



**FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
JANUARY 20, 2020  
BOARD ROOM 7:00 P.M.**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**TAKING OF THE ROLL**

Present: **Mr. Dave Johnson**                      **Mr. Tobias Hutchins**  
**Mr. Julio Almanza**                              **Mr. Jayson Hicks**  
**Mr. Manuel Sanchez**                          **Mr. Ross Thiele**  
**Student Representative:**  
**Luis Vidal**

Absent: **Mr. John Raak**

**B. ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON**

*Motion by Johnson, supported by Almanza, that the Board of Education appoint Mr. Hutchins as Temporary Chairperson. No other nominations.*

**Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous**

**C. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2020**

**President**

*Motion by Hicks, supported by Almanza, that the Board of Education appoint Mr. Johnson to the position of Board President. No other nominations.*

**Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous**

**Vice President**

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

**Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous**

**Secretary**

*Motion by Hutchins, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education appoint Mr. Almanza to the position of Board Secretary. No other nominations.*

**Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous**

**Treasurer**

*Motion by Hutchins, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education appoint Mr. Hicks to the position of Board Treasurer. No other nominations.*

**Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous**

**D. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**F. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

<b>Minutes</b>	<b>Summary of Bills</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<b>Offer probationary contract</b>	<b>Accept Resignation</b>
<b>2.</b> December 16, 2019, Regular Meeting	<b>3.</b> December 2019	<b>4.</b> December 2019	<b>5.</b> Janet Hulst	<b>6.</b> Sue DeWyse

**Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous**

**7. Dates, Times, and Locations of Board Meetings**

Monday, February 17, 2020

Monday, March 16, 2020

Monday, April 20, 2020

Monday, May 18, 2020

Monday, June 15, 2020\*

Monday, July 20, 2020

Monday, August 17, 2020

Monday, September 21, 2020

Monday, October 19, 2020

Monday, November 16, 2020

Monday, December 21, 2020

\*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.

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

**9.** That the Board of Education continue usage of the Debt Retirement Account at

Chemical Bank for the purpose of depositing taxes and for bond payments and continue usage of the Sinking Fund Account at Chemical Bank for the purpose of depositing taxes and for payment of allowable Sinking Fund expenses.

10. 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 Trust and Agency Fund Accounts – the following persons: 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.

11. 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.
12. Authorize the following positions to use District purchase cards in conducting District business: Superintendent, High School Principal, Middle School Principal, Elementary Principal, Director of Secondary Student Services, Athletic Director, Food Service Director, Facilities Director, Federal Programs Director, Technology Director, Transportation Director, Mechanic, Executive Secretary, Special Education Secretary, Homeless Liaison, and Robotics Coach.
13. Designate the CFO, Controller, and /or designee as the District's Electronic Transfer Officers.
14. Authorize the CFO and Controller for the District to assume specified responsibilities of the Board Secretary.
15. Designate the Superintendent to assume specified responsibilities of the Board Secretary.
16. Authorize the Superintendent to sign contract documents on behalf of the District and the Board of Education.
17. 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.

18. Appoint the Executive Secretary to coordinate the postings of any and all public notices of public meetings.
19. 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.
20. Retain the auditing firm of Maner Costerisan, P.C. for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.
21. Appoint the Superintendent and High School Principal as Title IX/Civil Rights/Non-Discrimination Coordinators.

**G. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

1. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
  - Student Representative Luis Vidal gave an update on the high school events.
2. Jim Greydanus reported on the following items.
  - Introduction of newly approved 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science teacher Janet Hulst.
  - The high school band had an exceptional performance at the Michigan Music Conference on January 17. The high school choir students who were selected to perform at the MSVMA State Honor Choir held Saturday, January 18 at the Devos Performance Hall were amazing. Our students represented FPS very well.
  - Thank you to family, friends, and community members who attended the Michigan Music Conference concerts in support of our students.
  - The public comment window for our special waiver request for Title I, Part A carryover money is open. The comments will be compiled by MDE and presented to the U.S. Department of Education requesting a waiver from the limitation of having more than 15% in carryover two years in a row.
  - The Art Room is within its final stages of completion.
  - The Transportation building is about six weeks away from completion.
  - Bond Project Bid Package 3 is out for bid. A pre-bid meeting will be hold on January 27, 2020 with bids due on February 11, 2020.
3. BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH
  - January is School Board Appreciation Month. MASB stadium blankets and Montana's Bequet Caramels were passed out to Board members thanking them for their service.

- The Board took a 10-minute recess until 7:30 p.m. to enjoy treats and punch.

