



Approval date: November 24, 2025

**FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 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

Meeting called to order by Vice President Ross Thiele at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call

Mr. Manuel Sanchez	Absent	Mr. Ross Thiele	Present
Mrs. Juliet Michele	Present	Mrs. Angie Pena-Smith	Present
Mrs. Natalie Bosby	Present	Mr. Paul Hapke	Present
Mr. Jayson Hicks	Present		

4. Additions to the Agenda

None

B. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

C. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes for September 15, 2025, Regular Meeting
2. Treasurer's Report for September 2025
3. Summary of Bills for September 2025

Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous

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

- Fennville Elementary School – Sawyer Baird by Mrs. Ayotte
- Fennville Middle School - Lyric Bell by Mr. Grob
- Fennville Alternative High School - Abigail Mikol by Jodi Scovill
- Fennville High School – Aliyana Cavazos by Mr. Frens

E. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Superintendent Report – Mr. Lombard

- Expressed appreciation to staff members who participated in the district's new staff tour.
- Reviewed agenda action item F-7
- Congratulated the boys' soccer team for an outstanding season and for representing Fennville with excellence.

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- Provided an update on current athletic programs and activities.
- Discussion concerning the parameters and conditions related to the fund payout trigger.
- Congratulated Mrs. Leonard and the High School Choir members for advancing to Choir Region B.
 - Expressed gratitude to Mrs. Boot for accompaniment and Mrs. Pearson for her support.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Informational/Discussion/Presentation Items

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Mr. Thiele provided an update on the Fund Balance payout trigger, the FEA contract, and Teamsters agreements.
- Mr. Lombard reported on the Fund Balance payout trigger, the FEA Contract, and the Teamsters.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE BONDS

Motion by Hapke, supported by Hicks, that the Board of Education approve the resolution accepting the offer of Raymond James & Associates to purchase the Bonds pursuant to the authority delegated in the Bond Resolution dated September 15, 2025.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6-0 Unanimous

2. APPROVAL OF BOND CONTRACTS WITH SITELOGIQ

Motion by Michele, supported by Pena-Smith, that The Board of Education approve the bond construction contracts, consisting of the Owner/Architect Agreement, Owner/Construction Manager Agreement, and General Conditions.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Pena-Smith, Michele, Hicks, Bosby, Thiele

Nays: Hapke

Motion Carried: 5-1

3. APPOVAL OF MILLAGE EXCEPTION RESOLUTION

Motion by Michele, supported by Hicks, that the Board of Education approve The Millage Exception Resolution as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6-0 Unanimous

4. APPROVAL OF POWERSCHOOL LITIGATION RESOLUTION

Motion by Bosby, supported by Michele, that The Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to sign the Attorney-Client Fee Contract on behalf of the school and to take such other action as necessary to obtain monetary damages and injunctive relief for the School in the Lawsuit, subject to review by the school's legal counsel.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6-0 Unanimous

5. APPROVAL OF COURSE LIST

Motion by Bosby, supported by Hicks, that the Board of Education approve the courses and curriculum as presented.

Motion Carried: 6-0 Unanimous

6. APPROVAL OF ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

Motion by Hapke, supported by Michele, that the Board of Education approve the amended Athletic handbook for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion Carried: 6-0 Unanimous

7. ESTABLISHMENT OF DATE FOR ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Motion by Michele, supported by Hicks, that the Board of Education approve January 19, 2026, as the date for the Board of Education Organizational Meeting for 2026.

Motion Carried: 6-0 Unanimous

G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Community Member Mr. Lowell Winne re: Inquired about the board president's whereabouts, noting that he was not in attendance.
- Choir teacher, Mrs. Jocelyn Leonard announced that High School History Teacher, Mr. Nate Danis will participate in the Middle School Choir, the Fenntastics, and the Chamber Choir event scheduled for October 28, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., and noted that the Board of Education is invited.

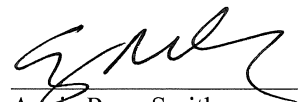
H. MEETING CLOSING

1. Comments from the Board Table
 - Paul Hapke requested the district investigate the significant bee activity at the elementary.
 - Natalie Bosby shared her positive experience with Griffin Pest Control and recommended exploring their services for the elementary bee activity.
2. Adjournment

Motion by Bosby, supported by Pena-Smith to adjourn. (7:29 p.m.)

Recorded by Executive Secretary, Marileen Pitts

Respectfully submitted by,



Angie Pena-Smith
Board Secretary