



Approval Date: April 21, 2025

**FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 17, 2025
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 Manuel Sanchez at 7:01 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	Present	Mr. Toby Hutchins	Absent
Mrs. Natalie Bosby	Present	Mr. Paul Hapke	Present
Mrs. Angie Pena-Smith	Present		

4. Additions to the Agenda

None

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 February 17, 2025, Regular Meeting, February 20, 2025, Work Session, March 10, 2025, Work Session
3. Treasurer's Report for February 2025
4. Summary of Bills for February 2025
5. Accept retirement of Rhonda Schlack effective April 1, 2025

Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous

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

- Fennville Elementary School – Kaleb Brink by Mrs. Ayotte
- Fennville Middle School – Alan Villanueva – by Mr. Armstrong
- Fennville High School – Teviana To by Mr. Lombard

E. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Superintendent Report – Mr. Lombard

F. NEW BUSINESS

Informational/Discussion/Presentation Items

ACTION ITEMS:

1. APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY QUALIFICATION APPLICATION

Motion by Thiele, supported by Michele, that the Board of Education approve the preliminary qualifications of bonds by the State Treasurer for the purpose of financing the school construction description in this application and submit application to State Treasury for approval.

Motion carried: 5-1

2. SUPERINTENDENT POSITION POSTING

Motion by Hapke, supported by Michele that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent position be posted internally with the date of March 24, 2025; interviews held April 14, 2025.

Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous

3. LONG-TERM SUSPENSION OF MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT

*Motion by Hapke, supported by Michele, that the Board of Education approves the long-term suspension of middle school student for a period of not less than 90 days. **Note: The parents and student may request a closed session hearing to discuss the recommendation before the Board takes action. If a closed hearing is requested, a roll call vote will be required.***

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous

G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION*

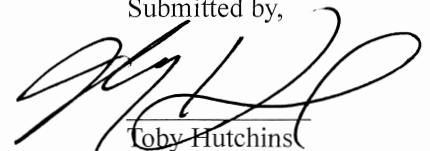
- Supervisor of Specialized Instruction, Allison Best re: Allegan Area ESA Superintendent Bill Brown and Executive Director of West Mi Education Research and Development Foundation Chris Rice offered to support with Superintendent Search.

H. MEETING CLOSING

1. Comments from the Board Table
None
2. Adjournment
Motion by Thiele, supported by Pena-Smith to adjourn. (7:48 p.m.)

Recorded by Executive Secretary, Marileen Pitts

Submitted by,


Toby Hutchins
Board Secretary