

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2007**

The regular meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Monday evening, January 8, 2007 in the elementary media center.

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

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

ABSENT: Erick Hengy

II. Approval of Agenda

Under **NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS**, Item C. **November Elections** was moved to **NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION ITEMS AND MEETING DATES** as Item F. 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: December 11, 2006 regular 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 \$135,408.97, bills to be ratified of \$75,270.23, and bills to be paid of \$24,546.75, totaling \$235,225.95

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

IV. Public Comment

Leslie Green: Reported on the car raffle that the Class of 2007 is conducting.

V. Curriculum Spotlight

Mr. Brent King, a first-year teacher, updated the Board on his first semester as a high school math instructor.

VI. Administrative Reports

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

VII. Board Committee Reports

There were no reports.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Crisis Plan Revisions

The amended Crisis Plan was presented for review at the December 11, 2006 Board meeting. No further revisions were offered.

Neff/Yoder, Joel That the Crisis Plan be approved as amended.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

B. Five-Year Plan

Consideration of the Five-Year Plan continued. Chris Neff advocated a tighter budget, with the deficit shown at a lesser amount.

Yoder,/Wysocki Be it resolved and communicated to the Superintendent and Finance Committee
Joel that the district budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 shall not have a deficit larger than \$150,000. Be it further resolved that the cap be lowered by at least \$50,000 each year (i.e. 2008-2009 = \$100,000, 2009-2010 = \$50,000, 2010-2011 = \$0) until a balanced budget be achieved, not later than fiscal year 2010-2011.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

Chris Neff said that as an hourly employee, he loses wages to attend Board meetings. He will offer recommendations on the subject at the organizational meeting in July. Gene Wysocki commented that the pay does not equate to the responsibility of being a Board member, but a cut in pay may convey the Board’s willingness to help balance the budget.

Yoder,/Wysocki Be it resolved that Board compensation for meetings be reduced by 50% (effective
Joel in fiscal year 2007-2008 and remaining at that rate) until a balanced budget is achieved.

Ayes – 4; Nays – 2 (Neff, Wysocki)

Motion carried.

Yoder,/Tompkins Be it resolved that items for reduction in 2007-2008 be prioritized to assist the
Joel Finance Committee’s discussions.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

Priority I

1. Part-time Superintendent
2. Title I (½ position)
3. HS Secretary (½ position)
4. Custodian (1 position)
5. Move staff to HRA
6. Salary freeze
7. MS positions (2 - ½ positions)
8. Athletic support

Priority II

1. MS positions (2 - ½ positions)
2. Athletic support
3. Yearbook/Knowledge Bowl
4. Retired Principal
5. Title I (½ position)
6. Part-time Superintendent
7. 2 Parapros
8. HS Secretary (½ position)

Chris Neff addressed the number of meetings and travel compensation for the Superintendent. Board members also agreed that the entire list of possible reductions should be considered. Each Board member listed his/her preference of reduction priority.

IX. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS

A. 2006-2007 Budget Amendments

The budgets are amended in January and again in June.

Neff/ Yoder, Joel That the 2006-2007 General Fund Revenue Budget be amended from \$2,941,481.00 to \$2,960,688.79 and that the 2006-2007 General Fund Expenditure Budget be amended from \$3,160,596.00 to \$3,145,406.79.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

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

B. In-School Suspension Position

Providing a periodic option in our discipline process is a vital need; the need was identified during a committee meeting on a professional development day. Mr. Poellet said that it is an advantage to have in-school suspension since student accountability and supervision of students is part of the structure. The proposed rate of pay is \$25.00 per day, with funds coming from the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Grant administered via COP ISD and/or At-Risk funds. The Superintendent recommended that Kathy Nelson be hired on an as-needed basis to monitor in-school suspension.

Neff/Miller That Kathy Nelson be hired to monitor in-school suspension on an as-needed basis for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 1 (Wysocki)

Motion carried.

X. NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION ITEMS AND MEETING DATES

A. Driveway/Parking Lot at the Elementary End

The homeowner adjacent to the elementary parking lot has reported misuse of the driveway leading to that parking area. Some students are dropped off at that entrance; the agreement at the time of the elementary building project was that only staff members would use the parking area.

Gene Wysocki suggested that the door at the elementary end be used by staff members only and that it be locked.

The matter was remanded to the Superintendent for resolution and Board members are to receive information on the resolution in the January 12, 2007 WeekEnder.

B. MASB Summer Conference Survey

MASB has been holding a Fall Conference and a Summer Conference. The Summer Conference was offered at multiple sites in 2006, but still had declining attendance. An Ad Hoc Committee has been established to make a recommendation concerning the Summer Conference and Board member input was requested.

By Board consensus, survey results were as follows:

1. Anchor major conferences in one location, preferably Frankenmuth or a northern location.
2. No other location was offered.
3. The committee should recommend seeking joint conferencing with other organizations such as MASA, MSBO, MEMSPA, and MASSP.
4. The committee should consider whether to recommend an end to the Summer Conference.

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

C. Clark Hill Workshop

The workshop on Law and Finance scheduled for January 20, 2007 is not available via ITV, but the Board would like to receive several copies of the workshop notebooks.

D. Schools of Choice

In the past, the Board has expressed a preference for open enrollment and acceptance of any and all applicants. As a result, we have enrolled some students who have created overcrowding in classrooms and/or have been discipline problems. During the month of January, we generally have had students enroll who were fleeing problems in their current districts. A student who enrolls mid-year is taught for a full semester or half year, but our funding for that student is only 25% of the foundation grant.

By Board consensus, it was agreed to authorize a committee to draft acceptance criteria to be applied to schools of choice applicants and that an interview with the student and parents/guardian be part of the acceptance practice. A window of opportunity will continue for each semester.

E. Standing Committee Dates

1.	Policy Review	January 16, 2007	6:30 p.m.
2.	Negotiations/FTA	January 17, 2007	3:30 p.m.
3.	Building	January 18, 2007	6:30 p.m.
4.	Finance	February 6, 2007	6:30 p.m.

Agendas will be sent to committee members.

F. November Elections

The Election Coordinating Committee will meet Wednesday, January 10, 2007 to finalize a new two-year contract for the May 2007 election. The Board is requesting a May 2007 election, with an election in either May or November 2008. A public hearing needs to be held prior to moving the election date and further information is required.

XI. Board Comments, Communications, and Closing Public Comments

Board Comments: Beth Miller reported that she, Jim Yoder, and Mr. Nelson met with the Mio Superintendent and two Board members. They discussed sharing and cooperation in bussing, trimesters, election dates, calendar, etc. The Board expressed its wish that discussions continue.

January is designated as Board Appreciation Month. Each Board member received a Certificate of Appreciation, an apple and a candy bar to express gratitude for Board members' commitment to students and their welfare.

Communications: The schedule for the ABC's for Parents winter programs was received. Sherry Hengy thanked the Board for remembering her with flowers during her convalescence.

Public Comment: There was none.

XII. Closed Session

Neff/Yoder, James That the Board go into closed session for discussion of negotiations and that the Board return to open meeting in this room and immediately adjourn.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

The meeting was reconvened in open session at 9:39 p.m. in the elementary media center and was immediately adjourned.

Joel Yoder, Secretary