

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2007**

The regular meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Monday evening, December 10, 2007 in the High School Media Center.

Board President Beth Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chris Neff, Joel Yoder, Beth Miller, Anne Tompkins, and Gene Wysocki; James Yoder arrived at 7:02 p.m.

ABSENT: Diana Danhoff

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was 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: November 12, 2007 regular Board meeting; November 26, 2007 special Board meeting, closed session of the same date, and work session of the same date
- 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 \$119,644.20, bills to be ratified of \$47,954.71, and bills to be paid of \$34,490.09, totaling \$202,089.00
- C. Administrative written reports

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

James Yoder joined the meeting.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Curriculum Spotlight

Mr. Larry Garter and Mr. Ruggero Dozzi presented the Technology Services Study initiated by C.O.O.R. ISD and LEA superintendents. The study was completed by Larry Garter, a technology consultant and administrator of the Northern Michigan Electronics Consortium (NMEC) wide area network, in consultation with Ruggero Dozzi, Director of Special Education for the C.O.O.R. ISD, and in cooperation with the superintendents and technical staff of the ISD and its LEAs. The study examines the ways in which districts can collaborate on technology services and looks at existing methods and costs associated with delivery of technical support to staff and students at the ISD and LEAs.

With the proposed new model, C.O.O.R. ISD will be responsible for creating and implementing a Technology Services Group to provide technology service to the ISD and all participating LEAs. Mr. Garter outlined methods for providing technology services and the timeline for implementation of the model throughout the C.O.O.R. ISD districts.

Board members stated that adequate time would be required to study the proposal, have questions answered, and then make a decision.

VI. Administrative Reports

Mr. Poellet: The “no school, no game” policy may need to be reviewed since both boys’ and girls’ basketball games are played during the winter months.

Mr. Wysocki inquired about minutes between West Michigan Janitorial Service and the school. Mr. Nelson replied that monthly meetings are held, with suggestions noted, and documentation provided.

The Superintendent’s Report, Principal’s Report, and Custodial Evaluation Report were received and are part of the public record.

VII. Board Committee Minutes

- A. The Building/Maintenance Committee met on December 5, 2007 and minutes were attached to the December 7, 2007 Weekender. Chris Neff, committee chairman, added the item of renovating bathrooms in the old part of the school and stated that the carpet in Room 19 should be replaced. **Board consensus: To replace the carpet in Room 19.**
- B. The Board’s letter of response to the union grievance was reviewed.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS**A. Special Foundation Account**

At the November 12, 2007 Board meeting, recommended Policy No. 9351, Special Foundation Account, was presented for a first reading.

Neff/Yoder, James That Policy No. 9351, Special Foundation Account, be approved as presented.

Ayes – 4; Nays – 1 (Tompkins)
Mr. Wysocki was absent for the vote.

Motion carried.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS (Con't.)

B. Identity Theft Protection

Recommended Policy No. 5071, Identity Theft Protection, was presented at the November 12, 2007 Board meeting for a first reading.

Neff/Tompkins That Policy No. 5071, Identity Theft Protection, be approved as presented.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

Mr. Wysocki was absent for the vote.

Mr. Wysocki rejoined the meeting.

C. Steroids

Recommended Policy No. 8225, Steroids, was presented for a first reading at the November 12, 2007 Board meeting.

Yoder/Tompkins That Policy No. 8225, Steroids, be approved as presented.

James

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

D. Contract Approval for Support Staff

Approval of the School Related Personnel contract for July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 was tabled until the December 10, 2007 Board meeting.

Neff/Yoder, James That the School Related Personnel contract for July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, as ratified by the union, be approved as presented.

Ayes – 3; Nays – 3 (Wysocki, Tompkins, Joel Yoder)

The matter will need to be addressed when there is a full Board in attendance.

E. Recommendation for 7-Hour Part-Time Paraprofessional

At the November 12, 2007 Board meeting, consideration of a 7-hour part-time paraprofessional was tabled until the December Board meeting. The current temporary paraprofessional position was to be maintained until a decision is made. A 2/3 approval vote of all Board members present was required.

