



Approval date: June 15, 2026

**FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 3, 2026
BOARD ROOM – 6:00 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 6:00 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	Present	Mrs. Angie Pena-Smith	Present
Mr. Paul Hapke	Present	Mrs. Natalie Bosby	Absent
Mr. Jayson Hicks	Present		

Mrs. Natalie Bosby arrived at 6:07 p.m.

4. Additions to the Agenda

None

B. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION*

- Jaime Onken Middle School Reading/EL Specialist Teacher and Union Member, addressed Action Item #3. She emphasized that the union represents the collective voice of all the members as the Board moved toward a decision.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion Carried: 6-0 Unanimous

D. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Superintendent Report – Mr. Lombard
 - Reviewed Action Items for approval of expenditures

E. NEW BUSINESS

Informational/Discussion/Presentation Items

ACTION ITEMS:

1. APPROVAL OF FILTER FIRST BID PACKAGE

Motion by Hapke, supported by Thiele, that the Board of Education approve bid #1 from Benjamin Franklin Plumbing in the amount of \$86,484.36.

Motion Carried: 6-0 Unanimous

2. APPROVAL OF BID FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF EXTERIOR DOORS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Motion by Michele, support by Pena-Smith, that the Board of Education approve bid #1 from S.A. Morman for replacement of exterior doors at the Middle School in the amount of \$295,645.00.

Motion Carried: 7-0 Unanimous

3. MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Thiele, support by Hapke, that the Board of Education move into closed session to consider a legal option regarding grievance.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7-0 Unanimous

Entered Closed Session at 6:11 p.m.

Motion by Michele, supported by Pena-Smith, that the Board of Education return to Open Session.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7-0 Unanimous

Entered Open Session at 6:54 p.m.

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

G. MEETING CLOSING

1. Comments from the Board Table

- Jayson Hicks proposed naming the football stadium after a retired teacher/football coach with 26 years of service.
- Mr. Lombard suggested incorporating a collaborative approach to stadium naming that includes the Board members, community members, and staff.

2. Adjournment

Motion by Michele, support by Pena-Smith to adjourn. (7:06 p.m.)

Motion Carried: 7-0 Unanimous

Recorded by Executive Secretary, Marileen Pitts

Respectfully submitted by,

Angie Pena-Smith
Board Secretary

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