

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 2006**

The special meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Wednesday evening, December 6, 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: Gene Wysocki, Joel Yoder, Beth Miller, Anne Tompkins, and Chris Neff

ABSENT: James Yoder and Erick Hengy

A number of community members were present

II. Public Comment

Pat Thompson: The special meeting and its content was not well-advertised.

III. Presentation of Five-Year Plan

Mr. Nelson presented information on the Five-Year Plan the Board is developing to maintain the schools' solvency. Questions were then heard from the audience:

1. Will projected cuts save the school?
2. What is the minimum number of students and staff we can maintain and still provide students with a good education?
3. Prior and present funding of schools was discussed.
4. Eliminate busing?
5. Share services among schools?
6. Eliminate all half-time personnel?
7. Speed up planned reductions?
8. Is a certified teacher required to oversee NovaNet?
9. Consolidate bus stops?
10. Put out bids for janitorial service?
11. Has a feasibility study been done for using wind generator and/or wood heat?
12. Are courses provided that will draw in home-schooled students?

Mr. Parker will provide his outline of reductions for the Board's perusal.

III. Proration of Foundation Allowance

Information coming from Lansing indicates that we can anticipate a foundation allowance proration of \$120 per student. This will put our deficit for 2006-2007 above \$200,000. The outstanding question is: Do we want to be proactive this year and make mid-year reductions?

The Board's consensus:

1. Reasonable cuts will be made earlier.
2. No changes will be made without prudent consideration.
3. Any reductions possible will continue to be made.

At 9:05 p.m., the following motion was made and seconded:

Neff/Tompkins That the Board go into closed session for purposes of discussion related to negotiations and return to open session to adjourn immediately.

Ayes 5; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

At 9:52 p.m., the Board returned to open session in the elementary media center and the meeting was immediately adjourned.

Joel Yoder, Secretary