

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 10, 2009**

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The regular meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Monday evening, August 10, 2009 in the elementary media center.

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

PRESENT: Beth Miller, Chris Neff, Kirk Peterson, Merianne Tappan, and Anne Tompkins

ABSENT: Diana Danhoff and Dan Smith

**II. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved by Board consensus.

**III. Consent Agenda**

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

- A. July 13, 2009 regular Board meeting minutes
- B. Treasurer's Reports
  - Cash Receipts reports for General Fund, 1998 Debt Retirement Fund, and Sinking Fund
  - General Fund Accounts Payable for July 2009, which include payrolls of \$146,087.00, bills to be ratified of \$42,028.26, and bills to be paid of \$35,013.54, totaling \$223,128.80.
- C. Administrative written reports

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

**IV. Public Comment - None**

**V. Presentation: Great Start Collaborative – Participants did not show.**

**VI. Administrative Reports**

Mr. Wilcoxon presented his report for July and added the following items:

- A. The school received a distribution of \$5,104.00 from SET/SEG in the form of a premium reduction. A credit will appear on each quarterly Workers' Compensation invoice received in 2009-2010.
- B. Mr. Wilcoxon reminded board members of the October MASB conference in Lansing.
- C. Mr. Wilcoxon would like the Board to consider future plans for bus purchases after the current bus note is paid.
- D. The ad for Schools of Choice will run for three weeks beginning next week.
- E. A reminder that September 1, 2009 is a staff work day. The board discussed serving breakfast for the staff.
- F. Renovations on the new computer lab are almost complete. Mr. Wilcoxon invited Board members to view the progress after the meeting.

**VI. Administrative Reports, (Con't.)**

Mr. Poellet mentioned that the school received a waiver last spring in order to allow sixth grade girls and boys to participate in Middle School sports for the year. The sixth graders can participate in only one sport per season.

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

**VII. Board Committee Reports - None**

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. C.O.O.R. ISD Special Education Contract**

The 2009-2010 Contract for Special Education Services from C.O.O.R. ISD is presented for the Board's approval. The services remain the same as those provided in the 2008-2009 school year.

Neff/Tompkins That the 2009-2010 Contract for Special Education Services provided by C.O.O.R. ISD be approved as presented.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

**B. Coaching Staff Resignations**

Four coaches have resigned from their current positions. Letters of resignation were presented for the Board's approval. Mrs. Tompkins will sent letters of appreciation to the coaches on behalf of the Board.

Neff/Tompkins That the resignation of Marcy Barton as 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Junior High Girl's Basketball coach be accepted.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

Neff/Peterson That the resignation of Steve Gusler as Baseball coach be accepted.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

Neff/Tompkins That the resignation of Randy Harris as 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Junior High Boy's Basketball coach be accepted.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

Neff/Tompkins That the resignation of Doug Rauner as Junior High Girl's Track coach be accepted.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0

Motion carried.



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

**A. Revisions to Board Meeting Schedule, (Con’t.)**

Neff/Peterson That the November 9, 2009 meeting of the Board of Education be rescheduled to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at the Mitchell Township Hall in Curran.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

Neff/Tompkins That the February 8, 2010 meeting of the Board of Education be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Clinton Township Hall in Comins.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

**X. NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION ITEMS AND DATES**

**A. Review of Current Board Goals**

The Board reviewed current goals set for Fairview Area Schools and discussed ways to meet them.

It was determined that the Eagle Newsletter will be sent twice this year; once at the start of the school year and once at the end. It was also mentioned that the Oscoda Monthly is a well-liked publication that could be used to publish ads and articles related to the school in order to keep the community informed of school happenings.

Mr. Peterson suggested setting up a folder on the school’s computer network to house important documents relevant to school operations, such as the policy manual, etc., that could be easily accessed by all school personnel for internal use only. Mark Trim was present in the audience and agreed to help Kirk develop a system as time permits.

The Board discussed Senior Exit Interviews. Mr. Poellet mentioned that some of the answers given by students in the written questionnaire needed clarification, but the overall response was good. The Board agreed the process was a positive experience for the students as well as the staff, and should be continued.

The Eagle’s Nest Preschool will be returning for the 2009-2010 school year, and other community organizations such as Habitat for Humanity are expected to use the building on occasion.

**B. Board Goals for 2009-2010**

The Board agreed that if a waiver is required from the State of Michigan in order to keep Mr. Wilcoxon on staff as superintendent for the 2010-2011 school year, plans need to be put in place and acted on as soon as possible.

**C. Superintendent Goals for 2009-2010**

Mr. Wilcoxon presented his goals for the 2009-2010 school year, including working with the Building/Maintenance Committee to develop a list of future Sinking Fund projects, working with staff to monitor the success of certain academic programs, and closely monitoring and assuring the proper use of specialized funds.

**D. Ongoing Discussion: 2010-11, 2011-12 Projected Budget**

Mr. Wilcoxon presented projected costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11 and will present an updated version at the next meeting. A better projection will be possible once the audit has been conducted.

Mr. Wilcoxon and members of the Board agree that regular work sessions will be needed in order to share information and develop fiscal goals as the State adjusts funding amounts which could have significant affect on the budgets for the next several years. Mr. Wilcoxon would like to include members of the staff in order to obtain input and suggestions as well as to keep the staff informed of upcoming plans.

**E. Standing Committee Meetings**

It was suggested that the Building/Maintenance Committee meet soon to discuss possible future Sinking Fund projects. Suggestions include re-keying the school, middle school doors, and bus garage doors.

**XI. Board Comments, Communications, and Closing Public Comments - None**

The president adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.