



Approval Date: August 17, 2026

**FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 13, 2026
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 7:02 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call

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

4. Additions to the Agenda

None

B. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

C. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Minutes for June 15, 2026, Budget Hearing, June 15, 2026, Regular Meeting and June 30, 2026, Special Meeting, June 30, 2026, Closed Session Minutes
3. Treasurer's Report for June 2026
4. Summary of Bills for June 2026
5. Approval of hire of Crystal Hughes, School Social Worker
6. Accept resignation of:
 - a. Sara Burnaby, Middle School Math Teacher, effective June 30, 2026
 - b. Allison Cox, School Psychologist effective July 9, 2026

Motion Carried: 5-0 Unanimous

D. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Superintendent Report – Mr. Lombard
 - a. Student Program Committee Meeting scheduled for July 29, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.
 - b. Policy Committee Meeting scheduled for July 29, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
 - c. Facilities Committee Meeting scheduled for October 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Staffing

- The Board received an update on the action items presented for approval.

- Revisions to the Support Staff Guidelines will be presented for Board approval at the August Regular Meeting, with an anticipated effective date of September 1, 2027.

Wellness

- An update was provided on the Outdoor Learning Spaces initiative. Following a meeting with ODC on June 22, ODC is developing formal plans and proposals for presentation. In addition, ODC is scheduled to visit the district to mark a trail that is anticipated to be start using this fall.

Academics

- New furniture is scheduled to arrive at the end of July and will be installed in preparation for the upcoming school year.
- Exploring a potential partnership with Link Learning to manage an online school program through Fennville Public Schools. Additional information will be presented as discussions progress.
- An update was provided regarding water damage to the high school gym floor caused by roof leaks. The district is working with the original roofing contractor, Tremco, and the warranty provided to determine potential coverage for repair costs. Significant damage has been identified, and repairs to the gym floor will be necessary.

Communication

- Bond project updates were provided, including the near completion of the middle school door replacement project and the installation of new flooring in the band room and several additional spaces.
- A Work Session to be scheduled in August to allow the Board to receive a presentation from Sitelogic regarding the proposed scope of work and upcoming fall bidding process for future bond projects.

State Budget

- A projected \$250 per-pupil increase in the foundation allowance (expected based on budget proposals to date).
- A 3-year average membership for student count (new: Senate proposal)
- Weighted pupil membership for Sec. 31a & 41
- \$150 million for educator compensation through Sec. 27 (Senate proposal)
- \$75 million for LETRS Literacy Program through Sec. 35a10
- \$310 million for Sec. 31aa Mental Health, with changes
- \$40 million for Sec. 21b Dual Enrollment
- Continues \$125 million for Sec. 22L Transportation

Important Dates

- November 3, 2026 – Election two open board seats
- A Night with the Hawks, August 8, 2026

E. NEW BUSINESS

Informational/Discussion/Presentation Items

ACTION ITEMS:

1. APPROVAL OF LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH THE FEA

Motion by Michele, supported by Hicks, that the Board of Education approve the Letter of Agreement (LOA) between Fennville Public Schools and the Fennville Education Association (FEA) regarding compensation for employees serving students requiring English Learner (EL) Endorsement support and caseload responsibilities as presented.

Motion Carried: 5-0 Unanimous

2. APPROVAL OF AMENDED RESPONSIBILITY FACTORS FOR ADMINISTRATION

3. APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT GOALS

Motion by Hicks, supported by Pena-Smith, that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent Goals for 2026-2027 school year.

Motion Carried: 5-0 Unanimous

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION*

None

G. MEETING CLOSING

1. Comments from the Board Table

- Mrs. Pena-Smith expressed her appreciation for the wide variety of sports activities taking place throughout the district.
- Mr. Sanchez agreed that it is positive to see a wide range of school sports taking place on campus.

2. Adjournment

Motion by Pean-Smith, supported by Michele, to adjourn. (7:48 p.m.)

Motion Carried: 5-0 Unanimous

Recorded by Executive Secretary, Marileen Pitts

Respectfully submitted by,



Angie Pena-Smith
Board Secretary