

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2006**

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The regular meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Monday evening, September 11, 2006 in the elementary school media center.

Board president Beth Miller called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and roll call was taken.

PRESENT: Joel Yoder, Chris Neff, Anne Tompkins, Beth Miller, and James Yoder (arrived at 7:16 p.m.)

ABSENT: Erick Hengy and Gene Wysocki

**II. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved by Board consensus.

**III. Consent Agenda**

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

- A. Minutes: August 14, 2006 regular Board meeting
- 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 \$114,445.21, bills to be ratified of \$33,287.60, and bills to be paid of \$64,783.52, totaling \$212,516.33
- C. Administrative written reports

Ayes – 4; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

**IV. Public Comment**

Leslie Green: Requested the Board's permission for the senior class to conduct another car raffle. The item will be included on the October agenda for Board consideration after receiving Mr. Poellet's recommendation.

Pat Thompson: Questioned the decision to not allow 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to attend dances. Fewer students in attendance limits the money-raising aspect of the dances. Mr. Poellet will include information in the Weekender for Board members and provide information to Pat.

**V. Curriculum Spotlight**

Beth Esch and Kami Winton presented a Title I daily schedule and stated that they are continuing to coordinate days and teaching tasks.

**VI. Administrative Reports**

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

**VII. Board Committee Reports**

Anne Tompkins gave a synopsis of her CBA class entitled ‘Policy’ and Beth Miller provided a summary of the two CBA classes she attended, “School Culture: Why Schools are Slow to Change” and “Succession Planning.”

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Locker Bid**

Mr. Nelson recommended the acceptance of the bid from Steel Equipment Company.

Neff/Tompkins That the bid from Steel Equipment Company in the amount of \$23,370.00 be accepted and that we arrange for the company to store the lockers until installation is arranged.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

**B. Postponement of Installation**

Mr. Nelson recommended that locker installation be postponed from Christmas break until next summer. He will invite Student Council input on colors and meet with the Building Committee about including the project into hallway repainting, etc.

Neff/Tompkins That the district postpone the installation of new lockers from December 2006 until July 2007 and request the seller to order and store the lockers until July 2007, thus fixing the bid price.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Non-Represented Group and Health Insurance**

Mr. Nelson recommended that the Board appoint a sub-committee to speak with the non-represented group about HSA or HRA arrangements.

The president appointed James Yoder and Anne Tompkins to meet with the non-represented group.

**B. Hiring Additional Staff**

The 2006-2007 enrollment is higher than anticipated, which has created a bulge in the Middle School. Mr. Nelson requested authorization to hire additional part-time staff for this year to provide relief in the overcrowded areas. Board members requested that relief be provided by using present staff members, if possible.

Neff/Yoder, Joel That the Superintendent be authorized to place additional part-time staff in the Middle School up to the equivalent of one full position.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

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

**C. Tax Rate Request Form**

The Millage Request Report to the County Board of Commissioners (Form L-4029) for 2006 was presented.

Neff/Yoder, Joel That the 2006 Tax Rate Request be accepted as presented

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

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

**A. Review of Mission Statement and Board Goals**

The schools' mission statement was reviewed: "Our schools' mission is to educate all students to their maximum educational potential. At the same time, our goal is to foster positive growth in social and emotional behaviors and attitudes so that students can become productive citizens in our society."

Board goals were reviewed and discussed:

1. Emphasize Effective Two-Way Communication
  - We need to continue to work on effective communication.
  - Mr. Poellet meets with elementary staff one week and with high school staff the next week.
  - The Administrative Team fosters communication.
  - We need to continue intentional working at communication and being receptive to new ideas.
  - The goal needs to be constantly reviewed and worked on.
2. Maintain a Sound Fiscal Standing
  - It would be good if we could involve the State more in understanding our fiscal situation.
  - Attendance at "Meet the Candidates" night a KCC would send a message that educators are concerned with fiscal situation.
3. Promote Quality
  - Results of decisions are not always known prior to making decisions.
  - A quality educational program is being offered, i.e., Novanet, all-day Kindergarten, ITV courses, etc.
  - Staff members have shown a real effort to go beyond "doing the job."
4. Build Community Relations
  - Asking for community input on ideas is a positive factor.
  - It would be good if people knew about all of the activities that are conducted in the school.
  - We should be sure that community members know that the Board is willing to listen to people and is receptive to ideas, etc.

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

**B. Committee Assignments**

Erick Hengy is taking a leave of absence from the Board and currently serves on the Policy Review/Job Description Committee. Beth Miller will attend any meetings held during his absence.

The president declared a short recess at 8:07 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 8:13 p.m.

**C. Alignment of Assumptions**

The Board reviewed the list of assumptions in preparation for the September 18, 2006 Work Session. Realigning and modifying the list was the first step in setting direction for the school for the next 3-5 years. The revised list will be sent to Board members with the Weekender.

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

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|----|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1. | Work Session              | Sept. 18, 2006 | 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. | Central Office |
| 2. | Meet the Candidates Night | Sept. 25, 2006 | 7:00 p.m.        | KCC            |

**E. MASB October Conference**

Mr. Nelson invited Board members to attend the October 20, 2006 MASA Region 2 meeting. The topic will be “How Board members and Superintendents can influence what’s happening in Washington.”

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

Board Comments:

--Members requested a list of classes with the number of students in each class, as well as the number of students who are out of the building at KCC, M-Tec, work study, etc.

--One member stated that the Superintendent should be assigned tasks by the Board, and then he delegates or performs the tasks.

Communications: There were none.

Closing Public Comments:

--Randy VanElsacker and his companion expressed concern that another school district did not have the correct information about Fairview Area Schools.

--Leslie Green would like to see the Board invite more people to the Board meetings and suggested that the Web site could include information that parents are welcome in the school; she is glad to see Mr. Poellet teaching this year; questioned whether part-time teachers in the Middle School will provide adequate relief.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

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Joel Yoder, Secretary