

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2006**

The regular meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Monday evening, October 9, 2006 in the elementary school media center.

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

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

ABSENT: Erick Hengy

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: September 11, 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 \$182,439.19, bills to be ratified of \$97,866.69, and bills to be paid of \$26,906.15, totaling \$307,212.03
- C. Administrative written reports

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

IV. Public Comment

Cindy Neff: The MEAP testing starts October 10, 2006.

Sherry Hengy: The first fundraiser for the 4th grade Michigan trip was held on October 7, 2006 and went well.

Deb Shumaker: The School Safety plan should be reviewed and amended, if necessary.

V. Curriculum Spotlight

Troy Ross reported that the 6th- and 7th-grade students seem to be enjoying the change and 8th-grade students are working through issues that arise from the change in location. It works well to have a space for 6-8 grades. Problems are addressed by all four teachers working together.

Cindy Neff said that the additional part-time staff has made teaching time much more productive. Several parents have expressed appreciation that middle school functions are planned apart from high school functions.

Joel Yoder asked about assessment of the concept. Troy stated that grades can and will be assessed, but behavior is a key component of the assessment process. Students are learning to use their planners as a tool, which indicates growth.

VI. Administrative Reports

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

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Insurance Coverage for Non-Represented Group

The non-represented group of employees agreed to remain on an HRA plan, with the unused funds being deposited into an account to offset future premium increases for the group.

Neff/Tompkins That the HRA program started in April 2006 for non-represented employees be continued and that any account balances be held in a special account to be used to offset future increases in premium costs for the non-represented group.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

B. Car Raffle—Status Report

Mr. Poellet reported that staff members had no problems with a car raffle being conducted. He questioned the students' liability for fundraising if all funds are raised via car raffle tickets, which only adults can sell.

The questions were asked: a) how much money is enough for each class and b) should the Board policy dealing with raffles be addressed concerning the number of raffles allowed? The Board determined that Policy No. 3800—Fund Raising and Student Activity Fund addresses the questions.

Leslie Green, senior class sponsor, will submit a planning sheet and report the anticipated additional expenses. Approval by administration may be given provided policy and procedures are followed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS

A. FTA-AFTM Grievance

The FTA-AFTM filed a grievance according to the Grievance Procedure in Article XX of the FTA-AFTM Agreement and cited the administration setting the student start time in Middle/High School at 8:10 a.m. rather than at 8:15 a.m. Article V, B-1, of the 2005-2008 Teachers' Agreement states in part "...in the 2006-2007 school year, 183 teacher days, with 179 scheduled in the calendar, of which a minimum of 171 days (1,120 hours) must be student attendance days/hours."

A start time of 8:10 a.m. would result in 1,139 student hours, which the teachers stated was a violation of the contract due to the addition of 14.25 hours beyond the hours agreed upon on June 2, 2006. The reduction of 13 hours of instructional time (student contact hours) was bargained to increase teachers' wages by approximately one per cent at no cost to the Board. In addition, it was also bargained that 1,124.5 hours would be worked versus the 1,120 as stated in the bargained contract.

A Board member stated that the 1% raise received by reducing student instructional time should be included in comparisons with wages received by surrounding area teachers' union members. The five-minute question should be considered in the whole picture and addressed from both sides.

Neff/Joel Yoder That the grievance related to instructional time, as brought by the FTA-AFTM, be accepted and the redress granted.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

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

B. Approval of Choir Trip

Kevin Salsbury, the high school choir director, presented plans for a proposed choir tour to Cleveland, OH and Washington, D.C. March 21-25, 2007. Objectives, itinerary, estimated cost, proposed dates, and funding were outlined.

Neff/Yoder, Joel That the choir tour be approved as presented.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

C. Approval of the 2005-2006 Annual Report

The 2005-2006 Annual Report was presented for public review.

Neff/Yoder, James That the 2005-2006 Annual Report be approved for distribution.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

D. Resolution Authorizing Issuance of State Aid Note

The cash flow projection for the district shows the need for borrowing in November. A resolution was presented for the Board’s approval, permitting the borrowing of \$200,000.

