

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 14, 2006**

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The regular meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Monday evening, August 14, 2006 in the high school media center. The location of the meeting was changed due to the schools' cleaning schedule.

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

PRESENT: James Yoder, Joel Yoder, Chris Neff, Erick Hengy, Anne Tompkins,  
Gene Wysocki, and Beth Miller

ABSENT: None

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Item F. **Superintendent's Periodic Evaluation** was added under **NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS** and Item D. **MASA Region 2 Meeting** and Item E. **Board Signature Stamps** were added under **NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION ITEMS AND DATES**. The agenda was then approved by Board consensus.

**III. Consent Agenda**

Neff/Yoder, Joel That the following items be included in the Consent Agenda and be accepted as presented:

- A. Minutes: July 10, 2006 regular Board meeting, July 10, 2006 closed session
- 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 \$113,076.09, bills to be ratified of \$96,446.88, and bills to be paid of \$37,092.45 (\$36,913.36 were approved at the July Board meeting), totaling \$283,528.78
- C. Administrative written reports

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

**IV. Public Comment**

Pat Thompson: Spoke about concessions returning to Athletic Department from Eagle Spirit/Eagle Pride. How many students participate in sports every year? If this is to replace pay-to-play, the idea needs more thought. How will Project Graduation be funded if track meet concessions are returned to the Athletic Department? How much does the Board expect to realize from concessions?

Joel Yoder replied that the bigger question is, how much is the Board willing to spend from General Fund for Athletics when money is diverted via concessions run by other groups that could fund Athletics.

**V. Curriculum Spotlight**

There was no report.

**VI. Administrative Reports**

The Superintendent's Report was received and is part of the public record.

Mr. Poellet verbally reported that staff are being trained in PowerSchool. Staff members will use PowerSchool during the first semester to become proficient in using it before parents are given access in the second semester. During the first semester, a trial group of parents will be trained.

**VII. Board Committee Reports**

The Finance Committee met on July 17, 2006 and minutes were dispersed.

The Building/Maintenance Committee met on July 19, 2006 and minutes were dispersed.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Energy Conservation**

At the August 8, 2005 meeting at the Clinton Township 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 would make Daylight Savings Time permanent year-round nationwide, was to take affect in 2007 if approved at the State level.

The Board will address the issue if and when energy conservation is approved.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS**

**A. General Fund Support of Athletics**

The Finance Committee discussed a need to reduce the General Fund support of Athletics. It seemed odd to have outside groups benefiting from concessions and to ask Athletics to seek other fundraisers.

Yoder, Joel/Miller That the Athletic Director be directed to assume control of track concessions and that the Superintendent communicate the rationale to those groups which have been directing concessions.

Ayes – 0; Nays – 7 (James Yoder, Joel Yoder, Miller, Hengy, Wysocki, Tompkins, and Neff)

Motion failed.

**B. Building Use Fees**

The Finance Committee discussed the use of the building and the built-in costs involved. It was noted that many attendees at Open Gym come from outside the district. The Committee recommended that \$20.00 be assessed for use of the building to offset utility costs.

Yoder, Joel/Tompkins That a fee of \$20.00 be assessed for use of the building to offset utility costs. The administration is to develop guidelines, particularly as it relates to surplus funds if the sponsor charges participants.

Ayes – 2; Nays – 5 (James Yoder, Miller, Hengy, Wysocki, & Neff)

Motion failed.

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

**C. Employee Fingerprinting**

The State has mandated that all employees be fingerprinted as a condition to a criminal background check. Prospective employees currently pay for the fingerprinting.

Neff/Tompkins That the fingerprinting and background checking of employees are State requirements as conditions of employment. Unless the State provides funding, the costs shall be the employee’s responsibility.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 2 (Neff, Hengy) Motion carried.

**D. Building Committee Recommendations**

The Building Committee recommended replacing windows in the high school and replacing lockers in the middle school/high school.

Neff/Tompkins That Sinking Funds be used for three (3) projects:

- 1. Window replacements in the high school, not to exceed \$15,000 8-2006
- 2. Replace lockers in middle school/high school, not to exceed \$27,000 12-2006
- 3. Construct a high school foyer, not to exceed \$18,000 6-2007

Ayes – 6; Nays – 1 (Joel Yoder) Motion carried.

At this time, the Board President asked Mr. Nelson to introduce Mrs. Norma Lyden, the newest staff member in the kitchen. She will begin her duties in September 2006 as a part-time employee.

**E. Locker Bids**

Bids will be presented at next month’s Board meeting.

**F. Superintendent’s Periodic Evaluation**

The Superintendent’s Periodic Evaluation was held in closed session on July 10, 2006. The March 13, 2006 goals were reviewed. The Board must adopt, by vote, the periodic evaluation at an open meeting. After the Board’s adoption, the evaluation is made available to the public as provided under current law.

Neff/Hengy That the Superintendent’s Periodic Evaluation be accepted as presented.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

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

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

**A. Outline for a Playground/Recreation Millage**

Mr. Nelson presented an outline of a plan for recreation millage and asked for input and refining of his ideas. He envisioned a shifting of expenses and centralization of services.

The Board, by consensus, agreed that Mr. Nelson should explore the ideas with the townships within the school district and report to the Board.

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

**B. Standing Committee Meeting and Work Session Dates**

No standing committee meetings were set. A Board work session was set for September 18, 2006 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**C. MASB CBA Classes**

Board members may take advantage of CBA classes offered through MASB.

**D. MASA Region 2 Meeting**

Board members received an outline of the MASA Region 2 meeting which will be held on October 20, 2006 in Gaylord.

**E. Board Signature Stamps**

Signature stamps will be ordered for Beth Miller, James Yoder, and Joel Yoder. Chris Neff will continue to sign checks at the Board table.

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

Board Comments: A Board member asked for clarification on coverage provided by the Athletic insurance purchased by the Board for athletes.

There were no communications or closing public comments.

The President adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

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Joel Yoder, Secretary