**H. NEW BUSINESS**

**Informational/Discussion/Presentation Items:**

1. Lisa Bradley presented the proposed 2019-2020 General and Sinking Fund Amendments.

**Action Items:**

**1. ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

*Motion by Hutchins, supported by Almanza, that the Board of Education establish the following committees:*

**Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous**

- a. Board Policy Committee
  1. David Johnson – Chair
  2. Julio Almanza
  3. Jayson HicksAlternate: Ross Thiele
- b. Finance Committee
  1. Jayson Hicks - Chair
  2. Manuel Sanchez
  3. Ross ThieleAlternate: John Raak
- c. Personnel Committee
  1. Dave Johnson - Chair
  2. Tobias Hutchins
  3. Manuel SanchezAlternate: Jayson Hicks
- d. Facilities and Transportation Committee
  1. Dave Johnson – Chair
  2. John Raak
  3. Jayson HicksAlternate: Tobias Hutchins
- e. Student Program Committee
  1. Tobias Hutchins – Chair
  2. Jayson Hicks
  3. Ross ThieleAlternate: Dave Johnson

- f. Paine Volunteerism Award Committee
  - 1. Julio Almanza
  - 2. Tobias Hutchins

2. **APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES**

*Motion by Hicks, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education appoint the following members to serve as delegates and representative for 2020.*

**Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous**

- a. MASB Delegate Assembly
  - Delegates
  - 1. Julio Almanza
  - 2. Tobias Hutchins
  - Alternates: Jayson Hicks
  - Ross Thiele
- b. Allegan County School Board Association
  - Delegate
  - 1. Ross Thiele
  - Alternate
  - 1. Julio Almanza
- c. Fennville Educational Foundation Representative
  - 1. Tobias Hutchins

3. **BOARD APPROVAL OF PROPOSED 2019-2020 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT**

*Motion by Almanza, supported by Thiele, that the Board of Education approve the proposed 2019-2020 General Fund budget amendment as presented.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Thiele, Almanza, Hutchins Hicks, Sanchez, Johnson

Nays: None

**Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous**

4. **BOARD APPROVAL OF PROPOSED 2019-2020 SINKING FUND AMENDMENT**

*Motion by Hicks, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education approve the proposed 2019-2020 Sinking Fund budget amendment as presented.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Thiele, Almanza, Hutchins Hicks, Sanchez, Johnson

Nays: None

**Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous**

5. **APPROVAL OF BUS PURCHASE**

*Motion by Hicks, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education approve the purchase of a new school bus from Holland Bus Company for \$92,381 conditional upon receipt of a grant award to cover 25% of the purchase price.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Thiele, Almanza, Hutchins Hicks, Sanchez, Johnson

Nays: None

**Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous**

**6. FIRST READING OF NEOLA POLICIES**

*Motion by Hutchins, supported by Hicks that the Board of Education conduct the first reading of NEOLA policies:*

1420	2628	5230	7300	8462
2265	3210	5330.02	7440.03	
2450	3220	6800	8400	

**Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous**

**I. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- The elementary will implement a national family literacy program called One School One Book. Students will bring home a copy of Hank Zipzer: Niagara Falls, or Does It? the second week in February. During the month of February, students and families will read the book together at home while celebrating and exploring the novel at school, reported Mr. Lombard.

**J. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION**

*Motion by Hutchins, supported by Hicks, that the Board of Education go into closed session. (7:59 p.m.)*

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Thiele, Almanza, Hutchins Hicks, Sanchez, Johnson

Nays: None

**Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous**

*Motion by Hutchins, supported by Hicks, that the Board of Education reconvene in open session. (8:40 p.m.)*

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Thiele, Almanza, Hutchins Hicks, Sanchez, Johnson

Nays: None

**Motion carried: 6-0 Unanimous**

**K. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD TABLE**

- A Work Session is scheduled for February 5, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.
- Fennville City Administrator Amanda Morgan will be meeting with Consumers Energy in hopes to develop a plan to add lights along the crosswalks, reported Mr. Johnson
- Toby Hutchins would like to revisit the discussion on a recreation mileage.
- Toby Hutchins asked if it were possible to add windows into the design of the high school cafeteria. He would like the students and staff to enjoy the natural sunlight.

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- Mr. Hicks is looking forward to the induction of Bonifacio “Barney” Rodriguez and Todd Onken into the Athletics Hall of Fame Friday, January 31, 2020.
- Mr. Hicks suggested that both inductees be invited to speak words of encouragement to the basketball teams.
- Mr. Johnson shared his concerns with coaches moving too many students up to the varsity level and the effects on other varsity athletes and the lower level teams.
- Mr. Johnson recommended there be a lighted sign advertising school activity by the credit union.

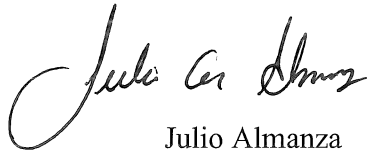
**L. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Hutchins supported by Hicks, to adjourn. (9:13 p.m.).*

**Motion carried          6-0          Unanimous**

*Recorded by Executive Secretary, Marileen Pitts*

Respectfully Submitted by,



Julio Almanza  
Board Secretary