

FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
AUGUST 12, 2021  
BOARD ROOM – 6:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Hutchins at 6:01 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

TAKING OF THE ROLL

- Present: Mr. Tobias Hutchins
- 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, Mr. Brent Potts, Mr. Paul Andrews, Mr. Mike Kounelis (Skillman), Mr. Mitchell Duyser (GMB)

B. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

D. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Agenda			
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**Motion carried: 5-0 Unanimous**

E. NEW BUSINESS

Informational/Discussion/Presentation Items

1. Mr. Kounelis of Skillman presented an update on the bond project for the Board. The main work for the summer has been the elementary office addition and paving projects. There are several outstanding items that are punch list or warranty items that contractors are addressing. The auditorium lighting and sound plus the HS cafeteria and maker space flooring will be bid out soon for completion between now and winter break. Board members mentioned some specific items needing attention which were noted for follow-up by Skillman.

2. Mr. Greydanus gave an update on contract negotiations. The FEA and Bus Driver negotiations have reached tentative agreements which will be voted on by respective members by Monday, August 16 prior to asking the Board for approval Monday evening. In the event the members would not approve a tentative agreement, negotiations would start over. No steps or raises would occur until a contract is approved and there can be no retroactive pay if the contract is not approved prior to the start of the new school year.
3. Mr. Greydanus and the building principals gave an update on staffing in each building. There are a few open support positions, but most of the teaching positions have been filled. The team went through a round of interviews for the Director of Secondary Student Services, but no candidate was selected. The administrative team will step back and reevaluate the needs and possibly present a realignment proposal to the Board in the future.
4. The Board of Education discussed a draft COVID-19 Response Plan for the 2021-2022 school year. A few revisions were made to the draft, and the plan will be presented for approval on Monday, August 16. The draft plan will be made available with the agenda on the website prior to the meeting.

**F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**G. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD TABLE**

None

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Sanchez, supported by Hapke, to adjourn. (7:53 p.m.).*

**Motion carried        4-0        Unanimous**

*Recorded by Superintendent Jim Greydanus*

Respectfully Submitted by,



Ross Thiele  
Board Secretary