

Approval Date: April 15, 2024



**FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 18, 2024
BOARD ROOM – 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

This meeting of the Board of Education, in public, is for conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated within the agenda.

A. MEETING OPENING

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Manuel Sanchez at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call

Mr. Toby Hutchins	Absent	Mr. Manuel Sanchez	Present
Mrs. Juliet Michele	Present	Mr. Ross Thiele	Present
Mrs. Natalie Bosby	Present	Mr. Paul Hapke	Absent
Mrs. Angie Pena-Smith	Present		

4. Additions to the Agenda

G-1 Move into Closed Session to discuss FEA Negotiations.

B. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Robotics Coach, Rick Lowing, thank the board for their continued support.
- Jim Greydanus thanked Rick Lowing for his unwavering support of students and the Robotics program, as they have consistently represented the district with excellence.

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C. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Michele, supported by Pena-Smith, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

2. Minutes	3. Treasurer's Report	4. Summary of Bills	5. Acceptance of Resignation	6-7. Approval of New Hire	8. Approval of overnight trip
February 19, 2024, Regular Meeting	February 2024	February 2024	Kelly Leikert, Elementary Social Worker	Natalie Greenwood, Speech & Language Pathologist Tricia Schuitema, Secondary Counselor and Outreach Coordinator	Robotics Trip in Flint, MI for qualifying teams May 17-18, 2024

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Motion Carried: 5-0 Unanimous

D. STUDENT OF THE MONTH PRESENTATIONS (Sept – June)

- Fennville Elementary School – Guadalupe Munoz-Benitez by Mrs. Beth Ayotte
- Fennville Middle School – Teagen Logsdon by Mr. Brent Potts
- Fennville Alternative High School – Payton Latchaw by Mrs. Jodi Scovill
- Fennville High School – America Zarate-Almazan by Mr. Albert Lombard

E. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Personnel Committee Report from March 13, 2024
 - New Hires and Staffing Update
 - Negotiations: Issues to address (suggest closed session near meeting end)
2. Operations Report – Mr. Dan Rastall, Director of Facilities
 - Operational Committee Report from March 18, 2024
 - i. Facilities
 - a. Facility Audit next week – state grant funded.
 - b. Tennis Courts with the City, Library to start in 2024.
 - ii. Food Service Update
 - a. Budget: Spend down plan
 - b. Culture & Climate Adjustment in staff
 - iii. Expansion of Fennville Early Childhood 3-4s PreK Tuition Free Initiative
 - a. Portable Classrooms(s)
 - b.
3. Educational Committee scheduled to meet on March 19 and April 9

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Doug Greer
 - Millage updates both Non-homestead and Homestead
 - i. The superintendent presented three ballot proposal options for the district's operating mileage to the school board for consideration.
 - ii. Board discussion of options
 - Cabinet Retreat, Strategic Planning, and Primary Metrics
 - Board member recognition:
 - Ross Thiele for MASB's Level 2 Award of Merit
 - Toby Hutchins for MASB's Level 3 Award of Distinction

G. ACTION ITEMS

1. **None at this time.** Non-homestead Millage Resolution in April
2. **MOVE INTO CLOSES SESSION TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS**
Motion by Thiele, supported by Michelle, that the Board of Education move not closed session to discuss negotiations.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Bosby, Sanchez, Pena-Smith, Michele, Thiel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0 Unanimous

Entered Closed Session at 8:08 p.m.

Ayes: Bosby, Sanchez, Pena-Smith, Michele, Thiel
Nays: None
Motion Carried: 5-0 Unanimous

Entered Open Session at 9:18 p.m.

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

I. MEETING CLOSING

1. Comments from the Board Table
None
2. Adjournment
Motion by Michele, supported by Thiele to adjourn. (9:18 p.m.)

Recorded by Executive Secretary, Marileen Pitts

Respectfully Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ross W. Thiele". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Ross Thiele
Board Secretary