



Approval Date: August 19, 2024

**FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 15, 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 7:02 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call

Mr. Toby Hutchins
Mrs. Juliet Michele
Mrs. Natalie Bosby
Mrs. Angie Pena-Smith

Mr. Manuel Sanchez
Mr. Ross Thiele
Mr. Paul Hapke

4. Additions to the Agenda

None

B. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

C. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Thiele, supported by Sanchez, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Minutes for June 17, 2024, Budget Hearing and June 17, 2024 Regular Meeting
3. Treasurer's Report for June 2024
4. Summary of Bills for June 2024
5. Offer of Probationary Contract to Brooke Jipping, Elementary Teacher
6. Approval Hire of Tony Stennett, Director of Athletics and Recreation
7. Approval of 7th grade trip to Middleville, MI for October 2- 4, 2024
8. Approval of Non-Schedule Staff Wages Pay for 22-25

Motion Carried 5-0 Unanimous

D. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Dr. Greer presented the Teaching and Learning Report
 - Progress on district-wide curriculum review, and the implementation plans to hire a Math Specialist teacher to improve student achievement and staff support around Tier 1 mathematics. This position will be primarily for the elementary;

- final round interviews next week.
- Introduction of new staff members, Kindergarten Teacher, Brooke Jipping and Director of Athletics and Recreation, Tony Stennett.
2. Mr. Dan Rastall gave the Operational Report
- Transportation
 - Bus Right hardware for the buses arrived, Transportation will use both Bus Right and Transfinder as they transition to help with any issues.
 - Food Service
 - generator hook-ups: delay in delivery of the elementary serving line, installed the first week of school.
 - CAC LED lights installation begins this month
3. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Doug Greer
- Primary metrics for Strategic Planning
 - 1st Enrollment goal is to increase by 1% within the next 5 years, increasing to 1300 students.
 - 2nd Educator Efficacy
 - 3rd Academic Excellence
 - 4th
 - Committee meetings & Student Handbooks
 - Work Session / Committee Meetings scheduled for August 12, 2024, and September 9, 2024, at 6 p.m.
 - Work Session for July 22, 2024, cancelled
 - Joint meeting with the City Commission scheduled for September 16, 6 p.m. at the City Hall
 - The board approved the Education Committee will approve the 2024-2025 student handbooks. Appreciation to Paul Andrews for his work in the updated handbook and revision to Attendance Policy to match Adopted Board Policy
 - 2024-2025 MS/HS student handbooks available after our new assistant principal is hired.
 - Strategic Goal: Communication update
 - Informational Postcards mailed out every couple of weeks, last postcard goes out August 7th Fennville Forward and the new website roll out the end of July.
 - Recognition of Allegan County Sheriff's Department

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF MEDIATION SERVICES CONTRACT 24/25

Motion by Thiele, support by Sanchez, that the Board of Education approve the proposed contract with Mediation Services for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion Carried: 5-0 Unanimous

2. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO INCREASE OPERATIONAL MILLAGE

Motion by Thiele, support by Sanchez, that the Board of Education adopt the resolution for the November 5, 2024, election to increase the Operational Millage by 2 mills (not to exceed 18 mills) to protect the district from Headlee Rollback and restore any potential loss of funding.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Thiele, Pena-Smith, Sanchez, Bosby

Nays: Hutchins

Motion Carried: 4-1

3. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LEGAL OPINIONS

Motion by Thiele, support by Sanchez, that the Board of convene in closed session under the Open Meetings Act to consider a letter from its attorneys dated July 11, 2024, for the reason that the letter is exempt from disclosure under State law due to the attorney-client privilege.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Thiele, Pena-Smith, Sanchez, Bosby, Hutchins

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0 Unanimous

Move into closed session at 7:54 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Thiele, Pena-Smith, Sanchez, Bosby, Hutchins

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0 Unanimous

Moved into open session at 9:04 p.m.

4. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education move to Closed Session to discuss quarterly review associated with superintendent evaluation.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Thiele, Pena-Smith, Sanchez, Bosby, Hutchins

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0 Unanimous

Move into closed session at 9:04 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Thiele, Pena-Smith, Sanchez, Bosby, Hutchins

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0 Unanimous

Moved into open session at

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

G. MEETING CLOSING

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1. Comments from the Board Table
None
2. Adjournment
Motion by Thiele, supported by Sanchez to adjourn. (9:55 p.m.)

Recorded by Executive Secretary, Marileen Pitts

Respectfully submitted by,


Ross Thiele