FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2011

A regular meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Monday evening, August 8, 2011 in the elementary media center.

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

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

ABSENT: None

II. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved by Board consensus.

III. Consent Agenda

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

A. July 11, 2011 regular Board meeting minutes
B. July 25, 2011 special Board meeting minutes.
C. Treasurer's Reports

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

--General Fund Accounts Payable for July 2011, which include payrolls of $149,518.29, bills to be ratified of $82,855.54, and bills to be paid of $48,426.06, totaling $280,799.89.

D. Administrative written reports

IV. Public Comment

Mrs. Ross invited Board members and others to an Eagle Fest planning meeting to be held Monday, August 15 at 7:00 p.m. The Eagle Fest will be held October 7-8, 2011.

V. Administrative Reports

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

1. Birch Creek Club is involved in a tax tribunal.
2. Mr. Ricketson has a phone conference scheduled for August 23rd with Senator John Moolenaar to get information on new legislation, etc.
3. SET/SEG conducted a risk assessment tour and sent a letter reporting their results.

VI. Board Committee Reports – Building/Maintenance – July 27, 2011

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Central Office Reorganization

The Building/Maintenance Committee met July 27, 2011 to discuss reorganizing the Central Office space. The committee recommends setting a work session in September to discuss actual floor plans for reconstruction and makes the following recommendations:

VII. OLD BUSINESS, (Con't.)

A. Central Office Reorganization, (Con't.)

Neff/Tompkins That personnel and equipment from the Superintendent's office, Finance office, Elementary and High School offices be moved to the existing central space to create a Central Office for the 2011-12 school year.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

B. Snow Removal

So far no bids have been received for winter snow removal. It was suggested that snow removal, lawn maintenance, trimming, etc. could be bid out as a package.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS

A. Combined Classroom Teacher Approval

The District posted an internal job opening for a Second / Third Grade Teacher for the 2011-2012 school year with an August 5 deadline for submitting a letter of interest. The Superintendent makes the following recommendation:

Peterson/Tompkins That Kami Winton be hired as Second / Third Grade Teacher for the 2011-2012 school year.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

B. 2011-2012 Budget Update

Mr. Ricketson presented information regarding changes to the 2011-2012 budget. Due to the federal government placing stricter regulations on allowable usage of federal funds, certain expenditures previously budgeted for Title I will be reassigned to the General Fund including some money designated for teacher salaries. This will open up new Title I funds that could be used to recall paraprofessionals.

C. Approval of New High School Elective Classes

Mr. Gusler submitted information concerning the addition of two new High School elective classes for the 2011-2012 school year. The Board is in favor of the classes but insists that any movies or media used for instructional purposes must follow policy.

Peterson/Danhoff That the Board approve "Mass Media" as an elective class for the 2011-2012 school year.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

Peterson/Tappan That the Board approve "Advanced Performing Arts" as an elective class for the 2011-2012 school year.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

IX. NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION ITEMS AND DATES

A. Joint Board Meeting

The joint Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, August 23, 2011. Topics will include special education programs, costs, funding and special education millage information. More details to follow.

B. November Board Elections

The annual election for Board members is November 2, 2011. Two vacant positions will be up for election (Miller, Neff). The deadline for nominations of board candidates is Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the County Clerk's office in Mio.

C. Annual Report

The Annual Report was distributed for review and will be presented for approval at the September Board meeting.

D. Standing Committee Meetings

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

X. Board Comments, Communications, and Closing Public Comments

Board Comments: Mr. Neff voiced a concern regarding the Lead Teachers giving up teaching responsibilities. Mr. Peterson recommended that the matter was administrative in nature and should be decided by Mr. Ricketson.

Public Comment: Mrs. Kauffman thought the district passed an audit of the Title I program and no issues were found. Mr. Ricketson explained that the audit dealt with a "snapshot" of the previous years' program and that changes will need to be made from this point forward.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

A. Negotiations / Fairview Teachers' Association

Peterson/Shantz That the Board move to Closed Session to discuss the status of the labor negotiations process and return to Open Session to immediately adjourn.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

Mr. Neff excused himself from the meeting due to conflict of interest.

The Board moved to Closed Session at 7:50 p.m. and reconvened to Open Session at 9:05 p.m.

President Beth Miller adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

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Diana Danhoff, Board Secretary