



Approval Date: September 16, 2024

**FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 19, 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 7:03 p.m.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call

Mr. Toby Hutchins	Present	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

None

B. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Alex Best, HS Social Studies Teacher provided a brief presentation on AP College Board requires an element of civic participation. Students have an opportunity this year to engage in a variety of ways and supplement the classroom learning with Civic Participation.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes for July 15, 2024, Regular Meeting, August 12, 2024, Work Session Minutes
- Treasurer's Report for July 2024
- Summary of Bills for July 2024
- Offer of Probationary Contract to:
 - Olivia Nelson, Secondary Specialized Instruction Teacher
 - Amy-Lynn Halvorsen, Secondary Specialized Instruction Teacher
 - Rachel Waters, 5th grade Elementary Teacher
 - Eric Cameron, MS Social Studies Teacher
 - Nathan Danis, MS Social Studies Teacher
- Approval Hire of:
 - Allison Best, Supervisor of Specialized Instruction
 - Jennifer Brooks, Secondary Assistant Principal
 - David Armstrong, MS Principal through June 30, 2025
 - Kori Sneller, Food Service Input Coordinator

- e. Chad VanderMeulen, Elementary Math Specialist
- 6. Accept resignation of:
 - a. Christy Gerig, MS ELA Teacher
 - b. Eric James, MS Social Studies Teacher

Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous

D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- 1. Teaching and Learning Report – Mrs. Jessie Gierucki
 - Great day welcoming staff back together
 - Looking forward to Tuesday's PD keynote speaker,
 - Open Houses were well attended.
- 2. Dr. Greer reported it was a great first day of school.
 - Welcomed Dave Armstrong, who is a retired educator of 31 years. He was a principal at Watervliet MS for 21 years and is excited to be a part of the FPS staff.
 - Thanked MS ELA teacher for helping the district by taking on 6th grade ELA.
 - Welcomed Sean Rogers, HS Counselor who is also glad to be a part of the FPS staff.
 - Allison Best, Supervisor of Specialized Instruction, outlined the qualifications for a Diagnostic Teacher Consultant based on MARS rules and developed a plan to identify alternative providers of Special Education services beyond school psychologists.
 - A brief update on the Maintenance and Mechanics, and the Food Service Agreement is expected to be ready for ratification at the next board meeting.
 - Discussions around Transportation Guidelines will be at a later date.
 - Dr. Greer suggested the August board meeting be moved from the third Monday to the second Monday to avoid scheduling conflict with Staff Professional Development and Open House, which are all held on the same day.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Motion by Thiele, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Fennville, Fennville Public Schools, and the Fennville District Library.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6-0 Unanimous

2. APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY ACTION OF ALLEGAN COUNTY (HEAD START)

Motion by Thiele, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education approve the Head Start Lease Agreement with Community Action of Allegan County over the period of August 26, 2024, to June 13, 2025.

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Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6-0 Unanimous

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

G. MEETING CLOSING

1. Comments from the Board Table

None

2. Adjourn

Motion by Thiele, supported by Sanchez to adjourn. (7:34 p.m.)

Recorded by Executive Secretary, Marileen Pitts

Respectfully submitted by,



Ross Thele
Board Secretary