

FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 17, 2017  
BOARD ROOM – 7:00 P.M.

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**B. TAKING OF THE ROLL**

Present: Mr. David Johnson Mr. Tobias Hutchins  
Mrs. Juliet Michele Mr. Julio Almanza  
Mr. Manuel Sanchez Mr. Jayson Hicks

Absent: Mr. John Raak Student Representative,  
Amanda Chappell

**C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**E. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Minutes	Summary of Bills	Treasurer's Report	Agenda
March 20, 2017 Regular Meeting, April 6, 2017 Work Session	March 2017	March 2017	

Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous

**F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. FACILITIES SURVEY REPORT

GMB Architect Brad Hemmes gave an update on data collected from the community and staff surveys. There were 188 community members and 77 staff members that completed the survey.

2. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Mr. Weeldreyer presented Ms. Zdybel's report that the M-STEP assessment is going well and will continue through the month of May. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be leaving for Washington, DC on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade band will be competing at the state concert band festival in Charlotte on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Lombard reported on the following things happening at the elementary school:

- Family Reading night was a great success!
- Music teacher Brianna Clark took 4<sup>th</sup> grade students to participate in the Link Up Concert in Muskegon. The Link Up Concert program allows for students to play their recorders alongside the Symphony. The event was free of charge and students had a great time!
- The elementary music department also took 5<sup>th</sup> graders to watch Cinderella at Miller Auditorium in Kalamazoo.
- The Lego Robotics group finished its year participating in a countywide Robotics Challenge day at Allegan.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders traveled to Frederick Meijer Gardens for a science and engineering field trip.
- Battle of the Books is wrapping up after another very successful year.
- Band recruitment has begun for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students entering the middle school next year.
- Family Wellness Night is upcoming
- Elementary students will participate in this year's salmon release on May 5<sup>th</sup>
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> is "Bike to School Day" when students Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to ride their bikes to school.

Mr. Lombard also mentioned that the food distributions will be coming to a halt after this year because funding will no longer be available to continue the program.

Mr. Greydanus reported on these items from the high school:

- Spring sports are under way!
- All 10<sup>th</sup> graders attended Career Quest at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids.
- Transition day was held for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on March 22
- ECAC held interviews for next year's candidates, and eight more students were admitted to the program, making a total of 19 students from Fennville participating.
- 127 high school students have enrolled at the Vo-tech center for next school year.
- HS students attended the College, Career, and Life Readiness Day at Lake Michigan College.
- Prom will be held on Saturday, April 22 at the Griswold Auditorium in Allegan.
- The Drama Club will be presenting their play on May 5 and 12, and will host a dinner theater in South Haven on May 13.
- The salmon release is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Weeldreyer added that FHS senior Matthew Korman participated in the Skills USA State Competition for Diesel Equipment Technology and won. He will be travelling to Kentucky in June to participate in the national competition.

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

**Informational/Discussion/Presentation Items:**

1. **SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION DATES**  
A work session was scheduled to review the superintendent's evidence for use in the evaluation process. This meeting was set for Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
2. **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE DATE**  
Members of the Personnel Committee will get together to establish a meeting date.

**Action Items:**

1. **FIRST READING OF NEOLA POLICIES**  
*Motion by Hicks, supported by Hutchins, that the Board of Education conduct the first reading of NEOLA Policies 0161, 0168.1, 2461, 2623, 3120.04, 3121, 4121, 5111.01, 5111.03, 7540.02, 8300, 8305, 8330, 8340, 8400, 8500, and 8510.*  
**Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous**
2. **BOARD ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER DESIGNATION OF ELECTORAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE JUNE 5, 2017 BIENNIAL AAESA ELECTION**  
*Motion by Hutchins, supported by Michelle, that the Board of Education adopt the resolution to consider designation of electoral representative for the AAESA's June 5, 2017 Biennial Election at the May 15, 2017 Regular Meeting.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Hutchins, Michelle, Almanza, Sanchez, Hicks, Johnson  
Nays: None  
**Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous**

3. **EXPULSION OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT**  
*Motion by Hutchins, supported by Hicks, to move into a closed session as requested by parent. (7:53 p.m.)*

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Almanza, Johnson, Hutchins, Hicks, Sanchez, Michele  
Nays: None  
**Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous**

*Motion by Hutchins, supported by Hicks, to reconvene in open session. (8:09 p.m.)*

**Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous**

*Motion by Almanza, supported by Michele, to expel the high school student for not less than 180 days.*

**Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous**

**H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Jocelyn Leonard shared upcoming events in the Music Department including that the Chamber Choir will be competing on May 4<sup>th</sup> at Hope College in State Choral Festival. There are end-of-year concerts coming up for both the bands and choirs, and Senior Garrett Dragon is singing a song with 16 different languages as part of his participation in the All-State Choir program at WMU on May 20.

Mrs. Leonard also reported that there have now been 21 saves in schools from cardiac events. She also expressed that she believed the district should label all of its exterior entrances.

**I. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD TABLE**

Mr. Hicks expressed his pride in the Robotics program that continues to build in its success.

Mr. Hutchins reported that he had signed up for a day for board members wishing to donate time to work at the Habitat for Humanity project in Fennville. That work day will be on Thursday, May 20.

Mr. Johnson mentioned that he would be cooking lunch for the high school students at the salmon release on May 5<sup>th</sup>, and he invited any other board members who would like to do so to join him.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Hutchins, supported by Hicks, to adjourn. (8:41 p.m.)*

**Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous**

*Recorded by Interim Executive Secretary, Marileen Pitts*

Respectfully Submitted by,



Juliet Michele  
Board Secretary