

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 9, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Monday evening, May 9, 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, Merianne Tappan,
and Anne Tompkins

ABSENT: Diana Danhoff

II. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved by Board consensus with Item **H. Banking** added under **NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION ITEMS.**

III. Consent Agenda

Neff/Shantz That the following items be included in the Consent Agenda and be accepted as presented:

- A. April 11, 2011 regular board meeting
- B. April 18, 2011 special meeting
- C. Treasurer's Reports

--Cash Receipts reports for General Fund, 1998 Debt Retirement Fund, and Sinking Fund
--General Fund Accounts Payable for April 2011, which include payrolls of \$121,519.70,
bills to be ratified of \$38,545.35, and bills to be paid of \$70,858.84, totaling \$230,923.89.

- D. Administrative written reports

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

IV. Public Comment

Several parents, students, and community members were present in the audience and shared their thoughts and concerns regarding the Board's decision to cut the funding for the school's music program. Several people spoke in support of the program and asked the Board to reconsider the cut. A concern was also raised pertaining to the hiring of a negotiator to handle the teachers' contract instead of conducting the process internally. Mrs. Miller respected all those who spoke and informed them of Board's sincere desire to reinstate all the positions that were cut if the funding becomes available.

V. Administrative Reports

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

1. A list of contact information for our governor and local reps was available at the Board table. All were encouraged to write to our legislators with concerns about school funding.
2. Prom was a huge success and all but one couple stayed until the end.
3. The school is working on getting an article written about the elementary for "Beating the Odds".
4. Bids have been solicited for the middle school door project and the carpet replacement.
5. The parking lot light that was broken this winter has been replaced.
6. Two years of foreign language will now be required. The school is working with REMC to provide a Spanish class to next year's eighth grade class.
7. The turnout for parent/teacher conferences was better than expected.

V. Administrative Reports, (Con't.)

Mrs. Handrich added the following to her High School Administrative Report:

1. Many agree the prom was very successful and our students represented the school well.
2. Our Knowledge Bowl students made it to the finals.

VI. Board Committee Reports

Minutes were available from the following committee meetings:
Finance; April 14, Policy; April 18, Building/Maintenance; April 20.

VII. PRESENTATION

Jaelynn Handrich, Desiree Abbe, and Sara Kaufman from Mr. Gusler's environmental science class presented information on the River Cleanup Project scheduled for May 17, 2011.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Winter Coaches

The following coaching assignments were presented for Board approval:

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| Tompkins/Neff | That Kami Winton be approved as voluntary Middle School girls track assistant coach for the remainder of the 2011 season. | Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 | Motion carried. |
| Tompkins/Neff | That Bryan Marble be approved as voluntary Varsity girls basketball coach for the 2011-2012 school year. | Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 | Motion carried. |
| Neff/Tompkins | That Don Haskin and Melony Haskin be approved as voluntary Middle School cross-country coaches for the 2011-2012 school year. | Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 | Motion carried. |
| Tompkins/Neff | That Don Haskin and Melony Haskin be approved as voluntary High School cross-country coaches for the 2011-2012 school year. | Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 | Motion carried. |
| Tompkins/Neff | That Eugene Ballard be approved as voluntary girls softball coach for the remainder of the 2011 season. | Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 | Motion carried. |

B. Certificate of Completion

Sonja Handrich and Bobbi Ross provided an update on the Certificate of Completion and asked the Board for direction. The Board agrees that the school should move forward with the program.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS, (Con't.)

C. School Board Policy #6850 – Second Reading and Approval

The Policy Committee met on March 21, 2011 and revised Board policy #6850 Public Disclosure and Reporting. The policy was presented for a second reading and approval.

Tompkins/Neff That revised Policy #6850 Public Disclosure and Reporting be approved as presented.

Ayes – 6; nays – 0 Motion carried.

D. Retirements

A retirement incentive was offered in April to qualifying staff. No teachers took the incentive but the lead custodian is interested and will submit a resignation letter for approval at the June meeting.

Neff/Peterson That the retirement incentive presented to the lead custodian, Jerry Knepp, be accepted pending his receipt of retirement papers from the Office of Retirement Services.

Ayes – 6; nays – 0 Motion carried.

