

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MARCH 25, 2009**

The special meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary Media Center.

PRESENT: Kirk Peterson, Dennis Kauffman, Beth Miller, Chris Neff, Diana Danhoff,
and Beth Oaks

ABSENT: Anne Tompkins

II. Approval of Agenda

Item A. **Compensation for Director of Finance Position** was added under V. **NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS** The agenda was then approved by Board consensus.

III. Public Comment

--Mr. Poellet expressed his appreciation for the coverage of "Seussical, the Musical" that *The Oscoda County Herald* included in the last issue.

--Mr. Wilcoxon reported that Jubal Handrich, a senior, was voted MVP of the Northstar League and was awarded various other honors. Kayla Weaver was voted co-MVP for the Northstar League.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Superintendent Position

The letter from the Michigan Department of Education states the steps the District must follow to request approval of hiring a retirant in an emergency situation for the upcoming school year. The District must provide written notification to the Superintendent of Public Instruction which includes documentation detailing the necessity of hiring a retirant without the income restrictions set forth in MCL 38.1361. This should include, but is not limited to, the position criteria adopted by the local school board, any and all efforts to solicit qualified applicants, and any information supporting the retirant's proven effectiveness and unique and applicable qualifications or expertise.

Within 30 days after receipt of the notification and documentation, the Department of Education will notify the school district's requesting official and the retirement system of its approval or disapproval of the emergency situation.

The Board reviewed the brochure outlining qualifications and pertinent information, after which they approved posting the position with MASA and MASB, advertising in newspapers, and posting internally. Applications will be due at 1:00 p.m. on April 13, 2009, with interviews conducted on April 16 and 17.

The Board will consider a "Plan B" at the April 14, 2009 Board meeting, pending the decision from the Department of Education.

IV. OLD BUSINESS (con't.)

B. November Election Cycle

Jeri Winton, Oscoda County Clerk, provided a copy of House Bill 4824, which sets forth the payment outline for a school district's election. The resolutions were approved earlier and will be sent to the schools' attorney. The attorney will forward a copy of Resolution No. 2 to the Secretary of State's office, as required by Michigan election law.

C. Joint Boards' Dinner

The 28th Annual Joint Boards' Dinner will be hosted by Houghton Lake Community Schools on April 27, 2009. A list of Board members and administrators who plan to attend the dinner will be sent to C.O.O.R. ISD.

V. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEM

A. Compensation for Director of Finance Position

After discussion, the Board outlined the compensation package for this position:

Salary range	\$29,000 - \$32,000
Benefits	Will remain as presently offered

Interviews are scheduled for March 30, 2009 and the committee will offer a recommendation to the Board at the April meeting.

VI. Board Comments, Communications, and Closing Public Comments

There were no Board comments, communications, or closing public comments.

VII. Closed Session

Danhoff/Neff That the Board go into closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations, and that the Board return to open session in the Elementary Media Center and immediately adjourn.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

At 7:58 p.m., the president called a short recess. The meeting was reconvened in closed session at 8:05 p.m.

At 8:53 p.m., the Board returned to open session in the Elementary Media Center. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Diana Danhoff, Secretary