FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

A regular meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Monday evening, September 14, 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 , Jon Ford, Beth Miller, Janice Handrich (7:10pm), Merianne Tappan, Anne Tompkins, and Herb Trader

ABSENT: None

II. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved by Board consensus.

III. Consent Agenda

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

A. August 10, 2015 regular board meeting minutes,
August 17, 2015 special 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 August 2015, which include payrolls of $99,178.35, bills to be ratified of $69,250.30, and bills to be paid of $45,005.95 totaling $213,434.60.

C. Administrative written reports

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

I. Public Comment – None

Mr. Ricketson introduced Amy Cobb, the new first grade teacher, to the Board.

II. Administrative Reports

Mr. Ricketson added the following to his Administrative Report:

1. Roscommon Schools would like to purchase the '00 bus.
2. Mr. Trader would like to see technology training opportunities for subs, aides, etc.

Mrs. Handrich joined the meeting.

III. Board Committee Reports - None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. FTA-AFTM Contract Ratification

The Board received a copy of the 2013-2016 FTA-AFTM contract revisions (salary schedule) for review. The contract was ratified by the FTA-AFTM in August.

Danhoff/Tappan That the revisions to the 2013-2016 contract be approved as ratified by the FTA-AFTM.

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

V. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS

A. Hire Custodian

Applications were received for the vacant custodial position. The Superintendent recommends that two part-time custodians be hired.

Danhoff/Trader That Freda Oaks be hired as part-time school custodian for the 2015-2016 school year.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

Danhoff/Trader That Jerry Babcock be hired as part-time school custodian for the 2015-2016 school year.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

B. Tax Rate Request

The 2015 Tax Rate Request is required to be approved by the Board of Education and then submitted on or before September 30, 2015 to the County Board of Commissioners.

Trader/Danhoff That the 2015 Tax Rate Request be approved as presented.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

C. Tuition Reimbursement

According to the teachers' contract, a teacher may request reimbursement for classes leading to a Master of Arts degree. The Board was asked to consider a request from Amy Clouse to pay a portion of the cost of tuition for classes taken toward a Master of Arts degree in School Principalship. She has successfully completed four of the required classes leading to the degree.

Danhoff/Tappan That the tuition reimbursement request from Amy Clouse be approved as presented.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

VI. NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION ITEMS AND DATES

A. Snow Removal

The district has attempted to solicit bids for snow removal services. The job was posted twice with no responses. Rich Ellis will continue to look for someone to provide services.

B. Board Goals (October)

The Board was asked to present their goals for 2015-2016 at the October meeting. A new mission statement is needed that is less wordy, more student-oriented, and easier to understand.

C. October Board Meeting

The October Board meeting was rescheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

D. Standing Committee Meeting Dates

1. The Policy committee will meet October 14, 2015 @ 1:30 p.m.

VII. Board Comments, Communications, and Closing Public Comments

Board Comments: None

Communications: A letter was received from MSHAA congratulating Fairview High School for receiving no negative officials' reports of concern, ejection, or sportsmanship during the previous school year.

Public Comment: None

President Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

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Diana Danhoff, Board Secretary