

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
CLINTON TOWNSHIP HALL – COMINS, MI
FEBRUARY 8, 2010**

A rescheduled meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Monday evening, February 8, 2010 at the Clinton Township Hall, Comins, Michigan.

Board President Beth Miller called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Diana Danhoff, Beth Miller, Chris Neff, Kirk Peterson, Dan Smith,
Merianne Tappan, and Anne Tompkins

ABSENT: None

I. Call to Order – Roll Call – Welcome

II. Principal Appreciation Week

Mr. Wilcoxon informed the Board that the week of February 15-19 has been designated Principal's Week and acknowledged Ray Poellet for all his hard work and dedication to Fairview Area Schools.

III. Approval of Agenda

By Board consensus, the agenda was approved with the addition of Item **B. 4th Credit Math** under **IX. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS.**

IV. Consent Agenda

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

- A. January 6, 2010 special meeting minutes (as corrected)
- B. January 11, 2010 regular meeting minutes
- C. Treasurer's Reports

--Cash Receipts reports for General Fund, 1998 Debt Retirement Fund, and Sinking Fund

--General Fund Accounts Payable for January 2010, which include payrolls of \$179,071.94, bills to be ratified of \$9,2416.40, and bills to be paid of 18,737.99, totaling \$290,226.33.

- D. Administrative written reports

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VI. Administrative Reports

Mr. Wilcoxon added the following items to his Superintendent's Report:

1. The Board should send letters to the Mitchell and Clinton Township Halls for allowing us to use their buildings for the Nov. 2009 and Feb 2010 meetings.
2. Homecoming Week is scheduled for February 22-26, 2010.

VI. Administrative Reports, (Con't.)

- 3. Mr. Wilcoxon has assembled a current list of consolidated services.
- 4. Mr. Wilcoxon and Mr. Poellet met with the superintendents from Mio and Atlanta schools to brainstorm possible ideas for consolidation of services. Mr. Wilcoxon also called Grayling and Eastern UP for ideas. One possible project may be the Habitat for Humanity House.
- 5. A “Cat Tails” program will be held on February 24 for grades K-5.

Mr. Poellet added the following item to his Principal’s Report:

- 1. FAS is on track to meet Adequate Yearly Progress this year.

VII. Board Committee Reports

- A. The Building/Maintenance Committee met on January 19, 2010.
- B. The Finance Committee met on January 20, 2010.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Reductions in the 2010-2011 Budget

The Finance Committee met on January 20, 2010 to discuss strategies to decrease expenditures for the first semester of 2010-2011. The committee makes the following recommendations:

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| Smith/Peterson | That one paraprofessional position be eliminated. | |
| | Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 | Motion carried. |
| Peterson/Smith | That ½ of an elementary teaching position be eliminated. | |
| | Ayes – 6; Nays – 1 (Neff) | Motion carried. |
| Smith/Peterson | That funding for 72% of a paraprofessional position be eliminated from the General Fund and instead be funded with At-Risk funds. | |
| | Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 | Motion carried. |
| Peterson/Smith | That janitorial services be reduced by four hours. | |
| | Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 | Motion carried. |
| Smith/Peterson | That one hour of janitorial services be funded from Food Service. | |
| | Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 | Motion carried. |
| Smith/Peterson | That one bus route be eliminated and bus stops be established. | |
| | Ayes – 5; Nays – 2 (Neff, Tompkins) | Motion carried. |
| Peterson/Smith | That Special Ed teaching supplies be reduced by \$10,000.00. | |
| | Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 | Motion carried. |
| Peterson/Smith | That library supplies be reduced by \$2,000.00. | |
| | Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 | Motion carried. |

VIII. OLD BUSINESS, (Con't.)

A. Reductions in the 2010-2011 Budget, (Con't.)

Peterson/Smith That mileage reimbursement for teacher professional development be eliminated.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

Peterson/Smith That the bus note payment and interest payment be removed from the budget as there currently is no outstanding bus debt.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

B. Letter to Michael Flanagan

Mary Jo Green called Michael Flanagan’s office on January 13, 2010 for an update on the request for the extension to the waiver granted in May of 2009 allowing Mr. Wilcoxon to remain employed as part-time Superintendent. The MDE office staff agreed to check on the status of the request but did not return the phone call with information as promised. Mrs. Green will make another attempt to obtain information.

C. Athletic Director Position

The Board discussed their thoughts about making the Athletic Director position voluntary. It was again mentioned that the position is more than just a school-year commitment and requires year-round effort and coordination. The position would need to be posted as a volunteer opportunity.

Tappan/Peterson That the position of Athletic Director be made a voluntary position beginning July 1, 2010.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 1 (Neff) Motion carried.

IX. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS

A. Early Retirement Incentive

Mr. Wilcoxon presented the details of an early retirement incentive agreement for the Board’s approval.

Peterson/Smith That an early retirement incentive be offered to eligible candidates using the agreement form as presented.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

B. 4th Credit Math

Mr. Poellet explained a program that would allow the completion of career classes offered at the COOR Career Tech Center to fulfill Fairview’s fourth-year math requirement for seniors.

Smith/Peterson That the 4th year high school math-related credit for students successfully completing any of the CTE courses offered at the COOR Career Tech Center be approved, in alignment with the State and COOR agreement.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

X. NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION ITEMS AND DATES

A. Standing Committee Meetings

The Building/Maintenance Committee will meet Monday, February 22 at 6:00 p.m. to open bids for the bus-garage door replacement project.

XI. Board Comments, Communications, and Closing Public Comments

Board Comments Mr. Peterson advised the students in the audience to take advantage of every opportunity involved with education because those opportunities may not always be available.

Communications None

Public Comments None

President Beth Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Diana Danhoff, Board Secretary