

FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2023
BOARD ROOM – 6:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Hutchins at 6:05 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

TAKING OF THE ROLL

- Present: Mr. Tobias Hutchins
- Mr. Ross Thiele
- Mr. Manuel Sanchez
- Ms. Natalie Bustillos
- Mrs. Angela Pena-Smith
- Absent: Mr. Paul Hapke
- Mrs. Juliet Michele

Also Present: Mr. Jim Greydanus

B. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

D. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Agenda			
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Motion carried: 5-0

E. NEW BUSINESS

Informational/Discussion/Presentation Items

1. Mr. Greydanus shared an update on the application for a Grow Your Own Grant through MDE that was submitted on January 31. If approved, the grant will pay for current staff members to earn initial teacher certification or add a certification area for those who are already certified teachers. The total grant request exceeded \$1.5 million.
2. Mr. Hutchins discussed the potential conflict of interest issues that could arise when a member of the Board of Education has an outside business that serves the district or has access to district programs or events. His intent is to refine policies to make sure there is equal access for businesses to provide services.

3. Members of the Facilities, Transportation, and Finance Committee shared the latest discussion regarding the tennis court replacement plan. Due to the anticipated costs, the architect was asked to remove lighting and one basketball court from the design. Additional hoops will be added to the futsal court so it can serve a dual purpose. The three court areas will be designated for pickleball, basketball, and futsal.

F. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION AND NEGOTIATIONS

1. Motion by Thiele, support by Sanchez to enter closed session. Motion carried 5-0.
Entered closed session at 6:33 p.m.
2. Motion by Thiele, supported by Sanchez to exit closed session. Motion carried 5-0.
Exited closed session at 7:34 p.m.

G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

H. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD TABLE

1. Having received notification from Mr. Greydanus of his intent to retire on June 30, 2023, the Board discussed beginning the process of finding the next superintendent. Mr. Hutchins will reach out to MASB and MLI to schedule presentations for the February 20 Regular Meeting.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Thiele, supported by Sanchez, to adjourn.

Motion carried 5-0

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Recorded by Superintendent Jim Greydanus

Respectfully Submitted by,



Ross Thiele
Board Secretary