

**FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 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
		Student Representative,
		Amanda Chappell

Absent: **Mr. John Raak**

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Add #3 under Item F, Approval of Early Graduation Request

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

E. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes	Summary of Bills	Treasurer's Report	Agenda plus Addendum: Add Action Item F-3
January 16, 2017 Organizational Meeting, February 8, 2017	January 2017	January 2017	Approval of Early Graduation Request

Motion carried 6-0 Unanimous

F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**
Five student council members attended the 2017 MASC/MAHS Michigan Student Leadership Regional Connect Conference.

The MS band will be performing at district festival in Otsego on Friday, February 24, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. The HS band will be performing for district festival at the Jenison Center for the Arts on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 3:55 p.m.

The HS and MS Band thank all of the music educators for their support and time invested in helping them prepare for festival. Renowned composer William Owens worked with the 8th grade band in preparation of playing his music. They will be performing his piece "Carpathia" for him on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 via Google Hang Outs.

The HS Jazz Band will be hosting their annual Jazz Band Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 25, 2017. Tickets are \$20 and will go on sale the beginning of March.

HS Choir students attended district solo and ensemble Saturday, February 18, 2017. They have advanced to state solo and ensemble on March 23, 2017. Mrs. Stratton will be recognized there also as the state's Art Teacher of the Year.

Garrett Dragan selected to be a member of All-State Honor Choir.

24 senior students applied for the Michigan GEAR UP scholarship; 99% of seniors have met with College Advisor Ms. Hogan; 57% of graduating seniors submitted their FAFSA. This month's focus will be on completing FAFSA's and scholarships, by participating in one-on-one meetings and workshops.

2. INSTRUCTION UPDATE

Mr. Harbaugh shared information on how the PLC's are focusing on data and how that has impacted student learning.

Staff and Board members are invited to take part in a book study this summer. The book being read is Teaching with Poverty in Mind by Eric Jensen. Interested Board members should see Mr. Harbaugh.

3. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Students in 8th grade attended the LAUP leadership event in Holland. 8th graders will also be visiting Allegan Vo-Tech Center this month.

6th grade students visited Outdoor Discovery Center.

Troy Dusek, Ken Pierson, Jessica Rinaldi, Jessica Stanley, Ben Nykerk, and Laura Lesiewicz attended an Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Conference this month. They will be working on creating and implementing strategies that will best support students.

Mr. Lombard shared that students in grade K-3 will be participating in the Book Trust Program. The Book Trust Program gives students a monthly allowance of \$7.00 to purchase books of their choice. Fennville is the first school in Michigan to participate in the program.

Elementary continues to offer afterschool activities such as Battle of the Books, Elementary Choral, Art Club, and Lego Robotics.

The Elementary received a grant from Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Michigan to help promote wellness in the schools. The funds will help to focus on healthy lunchrooms, classroom celebrations and classroom breaks.

Mr. Lombard also provided an update on numbers of students enrolled at the Fennville Co-Op pre-school and at the Day Care program.

Mr. Greydanus reported that, in addition to the information presented by the student representative, six members of the high school student council will be participating in the Southwestern Athletic Conference Leadership Summit at WMU on Monday, March 6.

4. **HS ROBOTICS TEAM DEMONSTRATION**

Members of the high school robotics were on hand to introduce this year's competition theme and show the capabilities of the robot they have designed. The team will be in competition starting at St. Joseph on March 10-11.

G. NEW BUSINESS

Informational/Discussion/Presentation Items:

None

Action Items:

1. **APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH HOEVE FARMS**

Motion by Hutchins, supported by Michele, that the Board of Education approve the lease agreement with Hoeve Farms through December 31, 2019.

Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous

2. **EARLY GRADUATION REQUEST**

Motion by Michele, supported by Almanza, that the Board of Education approve the early request for Cara Blok upon completion of all Fennville High School graduation requirements.

Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous

3. **EARLY GRADUATION REQUEST**

Motion by Hicks, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education approve the early request for Kirsten Harris upon completion of all Fennville High School graduation requirements.

Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

I. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD TABLE

Mr. Weeldreyer mentioned letters from State Honors Choir students thanking the Board for its support. Members of the Board gave accolades to the Fine Arts Department.

Mr. Johnson stated it might be worthwhile looking at a unified Booster organization.

Mr. Hicks encouraged Board members to stop by the former bank building to see the changes the Robotics Team has made.

Mrs. Michele encouraged the Board to consider more support for the Robotics Team.

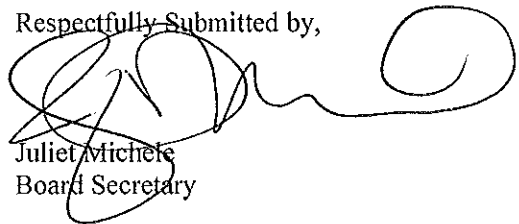
J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Michele, supported by Hicks, to adjourn. (8:26 p.m.)

Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous

Recorded by Acting Executive Secretary, Marileen Pitts

Respectfully Submitted by,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Juliet Michele', is written over the printed name and title.

Juliet Michele
Board Secretary