Approval date: November 16, 2026

FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 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

Meeting was called to order by President Manuel Sanchez at 7:00 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	Absent	Mrs. Natalie Bosby	Present
Mr. Jayson Hicks	Absent		

Mr. Hickes arrived at 7:06 p.m.

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. Minutes for September 21, 2026, Regular Meeting, October 12, 2026, Work Session
2. Treasurer's Report for September 2026
3. Summary of Bills for September 2026

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0 Unanimous

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

- Fennville Elementary School – Zayveion Summerville & Adrian Falcon by Cindy Hillary
- Fennville Middle School – Magdalene Storm by Chris Grob
- Fennville High School – Mercedes Camberos by Rick Frens
- Fennville Alternative High School – Keagan VanDine-Nagel

E. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Mr. Stately, CPA of Maner Costerisan P.C., presented the Preliminary 2025-2026 school year Financial Audit. He noted that the district is still awaiting the Federal Compliance Supplement and commended the Finance Team for their exceptional efforts and support during the audit.
2. Superintendent Report – Mr. Lombard

- Provided an overview of the action items presented for Board consideration.

Staffing

- An update was provided on the Athletic Director hiring process. Second-round interviews are scheduled for this week, with six candidates selected to continue in the process. Mr. Lombard thanked HS Principal, Rick Frens, for taking the lead in coordinating the search and interview process.
- Shared that the Central Office Administrative Assistant/Special Education Administrative Assistant position will first be offered as an internal posting.

Wellness

- Reported that planning for district-wide Outdoor Learning Spaces continues, with site plans anticipated to be finalized in the coming months and student feedback currently being collected.

Academics

- Mr. Lombard expressed appreciation to Mr. Corey Harbaugh, Jessie Gierucki, Director of Teaching & Learning, and the Fennville High School staff for bringing the *Anne Frank: A History for Today* exhibit to Fennville High School this October. He noted the educational value of the exhibit for students and the community and highlighted the opportunity for FHS students to serve as Peer Guides, leading visitors through the exhibit and facilitating discussion.
- Mr. Lombard reported that the Middle School was awarded approximately $180,000 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Expansion Grant to support manufacturing and engineering programming.
- The construction of the Greenhouse Project is advancing, with the foundation now complete. The greenhouse structure is being fabricated off-site.

Bond Communication

- Summer 2027 projects will include the Outdoor Learning Spaces initiative, High School roof replacement, and Middle School HVAC improvements.
- Summer 2028 projects include Elementary School HVAC improvements and Elementary School roof repairs.
- Repairs to the High School gym floor are scheduled to begin during the week of November 2, 2026.
- Proposed Work Session November 23, 2026
- An extended invitation to attend the 2026 MSVMA Region B Honor Choir rehearsal and concert, which will be held on December 5, 2026, at Dalton Center Performance Hall on the campus of Western Michigan University.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Informational/Discussion/Presentation Items

ACTION ITEMS:

1. APPROVAL OF SITELOGIQ BID PACKAGE

Motion by Michele, supported by Thiele, that the Board of Education approve the Sitelogic bid package for the Elementary School, Middle School, High School, and Community Athletic Center, including mechanical, electrical, roofing, general trades, and testing and balancing.

Roll Call Vote
Ayes: Pena-Smith, Michele, Hicks, Thiele, Bosby, Sanchez
Nays: None

Motion Carried: **6-0** **Unanimous**

2. **APPROVAL OF PRE-PURCHASE OF HVAC EQUIPMENT THROUGH OMNIA**
Motion by Bosby, supported by Thiele, that the Board of Education approve the bid through Omnia Partners for the pre-purchase of HVAC equipment for the 2027 and 2028 projects.

Roll Call Vote
Ayes: Pena-Smith, Michele, Hicks, Thiele, Bosby, Sanchez
Nays: None

Motion Carried: **6-0** **Unanimous**

3. **APPROVAL OF SECTION 31aa FUNDING RESOLUTION**
Motion by Michele, supported by Pena-Smith, that the Board of Education approves the Resolution to opt-in and accept Section 31aa Mental Health and Student Safety Funding for fiscal year 2026-2027, as presented. (Resolution A)

Roll Call Vote
Ayes: Pena-Smith, Michele, Hicks, Bosby, Sanchez
Nays: Thiele

Motion Carried: **5-1**

4. **APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT WITH ALLEGAN COUNTY COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION**
Motion by Michele, supported by Pena-Smith, that the Board of Education approves the amendment to the lease agreement with Allegan Community Credit Union, as presented.

Roll Call Vote
Ayes: Pena-Smith, Michele, Hicks, Thiele, Bosby, Sanchez
Nays: None

Motion Carried: **6-0** **Unanimous**

G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION*

None

H. MEETING CLOSING

1. Comments from the Board Table
   - Mr. Sanchez extended his gratitude to Mr. Stately and the Maner Costerisan P.C. team for their hard work throughout the process.
   - Mrs. Bosby acknowledged the passing of Mrs. Marty Reddeman and expressed gratitude for her contributions and the positive influence she had on countless students through her mentorship.
   - Mr. Lombard reported that counseling support was available to students in all district buildings in response to the passing of Miss Marty Reddeman.

2. Adjournment
Motion by Thiele, supported by Michele to adjourn. (7:51 p.m.)
Motion Carried: **6-0** **Unanimous**

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Recorded by Executive Secretary, Marileen Pitts

Respectfully submitted by,

Angie Pena-Smith
Board Secretary