



Approval Date: October 21, 2024

**FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 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 7:01 p.m.

2. 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*

None

C. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes for August 19, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes and August 21, 2024 Special Meeting, September 9, 2024 Work Session
2. August 2024 Treasurer's Report
3. August 2024 Summary of Bills
4. Approval Hire of Michele Blake, Speech and Language Pathologist (.4 FTE)
5. Approval of rescheduled 7th grade trip to Middleville, MI for October 23 – 25, 2024

Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous

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

- Fennville Elementary School – Jaxen Cheyne
- Fennville Middle School – Yahaira Ramos
- Fennville High School – Destiny Lopez

E. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Nicholas Kossarus, CPA with Maner Costerisan, P.C., presented the Preliminary Financial Audit for the 2023-2024 School Year.

2. Teaching and Learning Report – Mrs. Jessica Gierucki
3. Operational Report – Mr. Dan Rastall
4. Superintendent Report – Dr. Doug Report
 - Policy Updates
 - Financial Update
 - Homecoming Week, same week as student count day.
 - Thanked the Food Service and Maintenance and Mechanics negotiating group, noting it was a pleasure to work with Scott Achterhof.
 - Reminder the Joint Fennville Board of Education and the City Commission will meet in November. The City Commission will be selecting their construction team prior to November's meeting.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT

Motion by Michele, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education approve the contract with Food Service employees for July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

Motion carried 6-0 Unanimous

2. APPROVAL OF MAINTENANCE AND MECHANICS CONTRACT

Motion by Michele, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education approve the contract with Maintenance and Mechanic employees for July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous

3. APPROVAL OF BUS PURCHASE

Motion by Pena-Smith, supported by Bosby, that the Board of Education approve the purchase of a new school from Holland Bus Company for \$125,454 from the 2024-2025 fiscal year budget.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous

G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Scott Achterhof, Maintenance, re: Jodi Scovill passed the AED process to Soctt, who has ordered an AED to be placed outside between the middle school and high school, with a sign visible from all directions.

H. MEETING CLOSING

1. Comments from the Board Table
None
2. Adjournment
Motion by Michele, supported by Thiele to adjourn. (7:47 p.m.)

Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous

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Recorded by Executive Secretary, Marileen Pitts

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ross W. Thiele", written over a horizontal line.

Ross Thiele
Board Secretary

