

FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
AUGUST 5, 2020  
OUTDOOR TENT IN FRONT OF FMS – 6:30 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 6:31 p.m.

TAKING OF THE ROLL

Present: Mr. David Johnson  
Mr. Tobias Hutchins  
Mr. Manuel Sanchez  
Mr. Ross Thiele  
Mr. John Raak  
Mr. Paul Hapke

Absent: Mr. Julio Almanza

B. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

D. CONSENT AGENDA

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

<b>Agenda</b>			
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**Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous**

E. NEW BUSINESS

Informational/Discussion/Presentation Items

1. Mr. Greydanus updated the Board of Education on the impact of the latest budget deal in Lansing. There will be a deduction of \$175 per pupil from the August state aid payment for the 2019-2020 school year. The total reduction is around \$227,000 reducing the ending fund balance to 18.23%. The State is adding \$350 per pupil in federal coronavirus response funds to the August payment, but this cannot be recorded as income until the 2020-2021 school year and may only be used under strict limitations for expenses for coronavirus response. The guidelines for use have not yet been written.
  
2. The administrative team presented a draft of the Fennville District Preparedness or Return to Learn Plan for the 2020-2021 school year. The plan includes three options: face-to-face instruction, temporary remote learning, or full-time online learning through the Virtual Academy of Allegan County (VAAC).

3. President Johnson invited staff members present at the meeting to ask questions or share their concerns about the plan with the Board. Several questions regarding specifics of the plan and construction progress at the high school were raised and the Board and administrative team responded with the information available at the time.

**F. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS**

*Motion by Hutchins, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education enter closed session to discuss negotiations. (The Board moved into the FMS media center for the remainder of the meeting.)*

**Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous**

**Entered Closed Session at 8:59 p.m.**

*Motion by Hutchins, supported by Thiele, that the Board of Education return to open session.*

**Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous**

**Returned to Open Session at 9:41 p.m.**

**G. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD TABLE**

1. Mr. Johnson noted that the City of Fennville has discussed improvements to lighting of crosswalks with Consumers Energy and that they have mentioned passing the cost onto the school. There has been no discussion with the City about the costs of this project.
2. The Board discussed possibly removing the tennis courts at this time due to deterioration while we determine what we want to do with that area in the future.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Hutchins, supported by Thiele, to adjourn. (9:49 p.m.).*

**Motion carried 6-0 Unanimous**

*Recorded by Superintendent Jim Greydanus*

Respectfully Submitted by,



Julio Almanza  
Board Secretary