

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2010**

The 2009-2010 Annual Report was presented at 6:45 p.m. on Monday evening, September 13, 2010 in the elementary media center. The regular scheduled regular meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held after the Annual Report was presented.

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

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

ABSENT: None

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Consent Agenda

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

- A. August 2*, August 4, and August 6, 2010 special meeting minutes
- B. August 9, 2010 regular meeting minutes
- C. Treasurer's Reports

--Cash Receipts reports for General Fund, Debt Retirement Fund, and Sinking Fund
--General Fund Accounts Payable for August 2010, which include payrolls of \$96,467.19, bills to be ratified of \$66,103.72, and bills to be paid of \$14,592.44, totaling \$177,163.35.

- D. Administrative written reports

* August 2, 2010 minutes were corrected to reflect the proper term of service for the Board position currently available.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0

Motion carried.

IV. Public Comment

Mrs. Dale Gascho voiced a concern regarding the large class sizes of the first and second grades. Currently, there are 29 students in the first grade and 28 students in the second grade, which causes a concern that the quality of instruction will diminish as the teacher-to-student ratio is very high. Mrs. Gascho appealed to the Board to consider splitting the classes if funds are available. Mrs. Claudia Blamer agreed with Mrs. Gascho and would also like to see the classes split.

V. Administrative Reports

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

1. The septic tanks for the staff restrooms were pumped and will need to be modified in order to allow better access to the drain field.
2. The student transition meetings were well attended and were a success.
3. Freshman orientation was well attended and successful.
4. Our tentative student count is currently 333 students.

VI. Board Committee Reports - None

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

G. Educational Programs

The Board discussed ideas for additional educational opportunities based on district needs, if funding is available. Ideas include splitting the first and second grades, adding elementary choir, creating a half-time paraprofessional position, adding a part-time bus route, paid after-school tutoring, etc. The Board agreed that it is of utmost importance to split the first and second grades as soon as possible. The Board agreed that Mrs. Gascho would instruct the combination class (at her request) and a job opening for a second-grade teacher would be posted immediately for a minimum of two weeks. A sub teacher would instruct the second-grade class until a permanent instructor is found.

Peterson/Tompkins That Mr. Wilcoxen be given authority to take the necessary steps to immediately split the first and second grades in order to create a combined first / second grade class.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

H. Standing Committee Meetings

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| 1. Policy Review | 3. Building/Maintenance |
| 2. Finance | 4. Negotiations |

X. Board Comments, Communications, and Closing Public Comments

Board Comments None

Communications A generous donation of school supplies was made from Mavis Wilson. A thank-you note will be sent.

A letter was received from Mary Watrous announcing her retirement. Ms. Watrous has worked for many years as a substitute teacher for Fairview Schools. A letter of appreciation will be sent.

A letter of congratulations has been received from Superintendent Michael Flanagan for meeting the State School Breakfast Challenge.

Public Comments Mrs. Dale Gascho thanked the Board for its support and for taking action to split the first and second grades. She believes it will make a huge difference for all kids involved.

Mr. Randy Shantz inquired about the current Board vacancy. The Board informed Mr. Shantz that after the vacancy is re-posted, he will need to submit a statement of interest before the deadline in order to be considered.

Mrs. Money informed the Board how proud she is of the kindergarten class for beginning to learn computer basics during a visit to the computer lab.

President Miller adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Diana Danhoff, Board Secretary