IX. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS

A. C.O.O.R. ISD Budgets

A copy of the proposed 2011-2012 C.O.O.R. I.S.D. General Fund budgets was dispersed on April 26, 2011 and a resolution was available for the Board’s adoption. The Board had concerns that despite the drastic cuts taken in our district, no noticeable measures were taken to reduce costs in the C.O.O.R. budget. Mr. Wilcoxon explained to the Board that we could not duplicate the services provided by C.O.O.R. without a tremendous cost to the district.

Neff/Tompkins That the I.S.D. Budget Resolution for 2011-2012 be adopted as presented.

Ayes – 2; Nays – 4 (Peterson, Shantz, Tappan, Tompkins) Motion not carried.

B. 2011-2012 Contracts with Atlanta

The contracts with Atlanta Community Schools for a shared physical education teacher and counselor are set to expire. Contracts for 2011-2012 were presented for review and approval.

Neff/Tompkins That the contract between Fairview Schools and Atlanta Schools for the sharing of a physical education teacher for the 2011-2012 school year be approved as presented.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

Neff/Tompkins That the contract between Fairview Schools and Atlanta Schools for the sharing of a counselor for the 2011-2012 school year be approved as presented.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

C. School Board Policies #3690, #5111 and #7950 – First Reading

The Policy Committee met on April 18, 2011 and revised Board policy #3690 Purchasing from State-Based Vendors, #5111 Eligibility of Resident / Nonresident Students, and #7950 Schools of Choice/Home-Schooled Students. The policies were presented for a first reading. Policy #3690 and #7950 will be returned to the Policy Committee for further revisions.

D. Bus Mechanic’s Contract

Mr. Will Small’s bus mechanic contract is set to expire in June. The Board was asked to consider the contract for renewal.

Tompkins/Peterson That Will Small’s bus mechanic contract be renewed for 2011-2012.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

E. Eagle Nest Preschool Lease

The lease agreement for the use of a school room by the Eagle’s Nest Preschool for 2011-2012 was presented for Board approval.

Neff/Tompkins That the lease agreement for the Eagle’s Nest Preschool be renewed for the 2011-2012 school year.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

X. NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION ITEMS AND DATES

A. Special Education Millage

The election for the Special Education Millage proposal was held May 3, 2011 and defeated. Although the millage passed locally in Fairview, Mio, and Crawford, there were not enough overall votes to pass the millage.

B. 2011-2012 High School Schedule

A tentative 2011-2012 high school schedule was presented for review. Once the final schedules have been determined, the Board would like the actual numbers of students attending each class.

C. Parent Perception Survey

A survey was recently administered to parents concerning their perception of the current administrative structure. Survey results were available for review. The majority of responses were positive.

D. Central Office Reorganization

The Board discussed options for a possible reorganization of the Central Office. It was agreed that a work session should be held after our new superintendent is in place.

X. NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION ITEMS AND DATES, (Con't.)

E. Graduation Participation

Two Board members have traditionally presented diplomas to graduating seniors. Diana Danhoff and Chris Neff have been selected to participate in this year's graduation ceremony on May 27, 2011.

F. June Budget Hearing

The 2011-2012 Budget Hearing will be held June 27, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

G. Standing Committee Meeting Dates

1. Policy Committee will meet Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
2. Building/Maintenance Committee will meet June 13, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

H. Banking

Mr. Wilcoxon and Mary Jo Green attended a conference call with Bev Bonning from Thrun Law Firm as well as local and regional representatives from Firstbank to discuss FDIC coverage for the new ICS bank accounts set up through Firstbank. Ms. Bonning will be sending a letter for the file documenting the conversation.

XI. Board Comments, Communications, and Closing Public Comments

Board Comments Mr. Peterson offered his personal perspective regarding the recent budget cuts. He is in support of having all the programs available for the district but the government is not allowing it due to the current financial situation.

Board members are making plans to have Mr. Ricketson participate in the Fourth of July parade. Students will also be asked to take part.

Communications A letter was received from MASB informing the Board that the organization will not raise our membership fees for this year. The Board will continue their relationship with MASB.

A letter was received from Eagle's Nest Preschool thanking the Board for the use of the room and inviting them to the preschool graduation ceremony at Boney Park on May 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comments Kevin Salsbury offered his thanks to those who supported the music program and expressed his desire to work with the Board, parents, and community in an effort to reinstate the program.

Other testimonies from the community in support of the music program were heard.

President Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Diana Danhoff, Board Secretary