

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 10, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Monday evening, March 10, 2008 in the Elementary Media Center.

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

PRESENT: Beth Miller, Chris Neff, Joel Yoder, Anne Tompkins, Diana Danhoff, and Kirk Peterson

ABSENT: James Yoder

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by Board consensus.

III. Consent Agenda

Neff/Yoder That the following items be included in the Consent Agenda and be accepted as presented:

- A. Minutes: February 11, 2008 regular meeting; February 25, 2008 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 \$182,066.36, bills to be ratified of \$78,194.19, and bills to be paid of \$66,025.83, totaling \$326,286.38
- C. Administrative written reports

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Curriculum Spotlight

Mr. Nelson shared information about decisions the Board will be required to make concerning curriculum. A local cut score will need to be established above which credit will be granted. The tests used will be applied to all students without regard to their status in special education or advanced placement. NW Testing correlates to the ACT and MEAP. A sample test demonstration was enjoyed by Board members.

VI. Administrative Reports

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

VII. Board Committee Reports

1. Minutes for the Policy Committee and the Building Committee, both of which met on February 20, 2008, were included with the February 22, 2008 Weekender.
2. Minutes for the Joint Studies Committee and the Finance Committee, both of which met on March 4, 2008, were included with the agenda.

The Joint Studies Committee discussed how the ISD might serve the LEAs better. Cost increases via the ISD have been passed on to LEAs while the ISD has been putting money into their fund balance. If the LEAs do not approve the ISD budgets, it is so noted and nothing else is done. If there are questions on the discussion topics for the March 12, 2008 meeting, Board members were asked to contact either Mr. Nelson or Chris Neff.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recommendation for Front Parking Lot

The Building Committee recommended that approval be given for repaving and routing in the front parking lot. Board members were provided with a conceptual driveway redesign.

Neff/Danhoff That funding, from the Sinking Fund, for repaving and altering the front parking area be approved and the Superintendent directed to initiate the bid process.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

B. Recommendation for Track

The Building Committee recommended that the track be resurfaced and relined.

Neff/Danhoff That funding, from the Sinking Fund, for track resurfacing be approved and the Superintendent directed to initiate the bid process.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

C. Tentative Plan

At the February 25, 2008 meeting, Board members were asked to consider the possibility of no viable candidate(s) applying for the posted part-time superintendent position. Potentially, the Board could:

1. Repost as it stands
2. Repost as fulltime/no benefits
3. Repost as fulltime with benefits
4. Repost as fulltime with reduced benefits
5. Repost as a combined position

Two Board members expressed interest in reposting as a combined position. The president asked Board members to continue considering the question.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS (Con't.)

D. Donation to the School

A community member offered to donate a paid-up car lease to the school, with one year remaining on the lease. Kirk Peterson provided additional information about the proposed gift: a \$50 transfer fee would need to be paid and the school would assume full insurance coverage.

Neff/Danhoff Based upon a study of potential liabilities versus benefits, the Board respectfully declines the donation on a paid-up lease and directs the Superintendent to communicate the Board's appreciation for the offer.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

IX. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS

A. Principal's Contract Renewal

According to Sec. 1229 of the Revised School Code, the Board must give the administrator written notice that the Board is considering non-renewal of the contract. The notice must be given to the administrator at least 90 days before the contract's expiration date.

At 8:17 p.m., President Miller called a five-minute recess and reconvened the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Neff/Tompkins That Raymond Poellet's Contract of Employment be extended through June 30, 2009 with no change to the contract content.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

B. Policy No. 1155

The Policy Committee recommended that Policy No. 1155, Removal of a Board Officer from Office, be presented for a first reading. The proposed policy will be included in the April Board meeting agenda for a second reading and possible approval.

C. Making Up Additional Snow Days

Mr. Nelson and Jodee Money, as a delegate of the FTA Negotiations Team, arrived at an agreement for making up the snow days that have been used for 2007-2008.

Yoder/Danhoff That given our negotiations relative to hours versus compensation, the administration be directed to make up time missed beyond our agreement.

Ayes – 4; Nays – 2 (Miller, Neff)

Motion carried.

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

D. Support for Sinking Fund Millage

The Board passed a resolution on January 14, 2008 to include a request for renewal of the Sinking Fund Millage at the May election. Beth provided further information on the support that the Board can give to the request.

Neff/Tompkins That Fairview Area Schools’ Board of Education supports the Resolution in Setting Matters to be Voted Upon adopted at the January 14, 2008 meeting in which the matter of seeking renewal of a 1 mil sinking fund tax levy will be placed before voters in the May 2008 election.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

X. NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION ITEMS AND DATES

A. Joint Boards/Administrators’ Dinner Meeting

The Joint Boards/Administrators’ Dinner Meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2008 at Forward’s in West Branch.

B. Standing Committee Meeting Dates

1.	Policy	March 19, 2008	7:00 p.m.	
2.	Building	March 19, 2008	6:00 p.m.	
3.	Joint Issues	March 12, 2008	6:00 p.m.	Mio AuSable

President Miller reminded the Policy Committee that Policy No. 2070, School Superintendent, needs to be reviewed. The Board develops the job description, but the Superintendent does not have to agree with it. Mr. Jones at C.O.O.R. ISD offered assistance in reviewing the policy and job description.

C. Special Board Meeting

A special Board meeting was set for April 2, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to review applications for the Superintendent’s position and to determine questions for the interview process.

XI. Board Comments, Communications, and Closing Public Comment

Board Comments: There were no comments.

Communications: ABC’s for Parents provided information on the Spring 2008 programs.

Closing Public Comment: Pat Thompson: 1) testing cut scores, as outlined during the Curriculum Spotlight, will result in a greater number of Schools of Choice students. Neighboring school districts should work together to determine cut scores; 2) if a local district does not approve the ISD budgets, the ISD needs to consider the LEA’s concerns; and 3) if athletic activities are shared with Mio, this may move us into a Class C classification.

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

Closing Public Comment (Con't.): Steve McCormick: 1) thanked Mr. Nelson for his assistance with medical bills and insurance filings after his accident at the track meet last spring, and 2) expressed his appreciation and enjoyment of working with coaches while covering sports events for “The Oscoda County Herald”. He and his family will be moving from the community.

XII. Closed Session

At 9:05 p.m., the following motion and second were offered:

Danhoff/Tompkins That the Board go into closed session for the Superintendent’s Annual Evaluation, and that the Board take action on the evaluation at the April Board meeting, return to open session in this room, and immediately adjourn.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session in the Elementary Media Center at 9:36 p.m. and the meeting was immediately adjourned.

Chris Neff, Secretary