

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2007**

The regular meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Monday evening, February 12, 2007 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: James Yoder, Chris Neff, Anne Tompkins, Joel Yoder, Gene Wysocki, and Beth Miller

ABSENT: None

II. Approval of Agenda

Under **Curriculum Spotlight**, Rick Handrich's report on MEAP scores was added and under **NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION ITEMS AND DATES**, Item C. **Senior Trips** was added.

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: January 8, 2007 regular meeting and closed session; January 18, 2007 special 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 \$132,514.28, bills to be ratified of \$82,441.18, and bills to be paid of \$61,254.30, totaling \$276,209.76
- C. Administrative written reports

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

IV. Public Comment

Leslie Green: Reported on the sale of tickets for the car raffle being conducted by the Senior Class. Twenty-five seniors have signed up for the Senior Trip. Mr. Poellet will work with the issue of a student who has not participated in fund raising and how this student's trip will be paid.

Cindy Neff and Deb Shumaker: Presented possible budget reductions for 2007-2008 for the Board's consideration.

Stephanie Woolsey: Has a child in 9th grade and stated that she will assume car raffle duties for Eagle Spirit/Eagle Pride.

V. Interview of Candidates for Board Office and Appointment

On January 18, 2007, the Fairview Area Schools’ Board of Education declared the seat vacant that Erick Hengy held due to him being ineligible to hold office. The vacancy was posted in “The Oscoda County Herald” and a questionnaire pertaining to a candidate’s interest in serving on the Board was made available. Each Board member received a copy of the questionnaires that were completed and returned.

According to Board policy, candidates are to be interviewed by the Board in a public session and a roll call vote of a majority of those elected and serving determines which candidate should be appointed to fill the vacancy. The candidate appointed is then recognized as a Board member and is invited to join the Board at the table. The appointee will serve until the next regular school election in May 2007.

Candidates: Diana Danhoff, Vern Lanczak, Kerry Lietzke, and Pat Thompson. Each candidate was invited to address the Board and to state his/her interest in serving on the Board. Board members expressed appreciation for each person’s interest and willingness to serve and were given opportunity to question candidates. Candidates were also encouraged to file for the May election.

1st roll call vote:

James Yoder:	Pat Thompson
Gene Wysocki:	Diana Danhoff
Joel Yoder:	Diana Danhoff
Anne Tompkins:	Pat Thompson
Chris Neff:	Vern Lanczak
Beth Miller:	Pat Thompson

Vote results:

Pat Thompson:	3 votes
Diana Danhoff:	2 votes
Vern Lanczak:	1 vote

2nd roll call vote:

Chris Neff:	Diana Danhoff
Anne Tompkins:	Pat Thompson
Joel Yoder:	Diana Danhoff
Gene Wysocki:	Diana Danhoff
James Yoder:	Pat Thompson
Beth Miller:	Pat Thompson

Vote results:

Diana Danhoff:	3 votes
Pat Thompson:	3 votes

President Beth Miller designated Pat Thompson to fill the vacancy for five months and Ms. Thompson joined the Board at the table.

VI. Curriculum Spotlight

Rick Handrich updated the Board on MEAP information.

VII. Committee Meetings

The Building Committee met on January 18, 2007, the Policy Committee on January 16, 2007, and the Finance Committee on February 7, 2007. Board members received copies of the minutes from each meeting.

VIII. Administrative Reports

The reports were received and are part of the public record. Mr. Nelson informed the Board that the legislature has 30 days after the Governor presents the budget to make changes and encouraged people to contact legislators about providing fair and adequate funding for schools. Consideration of confirmation for Doug Rauner as junior high girls' track coach will be included with the March meeting. Contracts with athletes should be available for all athletes who need a contract.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Finance Committee's Recommendations

Reductions in 2007-2008 were prioritized at the January 8, 2007 Board meeting. The Finance Committee offered the following recommendations for 2007-2008:

1. That a notice of non-renewal be issued to Robbie Handrich and that an RFP be extended to replace her services with those of a vendor.
2. That the Board reduce the expenditures for paraprofessionals by \$18,287.
3. That the Board reduce the expenditures for athletics by \$15,000.
4. That the Board reduce additional staff expenditures by approximately \$80,000.

Yoder, James/
Wysocki That a notice of non-renewal be issued to Robbie Handrich and that an RFP be extended to replace her services with those of a vendor for 2007-2008.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

Mr. Nelson had previously outlined a plan for shifting custodial duties among remaining staff members and contracting out some of the cleaning process. The RFP will be invited with or without the school providing equipment and supplies.

