

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESCHEDULED BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 4, 2010**

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A rescheduled meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Thursday evening, March 4, 2010 in the elementary media center.

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

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

ABSENT: None

**I. Approval of Agenda**

By Board consensus, the agenda was approved with the addition of Item **F. Copiers** under **VIII. NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION ITEMS.**

**II. Consent Agenda**

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

A. February 8, 2010 regular meeting minutes.

B. Treasurer's Reports

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

--General Fund Accounts Payable for February 2010, which include payrolls of \$124,779.16, bills to be ratified of \$363,971.78, and bills to be paid of 60,903.10, totaling \$363,971.78.

C. Administrative written reports

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

**III. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**IV. Administrative Reports**

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

1. Mr. Wilcoxon would like to thank the Board for moving tonight's meeting on account of the district basketball games next week.
2. The Tax Anticipation Note from Firstbank has been paid in full.
3. Due to a mild winter, the school has spent much less than budgeted for heat and electric.
4. A letter has been received from the Teamsters that they are ready to meet and negotiate.
5. The plumbing repair job for the sewer line under the girl's locker room has been bid out.
6. The bus drivers will be taking bus attendance during the weeks of March and April.
7. The "Acting Up" Theatre will be working with the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders during the week of March 8, with a performance on March 12.
8. Race day is scheduled for Friday, March 19.
9. The Jack Pine Derby is scheduled for Saturday, March 20.
10. The after-school art program started today and was a success.

**IV. Administrative Reports (Con't.)**

Mr. Poellet added the following items to his Principal's Report:

1. The student who left Fairview to attend Mio has returned to Fairview and the "problem" has been resolved.
2. The School Improvement Team will need to meet to discuss new graduation requirements in addition to the Michigan Merit Curriculum.

**V. Board Committee Reports**

The Building/Maintenance Committee met on February 22, 2010. Minutes were presented.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Letter to Michael Flanagan**

The Michigan Department of Education has approved our request for an extension to the waiver granted in May 2009 to allow Mr. Wilcoxon to continue in the position of part-time Superintendent for the 2010-2011 school year. A letter from the MDE will be forthcoming.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Co-Op Football/Track**

At a meeting with Atlanta Community Schools, Mr. Wilcoxon, Mr. Poellet, and Ms. Teresa Stauffer of Atlanta discussed the possibility of sharing services to reduce expenditures for both school districts. One idea was to co-op football and track. The Board discussed the pros and cons of this arrangement. Mr. Don Haskin was asked for his opinion and believes it is a good idea as it would provide opportunities for more kids. He would also like to encourage that cross-country be added to the shared sports. The Board approved Mr. Poellet to move forward and see if enough of an interest exists to implement such a program.

**B. Garage Door Bids**

Bids have been received for the replacement of the bus-garage doors and installation of automatic openers. The Building/Maintenance committee reviewed all bids and presented a recommendation for the Board's approval.

Neff/Tompkins            That the bid from Bontrager Door in the amount of \$7,124.00 for the replacement of the bus-garage doors and installation of automatic openers be approved as presented.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

**C. Teacher Tenure**

Mr. Poellet submitted a letter concerning action on probationary teachers. Based on his evaluations and recommendations, the Superintendent offered the following recommendations:

Neff/Tompkins            That Ms. Amy Clouse remain on probationary status, third of four years, for the 2010-2011 school calendar year.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0

Motion carried.



**VIII. NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION ITEMS AND DATES, (Con't.)**

**E. Standing Committee Meetings**

The Building/Maintenance committee will meet Monday, March 22 at 6:00 p.m. to open bids for the repair of the sewer pipe under the girl's locker room floor.

**F. Copiers**

The copy machine in the elementary cannot be repaired. A new machine would run approximately \$6,000 - \$12,000. The Board was asked their thoughts on moving the remaining copy machine to the room in front of the technology office for use by the entire school. The Board agrees that an additional machine is needed to eliminate unnecessary foot traffic and to provide backup if one goes down. Mr. Peterson will check at auction to see if one can be obtained for a more reasonable price.

**IX. Board Comments, Communications, and Closing Public Comments**

Board Comments      The Board commented on the wonderful 50's-themed decorations in the library for Reading Month.

Communications      A letter was received from SET/SEG congratulating Fairview High School for receiving a Bronze Medal Award from *U.S. News & World Report*.

Scholarships are available from the SET/SEG Educational Foundation to help Michigan public high school students attend the 2010 Michigan Association of Student Councils/Honor Societies Summer Leadership Camp.

Public Comments      There were no public comments.

President Beth Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.