

Approval Date: February 20, 2017

**FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 8, 2017
BOARD ROOM – 6:00 P.M.**

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. TAKING OF THE ROLL

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

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

E. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Hutchins, supported by Hicks, that the Board of Education accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried: 6-0

F. NEW BUSINESS

Informational/Discussion Items:

1. DAY/TIME OF MEETINGS
After discussion, the consensus of the Board was to leave the meeting schedule as is for the time being.
2. SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION FOLLOW-UP
Mr. Weeldreyer distributed information and briefly explained how student growth data is calculated for teacher and administrator evaluations.
3. REVIEW OF OTHER TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION
Mr. Johnson expressed his desire to bring out topics which Board members felt needed attention so that a determination could be made whether these items needed policy action or other input from the Board.

Topics discussed included:

- Administrator reports at Board meetings. A desire was expressed to have monthly reports from administrators at Board meetings describing some of the things happening in their area. Consensus was that this was a good idea. Building

principals will present monthly, with other administrators presenting on a rotating basis.

- Desired improvements in the athletic department. Various issues were raised including improvements in communication and the quality of coaches. The Policy Committee will meet to continue looking at some of the issues potentially needing policy attention. This meeting will take place on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
- Various issues at the CAC. Discussion was held regarding the potential for asking the community for a recreation millage to assist in providing more support for needs at the CAC and in the recreation program as a whole.
- Alternates to serve on Board committees. It was decided to not move forward on this idea for now.
- Board Training. After discussion, the Board felt that it was appropriate to set an expectation for all Board members that they become certified Board members through the MASB training program within their first two years of service.
- Martin Luther King Day. Mr. Hutchins inquired whether there was a possibility that the district observe Martin Luther King Day by having the day off from school. There was discussion regarding the ways that the district can promote a variety of positive cultural observances.
- Student mentoring programs. A need for student mentoring programs was discussed.
- Balanced Calendar. The Board discussed the recent workshop on balanced calendar put on by AAESA. Most members expressed support for moving forward with further exploration of the concept. Mr. Sanchez expressed his desire for the district to focus on other current issues.
- Balanced Budget. Mr. Johnson expressed his desire for the Board to focus on establishing a balanced budget moving forward.

4. OTHER ITEMS

- Distinguished Alumni Award. Mr. Weeldreyer distributed the latest draft of the documents related to this new program, and informed the Board that publicity would begin in the next week.
- Bond Issue Surveys. Surveys to solicit input from the community on potential bond issue needs are being finalized, and should be out in the near future.
- Next Work Session. The next work session will focus on the Board self-evaluation that was recently completed and compiled. This meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

G. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD TABLE

None

H. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried: 6-0

Respectfully submitted by,


Julie Michele
Board Secretary