



**FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 20, 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 President Toby Hutchins at 7:05 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call

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

4. Additions to the Agenda

None

B. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

C. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes for April 15, 2024, Regular Meeting
2. Treasurer's Report for April 2024
3. Summary of Bills for April 2024
4. Offer of Probationary Contract to Margaret Doe, Middle School ELA Teacher
5. Acceptance of resignation:
 - a. Tanja Peters, Elementary Long-Term Substitute Teacher effective May 17, 2024
 - b. Brittany Harrington, Elementary Teacher effective June 30, 2024
 - c. Jenee Villegas, Secondary Special Education Teacher effective June 30, 2024
 - d. Wendell Hughes III, Director of Athletics & Community Recreation effective June 30, 2024
6. Acceptance of retirement:
 - a. Terri Metcalf, MTSS Coordinator effective June 30, 2024
 - b. Alicia Rodriguez, Central Office Special Program's Administrative Assistant, retirement intention is set for September 30, 2024
7. Approval of GMB proposal for the Tennis Courts: A cost-saving initiative that may accelerate the completion timeline.

Motion Carried: 6-0 Unanimous

D. OUTSTANDING PEOPLE FOR EDUCATION RECOGNITION

- Bryan García, Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional
- Alyssa Busscher, Kindergarten Teacher
- Erica Ruffner-Rowell, High School Teacher and Athletic Coach

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

- Fennville Elementary School – Naleia Kamekona by Mrs. Beth Ayotte
- Fennville Middle School – Jonatan Espino by Mr. Brent Potts
- Fennville High School – Class of 2024 by Mr. Albert Lombard

F. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. SiteLogic Presentation by Pete Bush and Brad Jacobs
 - Facility assessment and pre-bond process
2. Educational Report – Mrs. Jessica Gierucki, Director of Teaching & Learning
 - Educational Committee Report from May 7, 2024.
 - i. Summer Programs
 - ii. Field trip opportunities
 - iii. Welcome new staff in academic services and wellness
 - iv. Secondary new student group, Teen Voices
3. Operational Committee Report from May 20, 2024
4. Personnel Committee Report from May 8 and 14, 2024
 - FEA Negotiations Update
 - Overall outlook in K-12 education in neighboring districts
 - Welcomed new Social Worker, Katelynn Kelly
5. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Doug Greer
 - GMB Tennis Courts proposal
 - SiteLogic Facility Assessments and Pre-bond work
 - Budget update, attrition, and elimination of one position
 - Wellness update, hiring staff to support wellness for social, emotional, behavioral and academics to meet the needs of students

G. ACTION ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF THE ELIMINATION OF A POSITION

Motion by Michele, supported by Thiele, that the Board of Education approve the elimination of a position; the following action item language provided by Thrun Law

“In accordance with Fennville Public Schools Board Policy 4505 and the provisions outlined in the Administrative Contract of Transportation Director, I move to eliminate the Transportation Director position at the end of the fiscal year, effective June 3, 2024, due to our current budgetary shortfall and to ensure responsible financial management while maintaining the overall quality of education for our students. In addition, pursuant to board policy 4505, the current transportation director, Jerry Oetman, will remain on recall status for 12 months consistent with said policy.”

Motion Carried: 5-1 (abstain)

2. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ALLEGAN AREA ESA BUDGET

Motion by Michele, supported by Thiele, that the Board of Education adopt the resolution in support of Allegan Area ESA Budget for 2024-2025.

Approval Date: June 17, 2024

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Thiele, Michele, Pena-Smith, Hapke, Bosby, Hutchins

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6-0 Unanimous

3. APPROVAL OF MHSAA MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION

Motion by Hapke, supported by Thiele, that the Board of Education approve the 2024-2025 MHSAA membership resolution.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Thiele, Michele, Pena-Smith, Hapke, Bosby, Hutchins

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6-0 Unanimous

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

I. MEETING CLOSING

1. Comments from the Board Table
None

2. Adjournment
Motion by Michele, supported by Hapke to adjourn. (8:30 p.m.)

Recorded by Executive Secretary, Marileen Pitts

Respectfully submitted by,



Ross Thiele
Board Secretary

