



Approval Date: June 16, 2025

**FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 19, 2025
BOARD ROOM – 5:30 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.

Please be informed that the Board of Education meeting scheduled for Monday, May 19, 2025, has been changed from 7:00 PM to 5:30 PM. This adjustment is to ensure that board members, staff, and attendees have the opportunity to support and attend the FMS 6th and 7th grade Band and Choir performance, which begins at 7:00 PM.

A. MEETING OPENING

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Manuel Sanchez at 5:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call

Mr. Manuel Sanchez	Mr. Ross Thiele
Mrs. Juliet Michele	Mr. Toby Hutchins
Mrs. Natalie Bosby	Mr. Paul Hapke
Mrs. Angie Pena-Smith	

4. Additions to the Agenda

Action Item F-5 is tabled for next month.

B. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

C. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Minutes for April 15, 2025, Regular Meeting, Work Session, May 12, 2025, Work Session
3. Treasurer's Report for April 2025
4. Summary of Bills for April 2025
5. Accept retirement of:
 - a. Deb Morse effective June 30, 2025
 - b. Mitch Overway effective August 31, 2025
6. Accept resignation of:
 - a. Laura Bowling effective June 30, 2025
 - b. Olivia Nelson effective June 6, 2025
 - c. Heather Malburg effective June 6, 2025

Motion Carried: 6-0 Unanimous

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

- Fennville Elementary School – Kohen Brink by Mrs. Ayotte
- Fennville Middle School – Juan Paavo by Dave Armstrong
- Fennville High School – by Mr. Lombard

E. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Superintendent Report – Mr. Lombard
 - Reviewed Action Item #4
 - Congratulations to State Honors Choir for earning a 1 rating at State
 - The FHS Band performed at MSBOA earned a 2 rating, congratulations to all.
 - Good luck to Isabelle Sliter and Sarah Skinner will be competing at the State Track Competition
 - Bond Marketing handouts ready for delivery
 - Next Town Hall July 24, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the FHS Media Center

F. NEW BUSINESS

Informational/Discussion/Presentation Items

ACTION ITEMS:

1. CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

Motion by Hutchins, supported by Michele, that the Board of Education approve the 2025-2026 Contract of Employment for Chris Grob for the position of Middle Principal

Motion Carried: 6-0 Unanimous

2. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ALLEGAN AREA ESA BUDGET

Motion by Michele, supported Bosby, that the Board of Education adopt the resolution in support of Allegan Area ESA Budget for 2024-2025

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6-0 Unanimous

3. BOARD ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE ELECTORAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE JUNE 2, 2025, BIENNIAL ALLEGAN AREA ESA ELECTION

Motion by Hutchins, supported by Pena-Smith, that the Board of Education adopt the resolution designating Toby Hutchins as the district's electoral representative and Juliet Michele as the alternate for June 2, 2025, Allegan Area ESA Biennial Election and direct the representative to cast a vote on at least the first ballot on behalf of the Board for Larry Collier.

Motion Carried: 6-0 Unanimous

4. APPROVAL OF BUS DRIVER WAGE AND OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR 2025-2026

Motion by Hutchins, supported by Michele, that the Board of Education approve the wage and operational guidelines for bus drivers for 2025-2026.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6-0 Unanimous

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5. APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT

Motion by Hutchins, supported by Thiele that the Board of Education table the approval of the contract with Mr. Albert Lombard as Superintendent of Schools for July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027, until the next Regular Meeting.

Motion Carried: 6-0 Unanimous

G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION*

- Interim Middle School Principal, Dave Armstrong re: MS Aerial Drone Team received First Place in their most recent competition.

H. MEETING CLOSING

1. Comments from the Board Table
None

2. Adjournment
Motin by Hutchins, supported by Pena-Smith to adjourn. (6:09 p.m.)
Motion Carried: 6-0 Unanimous

Recorded by Executive Secretary, Marileen Pitts

Respectfully submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Toby Hutchins', written over a horizontal line.

Toby Hutchins
Board Secretary