



**FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2023
BOARD ROOM – 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Toby Hutchins at 7:01 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

TAKING OF THE ROLL

Present: Mr. Toby Hutchins	Mr. Juliet Michele
Mr. Ross Thiele	Mr. Paul Hapke
Ms. Natalie Bustillos	Mrs. Angie Pena-Smith
Mr. Manuel Sanchez (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)	Student Representative
	Alaina Smothers

B. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Michele, supported by Hapke, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Minutes	Treasurer's Report	Summary of Bills	Offer of Permanent Substitute Contract for remainder of 2022-2023 school year	Acceptance of Retirement
January 16, 2023 Organizational Meeting and February 7, 2023 Work Session	January 2023	January 2023	Diana Almanza	James Greydanus effective June 30, 2023 Catherine Godwin effective June 9, 2023

Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous

E. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Student Representative Alaina Smothers gave an update on the high school events.
- Jim Greydanus showed the Judges Trophy Award that the drone team received at their recent competition. There will be a competition at FHS on March 11.
- Aramark District Manager Trevor Stahl, Regional Director Jacqueline Broaddus, and Director Darren Browning presented an overview of custodial, maintenance, and grounds accomplishments and current projects.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Informational/Discussion/Presentation Items:

1. Mark Dobias, Michigan Association of School Boards, presented their proposal to assist the Board in the superintendent search.
2. Andy Ingall, Michigan Leadership Institute, presented their proposal to assist the Board in the superintendent search.
3. Director of Curriculum and Instruction Jessica Gierucki reviewed the districts 98b and 104h Benchmark Goal Report.

Action Items:

1. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION FOR ALLEGAN AREA COUNT PROGRAM

Motion by Hapke, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education adopt the Allegan Area Count Program Resolution beginning for 2023-2024 school year through 2027-2028 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Thiele, Michele, Pena-Smith, Sanchez, Hapke, Bustillos, Hutchins

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7-0 Unanimous

2. APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF FOOD SERVICE EQUIPMENT

Motion by Hapke, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education approve the purchase Food Service Equipment from Elliott Food Equipment for \$237,844 to be paid from the Food Service Excess Fund Balance.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Thiele, Michele, Pena-Smith, Sanchez, Hapke, Bustillos, Hutchins

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7-0 Unanimous

3. APPROVAL OF THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER GRANT PROGRAM (SROGP) GRANT AGREEMENT

Motion by Hapke, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education approve the School Resource Officer Grant Program Grant Agreement and direct the Superintendent to draft a Memorandum of Agreement between Fennville Public Schools and the Fennville Police Department.

Motion Carried: 7-0 Unanimous

4. SELECTION OF SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH FIRM

Motion by Hapke, supported by Hutchins, that the Board of Education table the selection of superintendent search firm until the next Special Meeting.

Motion Carried: 7-0 Unanimous

G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Monica Boeve. Elementary Teacher re:
 - Inquired on the firm used in the last external superintendent search and their process for filling the position.
- Jocelyn Leonard, Choir Teacher re:
 - Thanked the Board for staff Christmas gift. New staff members are appreciative of receiving school apparel.
 - Thanked everyone involved in the set-up and organization of the 12th Annual Never Forgotten Game. She appreciates all the local business support.
- Jim Greydanus re:
 - 12th Annual Never Forgotten Game was well received.
 - Invitation to Megans' Mission Benefit Basketball Game, Saturday, February 25, at 2 p.m. The varsity girls' basketball team vs. Bloomingdale, followed by staff vs. JV girls' basketball.

H. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

Motion by Hapke, supported by Michele, that the Board of Education move into closed session.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Thiele, Michele, Pena-Smith, Sanchez, Hapke, Bustillos, Hutchins

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7-0 Unanimous

The Board moved into closed session at 8:33 p.m.

Motion by Hapke, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education move into open session.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Thiele, Michele, Pena-Smith, Sanchez, Hapke, Bustillos, Hutchins

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7-0 Unanimous

The Board moved back into open session at 8:52 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION RATING

Motion by Hapke, supported by Michele, that the Board of Education approve the 2022-23 Superintendent evaluation rating of highly effective.

Motion Carried: 7-0 Unanimous

Approval Date: February 27, 2023

J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD TABLE

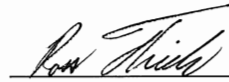
- Mr. Hapke reported minutes from the Facilities and Transportation Committee Meeting.
- Mr. Hutchins suggested a Special Meeting for February 27, 2023 held to discuss next steps of the superintendent search.
 - Mr. Hutchins requested March 20, 2023 Regular Meeting moved to a different date.
 - Thanked Mr. Greydanus and Catherine Godwin for all they have done for FPS.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Michele, supported by Sanchez, to adjourn. (9:04 p.m.)

Recorded by Executive Secretary, Marileen Pitts

Respectfully Submitted by,



Ross Thiele
Board Secretary