

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2011**

---

---

A regular meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Monday evening, April 11, 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 with Item **A.** under **OLD BUSINESS** moved to the beginning of the meeting, Item **D.** under **OLD BUSINESS** moved to the end of the meeting, and Items **D. Middle School Exploratory Class** and **E. Superintendent / Principal Contract Update** added under **NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION ITEMS.**

**III. Consent Agenda**

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

- A. March 14, 2011 regular board meeting
- B. March 9 and March 21, 2011 special meetings
- C. Treasurer's Reports
  - Cash Receipts reports for General Fund, 1998 Debt Retirement Fund, and Sinking Fund
  - General Fund Accounts Payable for March 2011, which include payrolls of \$143,560.23, bills to be ratified of \$101,847.36, and bills to be paid of \$36,639.44, totaling \$282,047.03.
- D. Administrative written reports

**IV. Public Comment - none**

**V. Presentation: Junior Achievement**

Delores Yoder presented information regarding the Junior Achievement Program that has recently been initiated in the District. Junior Achievement provides in-school and after-school programs in work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy. The Board supports the new initiative and would like to be informed of success stories from our area.

**VI. Administrative Reports**

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

1. One snow-day will need to be made up this year; therefore, the last day for students will be Wednesday, June 8, 2011.
2. The Eagle Spirit / Eagle Pride Auction was very successful.
3. The e-mail server has crashed and any lost data cannot be recovered. The school web site and email service will not be available until after the server has been rebuilt.

**VI. Administrative Reports, (Con't.)**

Mr. Handrich added the following to his Elementary / M.S. Report:

1. Track will meet tomorrow at 4:00 p.m.
2. Baseball starts Thursday against Alcona.

**VII. Board Committee Reports - Policy Committee, March 21, 2011**

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Labor Relations: Billing Option**

Penny Swanson, MASB Labor Rep, has put together some prices to help the Board decide which billing option would be more to our advantage; the hourly rate or the flat package rate.

Peterson/Shantz            That the Board accept the contract from MASB for labor relations to be billed at the hourly rate.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

**B. Certificate of Completion**

Mrs. Handrich provided an update on the status of the Certificate of Completion and will present detailed information at the May Board meeting.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Approval of Assistant Throwing Coach**

Mr. Rick Handrich recommended Morgan Weidbrauk to act as assistant throwing coach for Track for the 2010-2011 season.

Neff/Peterson            That Morgan Weidbrauk be approved as voluntary assistant throwing coach for Track for the 2010-2011 season, pending fingerprint results.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

**B. School Board Policies #5111 and #6850 – First Reading**

The Policy Committee met on March 21, 2011 and revised Board policy #5111 Eligibility of Resident / Nonresident Students, and #6850 Public Disclosure and Reporting. The policies were presented for a first reading. Policy #5111 will be returned to the Policy Committee for further revisions.

**X. NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION ITEMS AND DATES**

**A. School Calendar**

A tentative school calendar for the 2011-2012 school year will be sent to the Board for review and approval at the May meeting.

**B. Resolution Opposing Raid on School Aid (MASB)**

The Board has been asked by the Michigan Association of School Boards to consider adopting a resolution opposing a transfer of school aid funds to higher education.

Neff/Peterson            That the Resolution Opposing School Aid Fund Transfer to Higher Education, as presented by MASB, be adopted.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

**C. Standing Committee Meeting Dates**

1. Finance Committee will meet Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.
2. Policy Committee will meet Monday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.
3. Building/Maintenance Committee will meet Wednesday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m.

**D. Middle School Exploratory Class**

A decision was recently made by administration that only those students who have participated in an Exploratory Class comprised of Gym, Music, and Computers, for the entire year will be allowed to participate in the final nine weeks of the class. A parent of a home-schooled student who wanted her child to attend only the final weeks presented her concerns to the Board. The Board supported the administrative decision made by Mr. Wilcoxon and Mr. Handrich and suggested that a policy be drafted to deal with this type of issue in the future.

**E. Superintendent / K-12 Principal Contract**

The draft contract for the new Superintendent / K-12 Principal position was reviewed by Thrun Law Firm and is considered to be adequate. The contract has been forwarded to Mr. Ricketson for his signature.

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

Board Comments:    Mr. Kirk Peterson expressed his gratitude to the Board for their condolences and for the memorial gift given after the passing of his father.

The Board discussed perceptions and concerns from the community regarding the Special Ed Millage.

Correspondence:    Catholic Human Services is asking local School Boards to proclaim May as Social Host Liability Awareness Month and to sign a proclamation to that fact, which the Board did.

Tompkins/Neff    Ayes – 5; Nays – 2 (Neff, Shantz)    Motion carried.

The Michigan Negotiators Association will be conducting a workshop May 11-13 in Lansing if any Board members are interesting in attending.

Public Comment:    Mrs. Elizabeth Wyse commented on the decision concerning the Exploratory Class. The Board reiterated their support of Mr. Wilcoxon's decision.

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

Public Comment: Mrs. Melony Haskin informed the Board that 10 girls and 14 boys from Atlanta Community Schools have chosen to take part in the Fairview co-op track this season. The first meet will be at Fairview on Tuesday, April 12.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS, (Con't.)**

**D. Lead Teacher Contracts**

Neff/Peterson That the Board move to Closed Session to discuss the administrative structure, recent survey results, and contract renewal process for lead teachers for the 2011-2012 school year, and return to Open Session to approve renewal of the contracts.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

*The Board moved to Closed Session at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened to Open Session at 9:25 p.m.*

Peterson/Tappan That the contracts for Mrs. Sonja Handrich and Mr. Rick Handrich as lead teachers be renewed for the 2011-2012 school year.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

President Beth Miller adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

---

Diana Danhoff, Board Secretary