

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Monday evening, November 14, 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, Randy Shantz, Merianne Tappan,
and Anne Tompkins

ABSENT: Kirk Peterson

I. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved by Board consensus.

II. Consent Agenda

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

A. October 10, 2011 regular Board meeting minutes

B. Treasurer's Reports

--Cash Receipts reports for General Fund, 1998 Debt Retirement Fund, and Sinking Fund

--General Fund Accounts Payable for October 2011, which include payrolls of \$121,925.37, bills to be ratified of \$80,059.52, and bills to be paid of \$39,674.18, totaling \$241,659.07.

D. Administrative written reports

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

IV. Public Comment – None

V. Administrative Reports

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

1. Mr. Ricketson would like to seek legal counsel on the classification of our Technology Coordinator as contractor or employee. The Board agreed.
2. The Veterans Day luncheon was well received. Mrs. Miller read a thank-you letter from Veterans Post 162.

VI. Board Committee Reports – Work Session, October 17, 2011

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Curriculum Director

After a call to the Michigan Dept of Education, it was determined that the Curriculum Director position is not an allowable expense under Title I / At-Risk funds. The funds could be used to recall current part-time staff positions to full-time and add additional paraprofessionals. Interviews were conducted and the Superintendent makes the following recommendations:

VII. OLD BUSINESS, (Con't.)

A. Curriculum Director, (Con't.)

- Neff/Tompkins That Melony Haskin be recalled to a full-time paraprofessional position for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.
- Neff/Tompkins That Heather Hoffman be hired to replace April Evans as a full-time paraprofessional position for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.
- Neff/Tompkins That Mr. Ricketson be given authority to fill two full-time and one part-time secondary paraprofessional positions for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS

A. Custodian Position

Applications were received for the part-time custodial position recently posted. The Superintendent makes the following recommendation:

- Neff/Tappan That Tammy Babcock be hired as part-time custodian for the 2011-2012 school year.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

B. Coaching Assignments

Mr. Handrich makes the following recommendations:

- Tompkins/Neff That Jade (Szublelak) Olds be approved as voluntary assistant JV Girls Basketball coach for the 2011-2012 season pending background check.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.
- Tompkins/Neff That April Evans be approved as voluntary Varsity Cheerleading coach for the 2011-2012 season.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.
- Tompkins/Neff That Brittany Evans be approved as voluntary assistant Varsity Cheerleading coach for the 2011-2012 season.
Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion carried.

X. Board Comments, Communications, and Closing Public Comments

Communications: None

Public Comments: Ms. Lynn Layman expressed appreciation to the Board for giving authority to hire more paraprofessionals and hopes the process continues quickly. Mr. Ricketson hopes to have positions filled within a few weeks.

Ms. Layman, as a parent, is in favor of a possible bond issue to upgrade technology.

Questions concerning the recent drug search at the school were answered by Mr. Ricketson. No narcotics were found at the school. Policies are in place for drugs as well as bullying.

Ms. April Evans suggested having a training day for subparaprofessionals. The idea was well received.

President Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Diana Danhoff, Board Secretary