



FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2023
BOARD ROOM – 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Toby Hutchins at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

TAKING OF THE ROLL

Present: Mr. Toby Hutchins	Mr. Manuel Sanchez
Mr. Juliet Michele	Mr. Ross Thiele
Mr. Paul Hapke	Mrs. Angie Pena-Smith

Absent: Ms. Natalie Bustillos

B. ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON

Motion by Michele, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education appoint Mr. Hutchins as Temporary Chairperson. No other nominations.

Motion Carried: 5-1

C. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2023

President

Motion by Michele, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education appoint Mr. Hutchins to the position of Board President. No other nominations.

Motion Carried: 5-1

Vice President

Motion by Hapke, supported by Michele, that the Board of Education appoint Mr. Sanchez to the position of Vice President. No other nominations.

Motion Carried: 6-0 Unanimous

Secretary

Motion by Hapke, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education appoint Mr. Thiele to the position of Secretary. No other nominations.

Motion Carried: 6-0 Unanimous

Treasurer

Motion by Thiele, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education appoint Mr. Hapke to the position of Treasurer. No other nominations.

Motion Carried: 5-1

D. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion by Michele, supported by Hapke, to approve a revised agenda.

Motion Carried: 6-0 Unanimous

Motion by Michele, supported by Sanchez, to amend Action Item H-1b-c to combine committees.

Motion Carried: 6-0 Unanimous

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

F. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes	Treasurer's Report	Summary of Bills	Offer of Probationary Contract
December 19, 2022 Regular Meeting	December 2022	December 2022	Kelsy Overhiser

6. Dates, Times, and Locations of Board Meetings

Monday, February 20, 2023

Monday, March 20, 2023

Monday, April 17, 2023

Monday, May 15, 2023

Monday, June 19, 2023*

Monday July 17, 2023

Monday August 21, 2023

Monday, September 18, 2023

Monday, October 16, 2023

Monday, November 20, 2023

Monday, December 18, 2023

*Budget Hearing to precede Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

All Regular meetings to be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room unless otherwise posted. Special Meetings and Work Sessions will be scheduled as necessary.

7. Designate official depositories for all District Funds to be Allegan Community Federal Credit Union, Huntington Bank, and the Michigan School District Liquid Asset Fund Plan.

8. That the Board of Education continue to use the Debt Retirement Account at Huntington Bank for the purpose of depositing taxes and for bond payments, continue to use the Sinking Fund Account at Huntington Bank for the purpose of depositing taxes and for payment of allowable Sinking Fund expenses, and continue to use the Community Recreation Fund Account at Huntington Bank for the purpose of depositing taxes and for payment of allowable Community Recreation Fund expenses.

9. Authorize signatories for all accounts as indicated, and as funds are deposited in the designated depositories as presented in this Agenda:

All General Fund and Debt Fund and Sinking Fund Accounts – any two of the following persons:

Board President, Board Vice President, Board Secretary, Board Treasurer, James Greydanus, Superintendent, and the appointed CFO and Controller for the District.

All School Service Fund Accounts (School Lunch) and all Student Activity Fund Accounts – the following persons: Board President, James Greydanus, Superintendent, and the appointed CFO and Controller for the District.

and further, that the previously approved signatories continue to be in effect until such time that the new signature authorization cards are completed.

10. Authorize immediate deposit of school funds in established depositories without the Treasurer's signature, and further, that the Superintendent or designee be authorized to transfer funds between Board-approved institutions and accounts in accordance with accepted business procedures, and in the best interest of the District, commensurate with the Board of Education Policy.
11. Authorize the following positions to use District purchase cards in conducting District business: Superintendent, High School Principal, Middle School Principal, Elementary Principal, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Athletic Director, Food Service Director, Facilities Director, MTSS Director, Technology Director, Transportation Director, Mechanic, Executive Secretary, Special Education Secretary, Homeless Liaison, and Robotics Coach.
12. Designate the CFO, Controller, and /or designee as the District's Electronic Transfer Officers.
13. Authorize the CFO and Controller for the District to assume specified responsibilities of the Board Secretary.
14. Designate the Superintendent to assume specified responsibilities of the Board Secretary.
15. Authorize the Superintendent to sign contract documents on behalf of the District and the Board of Education.
16. Appoint the Executive Secretary to serve as deputy to the Secretary of the Board for coordinating all school election efforts with the County Clerk and appropriated agencies.
17. Appoint the Executive Secretary to coordinate the postings of any and all public notices of public meetings.