Yoder/Tompkins That the motion to approve the 7-hour part-time paraprofessional be placed on the table.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 1 (Neff)

Motion carried.

Yoder/Yoder That the proposal for a 7-hour part-time paraprofessional be approved as presented.

James Joel

Yoder/Tompkins That the previous motion be amended to: That the proposal for a full-time (7.5 hours/day) paraprofessional position be approved as presented.

Joel

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS (Con't.)**F. Recommendation for Appointment**

The August paraprofessional interview committee recommended the appointment of Melony Haskin to fill a paraprofessional position

Yoder/Wysocki That Melony Haskin be appointed to fill the full-time (7.5 hours/day) James paraprofessional position.

Ayes – 4; Nays – 2 (Miller, Neff)

Motion carried.

IX. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS**A. Contract Approval for FTA-AFTM**

The complete contract was available at the Board table. It was ratified by the FTA-AFTM on December 4, 2007. Mr. Nelson outlined contract language that exceeded Board parameters for negotiations.

Neff/Yoder, James That the agreement with the FTA-AFTM for 2008-2011 be approved as ratified by the FTA-AFTM.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

B. Renewal of Sinking Fund Millage

The Building Committee recommended that a renewal of a 1 mill Sinking Fund tax levy be included on the May 2008 school election ballot.

Yoder, James/Neff That Fairview Area Schools seek renewal of a 1 mill Sinking Fund tax levy and place the matter before the voters in the May 2008 election.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

C. Resignation

Mrs. Sherry Hengy submitted a letter of resignation, effective November 30, 2007, due to going on disability and retirement.

Yoder/Tompkins That Mrs. Sherry Hengy's letter of resignation, effective November 30, 2007, James be accepted and that a letter of appreciation for services be sent to her.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

Beth Miller will write the letter of appreciation.

IX. NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION ITEMS AND MEETING DATES**A. Election Information**

The terms for Anne Tompkins and Joel Yoder will expire at June 30, 2008. The deadline for filing for election is February 13, 2008 by 4:00 p.m. Information about the Board seats will be published in The Oscoda County Herald.

B. Work Session

A work session was set for January 9, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

C. Standing Committee Meeting Dates

No dates were set.

X. Board Comments, Communications, and Closing Public Comments

Board Comments: Joel Yoder confirmed that Board agendas are available to the public and are published on Fairview Area Schools' website. He also asked how contracts will be interpreted and implemented.

Beth Miller asked that information about the Special Foundation Account be included in the schools' quarterly newsletter, in the monthly newspaper, and that persons who attended the Alumni Banquet in September receive an update on the Foundation. She also encouraged Board members who have waived Board payment for meetings to accept remuneration and donate payment to the Foundation.

James Yoder expressed appreciation to everyone who participated in the FTA-AFTM negotiations.

Gene Wysocki said that the parking sign by the elementary entrance is a major benefit and the family involved has seen improvement in the parking situation. He also expressed his belief that some Board meetings lack order and specific rules of conduct are not followed and/or addressed.

Chris Neff said that he does not want a rigorous Board meeting; he desires an open meeting so that people feel comfortable in attending.

Gene Wysocki stated that he feels the Board meetings are open.

Communications: None

XI. Board Comments, Communications, and Closing Public Comment (Con't.)

Closing Public

Comment:

Cindy Neff a) thanked Board members who negotiated on the Board's behalf for the time and effort involved, and the resolution achieved. She expressed her desire to see the Board continue to follow the 5-Year Plan and keep teachers and staff members updated, with the assurance that savings achieved will benefit students and staff; b) What do our students gain by our counselor going to Atlanta Community Schools for one day a week? His services are needed with the greater number of at-risk students. She encouraged Board members to talk with Mr. Handrich for his input; c) stated that there is a Technology Committee seated and it is being ignored in the technology planning as presented during Curriculum Spotlight. We are the smallest district and our voice will not be heard. We have a very fine technician on-site, who is knowledgeable about our technology and knows our students. She feels we won't receive the quality of service if technicians are not housed in this building.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Chris Neff, Secretary