



Approval Date: January 20, 2025

**FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 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 7:03 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

- Paul Hapke re: Further discussion on the budget

B. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION*

None

C. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Minutes for November 18, 2024, Budget Hearing, November 18, 2024, Regular Meeting
3. Treasurer's Report for November 2024
4. Summary of Bills for November 2024
5. Approval of All State MSVMA Choir Overnight Trip to Grand Rapids, MI on January 23 – 25, 2025

Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous

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

- Fennville Elementary School – Armani Salazar by Mrs. Ayotte
- Fennville Middle School – Alex Gonzalez-Felipe by Mr. Armstrong
- Fennville High School – Armando Garcia by Mr. Lombard

E. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Teaching and Learning Report – Mrs. Jessie Gierucki

- Grow Your Own Grant Update:
 - The first few staff members have successfully graduated from the program.
 - An additional fifteen staff members are currently working through the program.
 - Focus on student engagement with the integration of literacy scope and sequence.
 - HIL Grant Update:
 - Presented the latest developments and progress on the HIL Grant, highlighting key achievements and future goals.
2. Operational Report – Mr. Dan Rastall
- Presented the third quarter review, covering performance highlights on maintenance, grounds, and custodial.
3. Superintendent Report – Dr. Doug Greer
- District Leadership Team Meeting Update:
 - Paul Andrews and Chad VanderMeulen are actively engaged in Adaptive Schools activities and are demonstrating strong performance.
 - Work Session scheduled for February 10 at 6 p.m. featuring a presentation by Site Logic.
 - Updates provided on the 2024 Recreational Fund, Sinking Fund and Debt Millage Levy.
 - Reviewed enrollment trends over the past 10 years.
 - FPS continued collaboration with ODC to create more learning opportunities outside the classroom, with hopes of continuing and expanding the ongoing partnership.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE RALPH MEMORIAL FUND

Motion by Michele, supported by Pena-Smith, that the Board of Education approve the lease agreement with the Ralph Houston Memorial Fund for January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026.

Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous

2. APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Motion by Hapke, supported by Michele, that the Board of Education appoint Mark Osowski, Samantha Beltran, and Steven Fries to a two-year term and Rebecca Hughes to the two-year coaching term on the Community Recreation Advisory Board.

Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous

3. APPROVAL OF UPDATED BOARD POLICIES

Motion by Thiele, supported by Hapke, that the Board of Education accept updates to all Board Policies, originally adopted on January 15, 2024, except the Board's current bullying policy (5207) under MCL 380.1310b, which will remain unchanged.

Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous

4. APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

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Motion by Michele, supported by Thiele, that the Board of Education enter into contract negotiations with Dr. Greer as the superintendent of Fennville Public Schools.

Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous

5. APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION RATING

Motion by Hapke, supported by Michele, that the Board of Education and Dr. Greer to table the discussion to approve 2024 Superintendent evaluation rating.

Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous

G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION*

None

H. MEETING CLOSING

1. Organizational Meeting scheduled for January 20, 2025, at 7 p.m., with the Work Session scheduled for February 10, 2025, at 6 p.m., and Committee meetings to be TBD.
2. Comments from the Board Table
 - Paul Hapke re: Detailed audit of the \$6 million FDIC protection coverage
 - John Solomon re: Contact Mander to arrange a consultation regarding the FDIC protection coverage audit process and gather insights or recommendations.
3. Adjournment

Motion by Hapke, supported by Michele to adjourn. (7:49 p.m.)

Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous

Recorded by Executive Secretary, Marileen Pitts

Respectfully submitted by,



Board Secretary

