



Approval Date: October 16, 2023

FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2023
BOARD ROOM – 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of 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 Toby Hutchins at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call

Mr. Toby Hutchins	Present	Mr. Manuel Sanchez
Mrs. Juliet Michele	Present	Mr. Ross Thiele
Ms. Natalie Bustillos	Present	Mr. Paul Hapke
Mrs. Angie Pena-Smith	Present	

4. Additions to the Agenda

None

B. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

C. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes	Treasurer’s Report	Summary of Bills	Offer probationary contract to	Accept resignation from
August 21, 2023, Regular Meeting	August 2023	August 2023	Lindsey Haan, Middle School Social Worker	Kristi Allen (Middle School Social Worker)

Motion carried: 7-0 Unanimous

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

- Fennville Elementary School – Amellia Page by Mrs. Beth Ayotte
- Fennville Middle School – Alyssa Wyman by Mr. Brent Potts
- Fennville Alternative High School – Aaron (Jack) LeClaire by Mrs. Jodi Scovill
- Fennville High School – Eileen Perez by Mr. Albert Lombard

E. PRESENTATIONS

1. Director of Athletics, Wendell Hughes presented the Operations Report for Mr. Dan Rastall, Director of Facilities who was unable to attend meeting.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Evaluation Tool Discussion, including Superintendent Evaluation Tool

G. NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Doug Greer
2. Educational Committee (Student & Comm Programs) Report from October 10, 2023
 - Review on academics, behavior, wellness, including co-curricular updates
3. Personnel (& Policy) Committees Report from October 11, 2023
 - Review major adjustments in the budget, regional comparison of all groups
 - Prioritization of various guidelines and contracts
4. Executive (Facilities & Transportation) Committees Meeting October 16, 2023
 - Continue discussion around culture and climate of transportation department

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. RE-OPEN SUPPORT STAFF GUIDELINES

Motion by Michelle, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education approve the re-opening of support staff guidelines to address compensation, paid time off, benefits of both paraprofessionals and administrative assistants, and other minor adjustments.

Motion carried: 6-0 1 abstain

2. RE-OPEN TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES

Motion by Michele, supported by Hapke, that the Board of Education approve the re-opening of transportation guidelines to address compensation for extra trips, clarification on coaches only drive their own team, and other minor adjustments.

Motion carried: 7-0 Unanimous

3. EXPLORATION OF CUSTODIAL SERVICES

Motion by Hapke, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education approve the exploration of contracted services for custodial services by utilizing a contract structure that will explicitly state both indirect and direct costs.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Thiele, Michelle, Pena-Smith, Hutchins, Sanchez, Hapke, Bustillos

Nays: None

Motion carried: 7-0 Unanimous

4. APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY ACTION OF ALLEGAN COUNTY (HEAD START)

Motion by Michelle, supported by Hapke, that the Board of Education approve the Head Start Lease agreement with Community Action of Allegan County over the period of August 28, 2023, to June 14, 2024.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Thiele, Michelle, Pena-Smith, Hutchins, Sanchez, Hapke, Bustillos

Nays: None

Motion carried: 7-0 Unanimous

5. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS QUARTERLY REVIEW OF SUPERINTENDENT

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Motion by Michele, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education move into closed session.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Thiele, Michelle, Pena-Smith, Hutchins, Sanchez, Hapke, Bustillos

Nays: None

Motion carried: 7-0 Unanimous

The Board moved into closed session at 8:27 p.m.

Motion by Michelle, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education move into open session.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Thiele, Michelle, Pena-Smith, Hutchins, Sanchez, Hapke, Bustillos

Nays: None

Motion carried: 7-0 Unanimous

The Board moved into open session at 9:00 p.m.

I. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION*

- Mr. Potts re: In support of Outdoor Exploration
- Jennifer Dietz re: Transportation Department Guidelines

J. MEETING CLOSING

1. Comments from the Board Table
 - Angie Pena-Smith re: Middle School Student Council first meeting September 19, 2023.
 - Toby Hutchins re: Personnel Committee Meetings held every second of the month.

Motion by Thiele, supported by Sanchez to adjourn. (9:00 p.m.)

Recorded by Executive Secretary, Marileen Pitts

Respectfully Submitted by,



Ross Thiele
Board Secretary