

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 29, 2011**

A special meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Monday evening, August 29, 2011 in the elementary media center.

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

PRESENT: Beth Miller, Chris Neff, Kirk Peterson, Randy Shantz, and Anne Tompkins

ABSENT: Diana Danhoff, Merianne Tappan

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Public Comment

V. OLD BUSINESS - None

VI. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS

A. Teacher Evaluation Tool

Under Michigan's new teacher tenure act, a district's teacher evaluation tool must include student growth criteria as a significant factor within the evaluation process. The requirement is mandated to take effect not later than September 1, 2011. Mr. Ricketson met with several teachers to draft a template for the district which incorporates the new requirements from the State. The final draft copy of the district's new teacher evaluation tool was presented for Board review. The Board agrees that all evaluations should be completed in a firm, fair and honest manner.

Neff/Peterson That Fairview Area Schools adopt the new teacher evaluation tool to be implemented in the 2011-2012 school year.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

VII. Closing Board Comments and Public Comments

Board Comments: Mr. Neff attended the joint Board dinner held by C.O.O.R. ISD. The Special Ed Millage was the topic of discussion.

Public Comments: None

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

A. Negotiations / Fairview Teachers' Association

Tompkins/Peterson That the Board move to Closed Session to discuss negotiations with the FTA and return to Open Session to immediately adjourn.

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

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

The Board moved to Closed Session at 7:10 p.m. and reconvened to Open Session at 7:40 p.m.

President Beth Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Diana Danhoff, Board Secretary