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18. Retain the firm of Thrun Law Firm, P.C. of Lansing, Michigan and Scholten Fant, P.C. of Grand Haven, Michigan, as General Board Counsel, and further that the Superintendent be authorized to solicit such legal counsel as the Board or as the Superintendent may from time-to-time deem necessary.
19. Retain the auditing firm of Maner Costerisan, P.C. for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.
20. Appoint the Curriculum Director and Middle School Principal as Title IX/Civil Rights/Non-Discrimination Coordinators.

Motion Carried: 6-0 Unanimous

G. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Jim Greydanus

- High school students celebrated Snow coming events and dance the week prior.
- Welcomed new Board Member, Angie Pena-Smith.
- Staff received apparel for Christmas this year.
- January 20, 2023 ends the first marking period for students.
- Transportation staff update
- Michigan's teacher initiative Grow Your Own program has been received well with staff. We have a good number of staff interested in the program.
- Allegan ESA along with other state ISD's signed on to support Talent Together Consortium, a statewide program of grow-your-own educator programs to eliminate financial barriers to address teacher vacancies.
- Strategic Planning rescheduled after February 1, 2023.
- Crisis Response Team update
- Thanked the Board for their support to close school Friday, January 13.
- Thanked Aramark staff for going above and beyond for setting up the gymnasium.
- Thanked Beth Ayotte for organizing and scheduling West Michigan therapy dogs to be present during visitation.

H. NEW BUSINESS

Informational/Discussion/Presentation Items:

Action Items:

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Motion by Hapke, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education appoint the designated members to serve on the following standing committees for 2023.

- a. Board Policy & Personnel Committee
 1. Toby Hutchins (chair)
 2. Paul Hapke
 3. Natalie BustillosAlternate: Juliet Michele

- b. Facilities & Transportation, and Finance Committee
 - 1. Paul Hapke (chair)
 - 2. Manuel Sanchez
 - 3. Toby Hutchins
 - Alternate: Ross Thiele

- c. Student & Community Programs Committee
(This committee will select the Paine Volunteerism Award winner)
 - 1. Juliet Michele (chair)
 - 2. Ross Thiele
 - 3. Angie Pena-Smith
 - Alternate: Toby Hutchins

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6-0 Unanimous

2. APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES

Motion by Hapke, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education appoint the designated members to serve as delegates and representatives for 2023.

- a. MASB Delegate Assembly
 - Delegates
 - 1. Juliet Michele
 - 2. Toby Hutchins
 - Alternates
 - 1. Ross Thiele
 - 2. Angie Pena-Smith

- b. Allegan County School Board Association Delegate
 - 1. Manuel Sanchez
 - Alternate
 - 1. Ross Thiele

- c. Fennville Educational Foundation Representative
 - 1. Juliet Michele

- d. Community Recreation Advisory Board
 - 1. Toby Hutchins

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6-0 Unanimous

I. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr. Lombard, HS Principal re:
 - Thanked Mr. Greydanus for his leadership, and the staff, and community for their support during the recent crisis response.
- Mr. Potts, MS Principal re:

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- Crisis Response Team were incredible; staff taking the time to check on each other
- Resignation of Lynn Fuller, Art Teacher
- New Hire, Kelsy Overhiser, Art Teacher

J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD TABLE

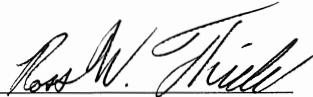
- Toby Hutchins re:
 - Work Sessions scheduled regularly, general topic discussion
 - Work Session scheduled February 7, at 6:00 p.m. discussion is superintendent evaluation and goals, and student support services.
 - Facilities and Transportation Committee meeting scheduled February 2 at 6:00 p.m. Topic of discussion is the tennis courts.
 - Chair of each committee will report out at every Regular Meeting.
 - Humbling honor to have Brent Potts and Albert Lombard speak at the funeral. Thankful for all the staff and proud to know everyone that was able to help staff and students.
- Paul Hapke re:
 - Board become more involved in the decision process during a crisis.
 - Recommends school support staff check in on regular staff continuously due to long term effects of trauma.
- Ross Thiele re:
 - Thanked staff for all their help during the crisis response.
- Juliet Michele re:
 - Her student commented the funeral service felt like a place of comfort.
- Mr. Greydanus, Superintendent re:
 - March 15, ACSBA will be hosting an MASB legal update with Legal Counsel and Director of Labor Relations/Policy Brad Banasik.
 - Outstanding People for Education Awards dinner held May 31, 2023 at Martin Public Schools.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Thiele, supported by Michele to adjourn. (7:53 p.m.)

Recorded by Executive Secretary, Marileen Pitts

Respectfully submitted by,



Ross Thiele
Board Secretary