

FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 19, 2018
BOARD ROOM – 7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 7:02 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

TAKING OF THE ROLL

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

Absent: None

B. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Action Item 6: Community Athletic Center Advisory Board Liaison

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

D. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes	Summary of Bills	Treasurer's Report	Agenda
January 18, 2018 Regular Meeting,	January 2018	January 2018	Retirement of Lyn Boerkoel

Motion carried: 7-0 Unanimous

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- Mr. Greydanus informed the Board that due to no school today there would not be a student representative attending tonight meeting.

2. PRINCIPAL REPORT

- Mr. Lombard reported staff from the local districts attended the Reading Now Network instructional rounds on January 18. Staff visited classrooms and collected data during the morning rounds. After staff debriefed, the facilitator returned with what they had seen and gave ideas and suggestions on what can be changed going forward.
- Mrs. Eckhardt reported one area of focus at the high school is creating positive relationships with students and staff. Teachers have been using the Pyramid of Interventions discipline model. They are having discussions with students, students share their perspective, and then teachers share their perspective with students.
- HS students are encouraged to get involved and join programs such as Prime for Life, Be Nice, and Teen Dating Violence programs.
- Teen Dating Violence Awareness is this week. Students are encouraged to wear orange in support.
- Be Nice program recognizes and removes the stigma around mental illness. A Saugatuck community member enjoyed the program so much that he donated the funds to Fennville so that we could have the program here.
- Mrs. Leonard reported that seven members of Chamber Choir received a "1" at districts and will be going to State Solo and Ensemble at Allendale HS in April. Mrs. Leonard was pleased to announce this was the first time a large group of parents, grandparents, family members, and friends came out to show support!
- Mrs. Leonard thanks Vivian Boot accompanist and Pam Pierson, retired choir director, who have graciously donated their time to our students.
- Mr. Andrews reported the band would be traveling to Otsego High School this Friday for festival.
- All but one band student will be going to Disney in March. Students will be participating in a couple of clinics and a live show. Families are able to view the show via live stream.
- The HS band is in the process of planning for the purchase of new uniforms.
- Mr. Marietta reported twenty-five students have been recognized in athletics. These students have experienced athletics as an extension of the classroom. Six students qualified for the MHSAA Scholar Athlete Award. Thirteen athletes earned All-Conference awards.
- Eric Hernandez will be competing at the Michigan State Wrestling Championship on March 2.
- The Battle of the Fans program began two years ago and is gaining momentum within the student body. Mr. Marietta was pleased to share that FHS finished in the top fifteen in the state this year. Students wanted to participate through a positive student section at the Never Forgotten game.

Mr. Marietta notified the MHSAA of the collaboration between student leaders from Fennville and Saugatuck. They got together and talked about good positive cheers. Saugatuck's band was invited to join the Fennville Pep Band in playing at the game.

- Mrs. Eckhart presented Ryan Bale with a special recognition award for earning press credentials with a front row seat to the Kennedy Space Center to view a recent Space X launch.
- Mr. Hicks thanked Mrs. Eckhart and Mr. Marietta for sharing all areas in which students have been recognized.
- Mr. Hicks reminded Ryan Bale to thank his mom.
- Mrs. Michele thanked Ryan Bale for being an inspiration to our younger students.

3. Superintendent's Report

- Mr. Greydanus reported that a response was received from Tom Rashid at the MHSAA regarding our self-reporting of a football rules violation. He was impressed with our district's commitment to following the rules.
- Winter Count was 2/14/18 and we are down five students from the fall count.
- Mr. Greydanus shared the results of the bond pricing. The interest rate was just over a percent lower than the projected rate. This results in a savings to taxpayers of over five million dollars over the life of the bond.
- The Facilities and Transportation Committee will be meeting with the project manager and site superintendent of four construction management firms on March 20 to select a firm for recommendation to the Board in March.
- Mr. Greydanus reported that our longest bus route has been shortened. The change took effect Thursday, February 15.
- Mr. Harbaugh reported on today's Professional Day agenda. The focus was on Literacy Practices and Improving Relationships.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Informational/Discussion/Presentation Items

- Allegan Community Credit Union - Kris Lewis, CEO, presented an overview of what the credit union can provide for the Fennville Community.
- A work session was set for Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 6:00 P.M to discuss Superintendent's evaluation process.

ACTION ITEMS

1. ADOPTION OF 2018 SCHOOL BUILDING AND SITE BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT RESOLUTION

Motion by Hutchins, supported by Michele, that the Board of Education approve the 2018 School Building and Site Bond Purchase Agreement Resolution.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Hicks, Michele, Raak, Sanchez, Almanza, Hutchins, Johnson

Nays: None

Motion carried: 7-0 Unanimous

2. COURSE LIST APPROVAL

Motion by Hicks, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education approve the Courses and Curriculum as presented.

