

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Monday evening, August 10, 2015 in the elementary school media center.

I. Call to Order – Roll Call – Welcome

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

PRESENT: Diana Danhoff , Beth Miller, Janice Handrich, Merianne Tappan, Anne Tompkins, and Herb Trader

ABSENT: Jon Ford

II. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved by Board consensus.

III. Consent Agenda

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

- A. July 13, 2015 regular board meeting minutes
- B. Treasurer's Reports
 - Cash Receipts reports for General Fund, Sinking Fund, 2014 Capital Projects Fund, and 2014 Debt Retirement Fund
 - General Fund Accounts Payable for July 2015, which include payrolls of \$100,585.05, bills to be ratified of \$37,303.37, and bills to be paid of \$102,507.35, totaling \$240,395.77.
- C. Administrative written reports

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

I. Public Comment - None

II. Administrative Reports

Mr. Ricketson added the following to his Administrative Report:

1. Information on recalling parapros is still being gathered at this time.

III. Board Committee Reports - Building/Maintenance: July 21, 2015

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Neola Policy Services

The Policy committee expressed their desire to be involved in the monthly meetings with the Neola rep during the process of updating the board policy manual using the Neola services.

V. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS

A. Lead Teacher Contracts

The Board was asked to retain the lead teacher positions for the 2015-2016 school year. The Superintendent makes the following recommendations:

Danhoff/Tompkins That the contract for Mrs. Amy Clouse as Elementary/Middle School Lead Teacher be renewed for the 2015-2016 school year.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

Tompkins/Trader That the contract for Mr. Rick Handrich as High School Lead Teacher be renewed for the 2015-2016 school year.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

VI. NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION ITEMS AND DATES

A. Joint Committee Update

Mr. Ricketson provided an update on the Fairview-Mio joint committee. The next meeting will be in October.

B. Standing Committee Meeting Dates

1. Negotiations – Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.
2. Policy – To be announced

VII. Board Comments, Communications, and Closing Public Comments

Board Comments None

Communications: The Board received Notice of Tax Tribunal

A letter from SET-SEG was read regarding the annual Property/Casualty refund.

A letter from Renee Nut was read asking the Board to reconsider the recent layoff of paraprofessionals. It is the Board’s intention to return as many as possible as soon as funding is confirmed.

A letter from Melony Haskin was read regarding her work with the online Spanish class last year. A committee was formed to review her request.

Public Comment: Gary Wellnitz – AFT/MI raised questions concerning the recent layoff of paraprofessionals including how many would be brought back and what factors would be used to determine that number. The Board is waiting for final financial figures before determining how many the district can bring back according to seniority.

VII. Board Comments, Communications, and Closing Public Comments, (Con't.)

Public Comment, (Cont.)

Marika Christenson asked what the plan is for filling the roles of the paraprofessionals if they are not recalled. The administration is working on a contingency plan, scheduling, etc.

Maria Southerland raised a concern about how her daughter who has an IEP will get help if no paraprofessionals are available. The administration assured that IEPs will be honored and that the responsibilities are being transferred to other staff to help with the load.

Sarah Smith is worried that her daughter may fall through the cracks without the help of the paraprofessionals.

Marcy Elliot, substitute teacher, depends on the paraprofessionals to help learn some of the new concepts being taught. The Board recognizes the value of the paraprofessionals and is working to bring back as many as possible.

Several members of the audience want to know what they can do to help. It was suggested to contact state representatives. Contact information is available on the district website.

Merianne Tappan mentioned that our state representative Tristan Cole will be at the Senior Center August 27. She would be happy to deliver letters to him.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

Miller/Tappan That the Board go into closed session for the purpose of discussing FTA/AFTM contract negotiations and that the Board return to open meeting, vote on any proposed resolutions, and immediately adjourn.

Role call: Trader: Aye Handrich: Aye Danhoff: Aye
Miller: Aye Tappan: Aye Tompkins: Aye

The Board moved to Closed Session at 7:40 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 8:50.

President Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Diana Danhoff, Board Secretary