Yoder,Joel/
Yoder, James That the Board reduce the 2007-2008 expenditures for paraprofessionals by \$18,287.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 1 (Neff)

Motion carried.

Mr. Nelson recommended involving the paraprofessionals in making the decision as to how reductions are to be made. The Administration is charged with implementing the changes.

Thompson/Tompkins That the Board reduce the 2007-2008 expenditures for athletics by \$15,000.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 1 (Wysocki)

Motion carried.

Mr. Poellet, Athletic Director, urged the Board to stand by their decision. He will meet with coaches to determine how to make cuts and provide funding and the Athletic Department will make decisions for changes. He feels that our community will support athletics, as it has in the past.

Wysocki/Yoder,
Joel That the Board reduce the 2007-2008 additional staff expenditures by approximately \$80,000.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

Joel Yoder requested that Administration discuss the suggested staff reductions submitted by FTA representatives with the people who provided input for the suggestions. Administration was also urged to be creative in using staff members' talents and certifications in bringing back a reduction plan for the Board's information and approval.

At 9:00 p.m., the president called a five-minute recess.

X. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS

A. Joint Issues Study Committee

Mr. Nelson recommended that a Joint Issues Study Committee be formed to look at sharing opportunities with our neighboring districts.

Thompson/Yoder, James That a Joint Issues Study Committee, consisting of two Board members and the Superintendent, be formed to investigate sharing opportunities with neighboring school districts.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

The president appointed Gene Wysocki and Beth Miller to serve on the committee, with James Yoder serving as the alternate member.

B. Modified Remodel Plan

The Building Committee recommended that a modified remodel plan, as part of the locker installation, be approved. The renovation project was outlined in the January 18, 2007 Building Committee’s minutes.

Neff/Tompkins That the modified remodel plan be approved as presented and paid from Sinking Fund monies.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

C. Equipment Purchase

The Building Committee also recommended that a new floor machine and two new vacuum cleaners be purchased with funds from the General Fund. The project expense is \$8,400.

Neff/Yoder, Joel That a new floor machine and two new vacuum cleaners be purchased over two budget cycles with funds from the General Fund, and the cost shall not exceed \$8,400.

Ayes – 0; Nays – 7

Motion failed.

D. Policy Amendment

The Policy Committee recommended amending Policy No. 7463, Use of Commercially Produced Video Recordings. After considerable discussion, the following motion and second were offered:

Neff/Tompkins That Policy No. 7463, Use of Commercially Produced Video Recordings, be amended as recommended.

Ayes – 1; Nays – 6 (Tompkins, Joel Yoder, Miller, Wysocki, Thompson, and James Yoder)

Motion failed.

The policy was referred to the Policy Committee for further consideration.

X. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS (Con't.)

E. Food Service Sub-Contract

Atlanta Community Schools is interested in having our Food Service department operate their food service.

Tompkins/Wysocki That the Superintendent be authorized to develop a plan under which our Food Service department would contract to operate the Atlanta Community Schools Food Service. Such a plan would need approval by both Boards before a contract could be offered or accepted.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

XI. NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION ITEMS AND DATES

A. Election Date Information

Information on changing the election date to November was again presented. The item will be included in the April Board packet for a possible decision and Mr. Nelson will continue to provide information and answer questions.

B. Standing Committee Meeting Dates

A negotiations meeting with the FTA is scheduled for February 13, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. Other committee meeting dates will be set as needed.

C. Senior Trip Policy

With a greater number of senior classes wishing to take class trips and no policy in place to address the requests, the item was directed to the Policy Committee to provide a recommendation to the Board.

XII. Board Comments, Communications, and Closing Public Comments

Board Comments: Beth Miller informed Board members that the Superintendent Annual Evaluation tool will be sent to them several weeks prior to conducting the evaluation in March. She urged Board members to be prepared to complete and discuss the evaluations.

James Yoder expressed appreciation that the four candidates for the Board vacancy were willing to serve on the Board.

Communications: Mr. Frank McClelland, Human Resources Manager at Garland, expressed his appreciation for the invitation to participate in Senior Exit Interviews. He also stated that the students interviewed by his group were very impressive and that Fairview students are typically better prepared, and more successful, than other students.

Closing Public Comments: None.

XIII. Closed Session

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

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

At 9:59 p.m., the president declared a short recess and the meeting reconvened in Closed Session at 10:01 p.m.

At 11:03 p.m., the Board returned to open session in the Elementary Media Center and the meeting was immediately adjourned.

Joel Yoder, Secretary