

FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2021
BOARD ROOM – 6:00 P.M.

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Hutchins at 6:02 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mr. Hutchins asked Mr. Sanchez to chair the remainder of the meeting.

TAKING OF THE ROLL

Present: Mr. Tobias Hutchins (virtual)
Mr. Manuel Sanchez
Mr. Ross Thiele
Mrs. Juliet Michele
Mr. Paul Hapke

Absent: Mr. Julio Almanza
Mr. Rico Ponce

Also Present: Mr. Jim Greydanus, Mrs. Jessie Gierucki,

B. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

C. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

D. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Thiele, supported by Michele, that the Board of Education accept the Consent Agenda as presented to include the following:

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Motion carried: 5-0 Unanimous

E. **NEW BUSINESS**

Informational/Discussion/Presentation Items

1. Mr. Greydanus reported that the District had reached a tentative agreement with the Food Service Workers and plan to have a contract for approval at the April 19 meeting.
2. Mrs. Gierucki presented the developing plans for summer programming for preK-12 students. Because of the unclear requirements for extra summer school funding, the District is not clear whether all aspects of the planned programming will qualify for the funding. We are proceeding with our plans and will use Title I and ESSER funds to pay for any parts of the

program that do not qualify for extra state funding. On the April 19 agenda will be a wage proposal for summer instructional staff.

3. Mr. Greydanus and Mrs. Gierucki presented information about the funding the District is scheduled to receive under the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund, specifically ESSER II. The State of Michigan has allocated 43% of the available funds designated for Fennville which amounts to approximately \$510,000 to be spent addressing the on-going COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Greydanus cautioned that this one-time infusion of federal money will not be sustained into the future and therefore we need to be careful in establishing legacy costs that will extend beyond the timeframe for using these funds. The District is exploring necessary upgrades to HVAC systems at Fennville Elementary and Middle Schools as a use of this money that will save the District from having to spend General of Sinking Fund money on these improvements in the future. The control systems in each of these buildings have nearly reached the end of life and are due for replacement. Mr. Greydanus is seeking quotes for an engineering study and review of these systems. The goal is to use a portion of the ESSER funding to take care of items that will ultimately save the District from spending local money in the future.
4. Mr. Greydanus shared the planned construction work for the upcoming summer. The Elementary office and secure entry work will begin in May. Skillman and GMB are working on Bid Package 4 which will include 1. HS auditorium lighting and sound; 2. HS cafeteria, maker space, and stage flooring; and 3. Pavement replacement or resurfacing of the HS teacher parking lot and the school bus drive from the Elementary past the HS. These projects will be completed using a combination of 2017 Bond Project funds and the Sinking Fund. There is also a need to replace two HVAC circulation pumps at the HS that are original to the building. This cost proposal will be added to the April 19 agenda for approval.

F. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD TABLE

None

G. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Thiele, supported by Michele, to adjourn. (7:28 p.m.).

Motion carried 5-0 Unanimous

Recorded by Superintendent Jim Greydanus

Respectfully Submitted by,



Ross Thiele
Board Secretary