Yoder, Joel/Neff That the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Note in Anticipation of State School Aid be approved as presented.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

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

E. Approval of 2006-2007 Snow Removal Service

Snow removal bids were available at the Board table. One bid, from Fairview Excavating—Fairview, MI was received and the Superintendent recommended that the bid be accepted as follows:

\$82.20 per hour for the following pieces:

- 4-wheel-drive pickup with adjustable vee plow
- 4-wheel-drive pickup with straight blade
- 4-wheel-drive loader with 2-yard bucket
- 4-wheel-drive loader with 1-yard bucket

\$88.20 for the following piece:

- 4-wheel-drive 2-yard loader with 12-foot blade attached

Yoder, James/Neff That the snow removal bid for 2006-2007 from Fairview Excavating be accepted as presented.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0; Abstain – 1 (Miller)

Motion carried.

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

F. PA 226 Committee

Peggy Fortin and Bobbi Ross presently serve as co-chairs of the committee. When positions are to be refilled, the PA 226 Committee is to recommend appointees two months prior to start of term. The terms of service are for two years and expire December 31, 2006.

The Committee's recommendation: That Peggy Fortin, Teen Support Specialist, and Bobbi Ross, teacher and parent with a health minor, be reappointed to serve as co-chairs of the PA 226 Committee (Human Sexuality).

Neff/Yoder, James That Peggy Fortin and Bobbi Ross be appointed as co-chairs of the PA 226 Committee (Human Sexuality) for a two-year term, beginning January 1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2009.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

A short recess was called and the meeting was reconvened.

X. NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION ITEMS AND DATES

A. Playground and Recreation Millage

Information on the Playground and Recreation Millage was included in the Superintendent's Report and Mr. Nelson provided additional information.

Beth Miller appointed a committee to research the possibility of a district-initiated recreation millage: Ray Poellet, chair; James Yoder, Board member, one elementary teacher, one middle school teacher, one high school teacher, an employee or resident of AuSable Valley Community, and a community member. The committee's directive: To investigate the conception of a playground and recreation millage.

B. Materials for Five-Year Plan

Mr. Nelson presented information on a five-year plan that the Finance Committee reviewed on October 3, 2006. The information will be reviewed at the October 23, 2006 Special Board Meeting/Work Session.

C. Proposal Five – K-16 Resolution

Mr. Nelson provided information on Proposal Five (formerly K-16 Resolution) which pertains to funding K-12 public schools, community colleges, and universities.

D. Public Notice Posting

Policy No. 1170—Public Notice was reviewed. Legal requirements are presently met in posting Board meetings. The Board approved posting notices in several other places, i.e. Post Office, Bill's IGA, etc. Gene Wysocki will see that the meetings are posted.

E. Cell Phone Use

Policy No. 8280—Electronic Communication Devices—Students was reviewed. If the administration receives input from staff members that the policy needs to be reviewed, the policy will be lodged with the Policy Review Committee for a possible amendment by the Board.

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

F. MASB Delegate Certification

The MASB's 2006 Delegate Assembly will be held in conjunction with the MASB 2006 Annual Fall Leadership Conference. If delegates and alternates are to be certified as the official voting members, they must be certified prior to attending the Delegate Assembly.

No Board members will attend the Conference.

G. Standing Committee Dates

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| 1. | Region II Lunch Meeting | October 20, 2006 | James Yoder may attend. |
| 2. | Special Meeting/Work Session | October 23, 2006 | 7:00 p.m. |

XI. Board Comments, Communications, and Closing Public Comments

Board Comments

--Chris Neff stated that administration should review the present crisis plan and the plan should be reviewed annually.

--Anne Tompkins would like to hold some Board meetings at other sites, as the Board did last year in Comins and Curran.

--Gene Wysocki asked about the status of the bomb threat investigation; the Sheriff's Department is handling the investigation.

Communications

--A thank-you note for the flower arrangement was received from the Dan Welch, Sr. family.

--The Fall 2006 "ABC's for Parents" schedule was received.

Closing Public Comments

--Deb Shumaker confirmed the 8:15 a.m. time change as starting Monday, October 16, 2006. Bus pick-up times will remain the same.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Joel Yoder, Secretary