

FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2022
BOARD ROOM – 6:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Hutchins at 6:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

TAKING OF THE ROLL

Present: Mr. Tobias Hutchins
Mr. Paul Hapke
Mr. Ross Thiele
Mr. Rico Ponce

Absent: Mr. Julio Almanza
Mrs. Juliet Michele
Mr. Manuel Sanchez

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

B. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

D. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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| Agenda | | | |
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Motion carried: 4-0

E. NEW BUSINESS

Informational/Discussion/Presentation Items

- Mr. Greydanus presented an update of the bond budget as the major projects are nearing completion. The budget is projected to be over by less than 1% despite the additional scope. A transfer of \$137,000 from the General Fund to the Bond Fund will be necessary to meet the outstanding bills to contractors.
Mr. Solomon presented the proposed amendments to the General Fund which include additional revenue based on maintaining student count, increased per pupil state aid, and additional grant funds. There are corresponding increases in expenses for the additional grant funds. Increases in operations and maintenance include the HS roof repair and warranty,

replacement of cooling line insulation, LED lighting projects, major equipment replacement using ESSER grant funds, and additional cleaning expenses. There are also increases in instructional and support staff expenses which correspond to ESSER revenue increases. Mr. Solomon also presented the amendments to the Sinking Fund budget. The budget has been adjusted to include the HS flooring and auditorium electrical projects.

2. The Board reviewed options for proposals for the renewals of the Operating Millage and the Sinking Fund. The consensus was to place both items on the August ballot using language that restores the millage lost to the Headlee rollback. The resolutions will be prepared for approval at an upcoming regular meeting.
3. The members present picked March 3 as the available date for a special meeting to hear a discipline appeal.
4. Mr. Greydanus shared that the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) has been updated and needs the approval of the Board. Since the EOP is a confidential document, there will be the opportunity to go into closed session at the February 21 meeting to review the plan. The plan will be provided to the Board for review in advance of the meeting.
5. Mr. Greydanus shared that Innocademy is interested in having a co-op for their students to participate on Fennville MS athletic teams. This will be presented at a future meeting for approval.
6. Mr. Greydanus shared that in order to get the commitment of participants on the district leadership team for strategic planning, we will need to be able to provide specific meeting dates. He will try to secure these with the facilitators from MLI. Mrs. Gierucki shared the progress that has been made with the building MTSS teams and the District Implementation Team (DIT) for MTSS. Fennville is leading the way for AAESA districts in the MTSS implementation. The professional development activities from February 15 grew out of the building MTSS meetings.
7. Mr. Greydanus shared a draft of the last invitation to bid on the lease of the farmland on the north side of campus. There are approximately 19 tillable acres and a neighbor has expressed interest in a multi-year lease. An invitation to bid will be published with a submission date prior to the March regular meeting.

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

G. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD TABLE

- Mr. Hutchins would like to see Fennville pursue an industrial arts program.
- Mr. Hapke requested that the drive on the west side of the CAC be designated a fire lane because of the location of the fire hydrant. This fire hydrant is the closest one to the transportation facility and access must be protected.
- Mr. Hutchins requested to have a Facilities Committee meeting scheduled to discuss long-range facility planning.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Thiele, supported by Ponce, to adjourn.

Motion carried 4-0

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Recorded by Superintendent Jim Greydanus

Respectfully Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ross W. Thiele". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Ross Thiele
Board Secretary

