



**FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 21, 2025
BOARD ROOM - 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

A. MEETING OPENING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by President Manuel Sanchez at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. ROLL CALL

Mr. Manuel Sanchez	Present	Mr. Ross Thiele	Present
Mrs. Juliet Michele	Absent	Mr. Toby Hutchins	Absent
Mrs. Natalie Bosby	Present	Mr. Paul Hapke	(arrived at 7:04 p.m.)
Mrs. Angie Pena-Smith	Present		

4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

B. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

C. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes for March 17, 2025, Regular Meeting, Work Session, April 14, 2025, Special Meeting April 14, 2025
2. Treasurer's Report for March 2025
3. Summary of Bills for March 2025
4. Approval of an overnight trip for the MS & HS Robotics Aerial Drone Team to compete in the 2025 North Central Aerial Drone Championship at Kettering University on May 17 - 20, 2025.
5. Approval of the HS Band overnight trip to Disney World Resort at Orlando Florida on March 5 – 10, 2026

Motion Carried: 5-0 Unanimous

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

Fennville Elementary School – Lennox Fowler by Mrs. Ayotte

Fennville Middle School – Esiel Lopez - Garcia – by Mr. Armstrong

Fennville High School – Dasaly Herrera by Mr. Lombard

E. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Operational Report – Mr. Dan Rastall

- o Provided the third quarterly update covering fields, maintenance, safety, and system improvements. He also shared a gas leak update and noted that he is working with City Hall to explore the possibility of having them cover overtime costs for maintenance staff related to the incident.

2. Superintendent's Report – Albert Lombard

- o Andy Garcia High School Band Director submitted an audition video to Disney for a performance opportunity next school year; the band has been invited to perform March 5-10, 2026.
- o The High School Band qualified for the MSBOA State Band Festival and will be performing at Otsego Public Schools on Wednesday, April 23 at 1 p.m.
- o Shannon Grigg Pupil Accounting submitted the CRDC Data Collection Report early. Mr. Lombard thanked her for her hard work and dedication.
- o A new athletic trainer was recently hired and will begin supporting student-athletes in the coming days.
- o Prom is Saturday, April 26, held at A Cut Above from 7-11 p.m.; Board members are welcome to attend.
- o The elementary school will be trying a new name for the preschool group: Blackhawk Beginnings.
- o Personnel Update: The search for a Middle School Principal is underway, with a strong pool of applicants received, and planning is in progress to form an interview committee for final round interviews. The High School Principal position is set to be posted tomorrow.
- o Bond Construction Update: Site Logic has developed marketing materials for the Strategic Plan. The first round of communication to the community will be shared soon.
- o A staff focus group has been created to collaborate with Site Logic in identifying potential Outdoor Learning Spaces. The ODC will help to facilitate the conversation and brainstorming sessions.
- o Updates provided for Action Items 1 and 2.
- o The FMS Aerial Team gave a presentation highlighting their recent performances and accomplishments.
- o Paul Hapke recognized for earning MASB's Level 1 Award of Merit, acknowledging his commitment to board leadership and ongoing professional development.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Informational/Discussion/Presentation Items:

1. A Work Session scheduled for May 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., where the Board will review the community recreations millage and related projects.

Action Items:

1. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION CALLING SPECIAL ELECTION

Motion by Thiele, supported by Pena-Smith, that the Board of Education adopt the resolution the calling a Special School Election to be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, for the remodeling, equipping, and reequipping and furnishing, and refurnishing school buildings and facilities; erecting and equipping structures for outdoor education programs; and preparing, developing, improving, and equipping playground and sites.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Pena-Smith, Thiele, Bosby, Sanchez

Nays: Hapke

Motion Carried: 4-1

2. APPROVAL OF SUMMER SCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL WAGES (Ref. G-2)

Motion by Thiele, supported by Hapke, that the Board of Education approve the proposed wages for instructional staff for the 2025 Summer Program.

Motion Carried: 5-0 Unanimous

G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Jody Martin invited the Board and staff to attend the FHS Jazz Band Dinner & Dance event Friday, May 30, 6-9 p.m. at Innisfree Farm.; tickets are \$30 each.

H. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD TABLE

None

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hapke, supported by Pena-Smith to adjourn. (7:51 p.m.)

Motion Carried: 5-0 Unanimous

Recorded by Executive Secretary, Marileen Pitts

Respectfully submitted by,


Toby Hutchins
Board Secretary

