Yoder, James That the senior trip proposed by the Class of 2007 be approved as presented.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

IV. OLD BUSINESS (Con't.)

E. Approval of June 2006 Accounts Payable

General Fund invoices at June 26m, 2006 in the amount of \$26,252.45 were presented for approval and payment.

Neff/Yoder, James That the General Fund accounts payable at June 26, 2006 in the amount of \$26,252.45 be approved and paid as presented.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

V. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS

A. Adoption of Budgets for the 2006-2007 School Year

The 2006-2007 General Fund Budget Resolution was presented for adoption. Board members received information to support the 2006-2007 Revenue and Expenditure Budgets for the General Fund.

Fortin/Yoder, James That the General Fund Budget Resolution for the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 be adopted as presented.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

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

The 2006-2007 School Services Budget Resolution was presented for adoption. Board members received information to support the 2006-2007 Revenue and Expenditure Budgets for the School Services Fund.

Yoder, James/
Thompson That the School Services Budget Resolution for the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 be adopted as presented.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

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

B. Resolution to Levy Taxes for 2006

The Board is required to pass a resolution to levy taxes on non-homestead property prior to levying the millage.

Yoder, James/Neff Resolved by the Board of Education of the Fairview Area Schools that there be levied on non-homestead property of said district for the year 2006 a tax of 18 mills for operating purposes.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

V. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS (Con't.)

C. Approval of 2006-2007 Student Handbooks

Student handbooks were presented for approval by the Board. Mr. Poellet addressed questions from Board members.

Neff/Thompson That the Student Handbooks for 2006-2007 be approved as presented with corrections.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

D. Approval of English/Social Studies Position

Mr. Nelson recommended that Mr. Robert Porth be hired to fill the English/Social Studies position. His recommendation concurred with the interview committee's recommendation.

Neff/Thompson That Mr. Robert Porth be offered the English/Social Studies position as recommended.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

E. Acceptance of Resignation

Mr. Mark Gerber submitted his letter of resignation, effective August 31, 2006, to the Board at the June 12, 2006 meeting.

Yoder, James/
Thompson That Mr. Mark Gerber's letter of resignation, effective August 31, 2006, be accepted, and that the Board express its appreciation for his years of faithful service to the students and the district.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

F. Approval of Math Position

Mr. Nelson recommended that Mr. Brent King be hired to fill the Math position. His recommendation concurred with the interview committee's recommendation.

Yoder, James/Neff That Mr. Brent King be offered the Math position as recommended.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

VI. Board Comments and Public Comments

Public Comments

President Miller recognized each person requesting to address the Board and asked them to state their name. They were then given opportunity to speak in the order they had been recognized.

1. Lynn Layman: Expressed her support of Robert Porth's appointment to the English/Social Studies position. She also expressed her support of Wayne Nutt as a coach. She has appreciated the school's support and does not feel that coaches enjoy that type of support. She hopes there will be a fair resolution of the coaching issue and questioned how the matter escalated to this level without being resolved.
2. Sally Blamer: Reported that there was a meeting between parents and Coach Nutt prior to the beginning of the boys' basketball season. She expressed her support of Mr. Nutt and stated that there was good interaction between her son, Aaron, and Mr. Nutt. She cited support for Aaron during the medical process he experienced.
3. Gene Wysocki: Asked when he would be recognized as a Board member. President Miller told him he would be seated at the Board table at the July 10, 2006 Organization Board meeting. He considers Fairview Area Schools to be a very good school and he wishes to be part of this organization. Sports provide discipline for athletes.
4. Marilyn Berry: Expressed her support of Wayne Nutt and cited reasons for her support.
5. Andrew Wright: Wondered why Mr. Nutt went to New Orleans with the group of students if he doesn't like them.
6. Aaron Blamer: Expressed his support of Mr. Nutt. Stated that athletics has provided discipline for him and Mr. Nutt supported him during his medical process.
7. Joe Wright: Cited Mr. Nutt's support of students.
8. Robby Inman: Cited Mr. Nutt's support of students.
9. Norman Berry: Cited Mr. Nutt's support of students.
10. Randy Harris: Stated that athletics are a key part of Fairview Area Schools. He supports Mr. Nutt and believes he is a man of integrity.
11. Don Crowell: Stated that Mr. Nutt made the boys work and if there were problems, they were worked out. He expressed his support of Mr. Nutt.

Board Comments

1. Pat Thompson: Thanked the school and community for the opportunity to serve as a Board member and expressed her enjoyment of serving on the Board. She thanked Board members and several staff members for their service to the district.
2. Tony Fortin: Reiterated Pat's remarks. Stated that students were always first and foremost in deliberations and decisions.
3. Beth Miller: Expressed her appreciation to Pat and Tony for their service as Board members.
4. James Yoder: Stated that the coaching issue is not just about Mr. Nutt, but that the entire coaching system needs to be refined to make it work. He also thanked Pat and Tony for serving on the Board.

The president adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Chris Neff, Secretary