Motion carried: 7-0 Unanimous

3. AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND SIGN LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ALLEGAN COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION

Motion by Michele, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and sign a formal lease agreement with Allegan Community Credit Union consistent with the terms of the proposal of February 15, 2018.

Motion carried: 7-0 Unanimous

4. ADOPTION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT RESOLUTION

Motion by Hutchins, supported by Hicks, that the Board of Education adopt the Fire Department Mutual Aide Agreement Resolution.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Sanchez, Hutchins, Almanza, Michele, Hicks, Raak, Johnson

Nays: None

Motion carried: 7-0 Unanimous

5. APPROVAL OF THE CAC ADVISORY BOARD GUIDELINES

Motion by Hutchins, supported by Michele, that the Board of Education approve the CAC Advisory Board Guidelines.

Motion carried: 7-0 Unanimous

6. APPOINTMENT OF A CAC ADVISORY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Motion by Hutchins, supported by Michele, that the Board of Education appoint Jayson Hicks to serve as the Board representative on the CAC Advisory Board.

Motion carried: 7-0 Unanimous

G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Parent, Sonja Skerbeck wanted to take a moment to recognize Lynn Boerkoel for her 21 years of service and to wish her well in retirement.
- ACCU CEO, Kris Lewis thanked the Board and the Community for the opportunity to pursue a lease of the bank building.
- Kim Ludwig, parent to 3rd grade student shared that she loves the school, Board members, elementary principal, and this community. Mrs. Ludwig expressed

concerns about the transportation department and the need for a rebuilding of trust and relationships between students and drivers.

- Mrs. Goodell, bus driver, shared concerns about the negative comments on Facebook that were insulting to drivers. She expressed concern about the balance of students on various routes and that some were still too long. Mrs. Goodell does not agree with the current practice of being told to go back and pick students that were not out and ready at their bus stop at their scheduled time.
- Mrs. Fernandez, driver of Bus #4, stated that her bus was one of the buses that was over capacity and had the longest route. She claimed that there were students sitting on the floor. Even with route change, it is still one of the longer routes. She expressed other concerns about her route and experience driving bus this year.
- Mrs. Renberg, parent and bus driver said that all of her students are great! Mrs. Renberg stated that on her bus she keeps elementary students at the front of the bus, middle school students in the middle, and high school in the back. Her students know the bus rules and follows them. Mrs. Renberg has hurt feelings by the comment made to the drivers. She feels that drivers are not been supported, and they need to be by their boss and administration. Mrs. Renberg understands that there are many issues but knows that they can be resolved. The transportation department can be better; they need the right people to do so. She is willing to help just needs to know how.
- Mr. Johnson responded to the public stating that he could make many excuses as to why transportation has been an issue such as a new transportation director, union, lack of drivers, and not enough sub drivers. However, we as a district have never used any type of software system. We needed to purchase and implement the software to know who was on the bus, especially in emergencies. The software helps to keep kids and drivers safe and allow for curb side pickup on major roads. Mr. Johnson and the Board have heard parent concerns and wants kids and parents happy.

H. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS NEOTIATIONS

Motion by Hutchins, supported by Almanza, to move into closed session to discuss negotiations. (9:08 p.m.)

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Michele, Raak, Almanza, Sanchez, Hutchins, Hicks, Johnson

Nays: None

Motion carried: 7-0 Unanimous

Motion by Hutchins, supported by Hicks, to reconvene in open session. (9:37 p.m.)

I. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD TABLE

- Mr. Johnson would like the Board to consider a partnership between Fennville Public Schools, the City of Fennville and the DDA to create a recreational activities partnership. The thought behind this partnership is to add/improve rec sports, adult

classes, summer park program for kids, and possibly reduce membership fees. The city will give the school \$3,000 per year for rec activities, according to Mayor, Tom Pantelleria

- Mr. Johnson would like to add a liaison to attend the City Commission meetings. He feels this would assist in developing a partnership.
- Mrs. Michele is interested in collaborating with the local committees. She will work on finding grant(s) for additional funding.
- Mr. Hicks and Mr. Raak enjoyed seeing our students being recognized from all areas.
- Mr. Raak reminded the Board to think about parents to consider for the Paine Volunteerism award.

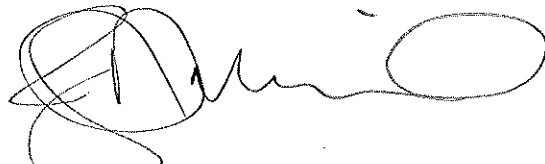
J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hutchins, supported by Michele, to adjourn. (10:06 p.m.).

Motion carried 7-0 Unanimous

Recorded by Executive Secretary, Marileen Pitts

Respectfully Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Juliet Michele", written in a cursive style.

Juliet Michele
Board Secretary