

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held on Monday evening, September 12, 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

I. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved by Board consensus with **VII. C.O.O.R. PRESENTATION** moved to directly after Public Comment and Item **C. Grievance** added under **IX. NEW BUSINESS - ACTION**.

II. Consent Agenda

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

- A. August 8, 2011 regular Board meeting minutes
- B. August 16 and August 29, 2011 special Board meeting minutes.
- C. Treasurer's Reports
 - Cash Receipts reports for General Fund, 1998 Debt Retirement Fund, and Sinking Fund
 - General Fund Accounts Payable for August 2011, which include payrolls of \$100,323.15, bills to be ratified of \$35,094.44, and bills to be paid of \$49,892.96, totaling \$185,310.55.
- D. Administrative written reports

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

IV. Public Comment - None

VII. PRESENTATION

Bob Jones and Ruggero Dozzi from C.O.O.R. ISD presented information regarding the Special Ed Millage that will be on the ballot in November.

V. Administrative Reports

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

1. There has been one company interested in submitting a bid for Grounds Maintenance. Deadline for bids is September 16, 2011.
2. The MDE has confirmed that the use of the teachers' TSIP account will not meet the requirement for Best Practices since it is Board funded.

Ms. Handrich gave the following report:

1. The first day of school went very well.
2. The teachers are working on a new way to do lesson plans.

VI. Board Committee Reports – Policy Committee, August 16, 2011

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Central Office Reorganization

The Board scheduled a work session for Monday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Central Office renovation project.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS—ACTION ITEMS

A. Tax Rate Request

The 2011 Tax Rate Request is required to be approved by the Board of Education and then submitted on or before September 30, 2011 to the County Board of Commissioners.

Neff/Peterson That the 2011 Tax Rate Request be approved as presented.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

B. Contract Approval for FTA-AFTM

The Board received a copy of the 2011-2013 FTA-AFTM contract for review. The contract was ratified by the FTA-AFTM on August 30, 2011. Four letters of understanding accompany the contract.

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

Peterson/Danhoff That the agreement with the FTA-AFTM for 2011-2013 be approved as ratified by the FTA-AFTM.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

Motion carried.

Mr. Neff rejoined the meeting.

C. Grievance

The Fairview Federation of Support Staff Personnel has presented a verbal concern regarding the Central Office Receptionist position being posted externally and interviews conducted. Legal council was sought and it is agreed that the position needs to be considered as a union position and appropriate staff recalled to that position. This will leave a part-time parapro position vacant in the Elementary which will need to be posted.

IX. NEW BUSINESS—DISCUSSION ITEMS AND DATES

A. ACT Achievements

A report has been made available to the Board that reflects the achievement of our graduates on the ACT over time and is an indication of the extent to which they are prepared for college-level work.

B. AmeriCorps Mentoring Program

Funding is being cut to AmeriCorps which currently hosts our mentoring program. The group is looking for outside funding in order to continue the program.

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

C. Policy Holder

Information concerning the District becoming the insurance policyholder to meet the requirement for Best Practices was discussed.

D. Bus Repairs

The Board recommended getting rid of the bus in the garage that was yellow-tagged last year for repairs. The bus does not heat consistently and is rust-covered. Mr. Ricketson will look into the process for removal.

E. Standing Committee Meetings

1. The Building/Maintenance committee will meet September 27 at 7:00 p.m.

X. Board Comments, Communications, and Closing Public Comments

Board Comments: A volunteer is needed to supervise the dunk tank at the Eaglefest.

Communications: The District will receive a check in the amount of \$5,317.00 from SET/SEG for our share of the surplus from the Property/Casualty Pool.

A letter was received from Dorothy Knepp suggesting that the Board members occasionally observe classroom activity.

Public Comment: There were no closing public comments.

President Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Diana Danhoff, Board Secretary