



**FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 17, 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. Manuel Sanchez
Mr. Ross Thiele	Ms. Natalie Bustillos
Mrs. Angie Pena-Smith	

Absent: Mr. Paul Hapke	Mrs. Juliet Michele
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B. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

D. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes	Treasurer's Report	Summary of Bills	Offer of Probationary Contract	Resignation of	Retirement of
June 19, 2023 Budget Hearing, June 19, 2023 Regular Meeting	June 2023	June 2023	Jordyn White, Katie Burrows-Stone	Eric Cameron, Jayd Tibbitts	Teresa Wood

Motion Carried: 5-0 Unanimous

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Personnel updates

- New hire for High School ELA - Katie Burrows-Stone,
- New hire for Elementary teaching position - Jordyn White
- New hire for School Resource Officer (SRO) - Deputy Jason Kruithuff
- New hire for Speech & Language Pathologist - Allegan Public Schools will hold the contract and we will benefit from 0.2 FTE.
- Interview upcoming for MS Social Worker to replace our previous SSW who resigned.
- Applicants are being accepted for Central Office Administrative Assistant & Migrant Support to replace an upcoming retirement.
- Applicants are also being accepted for instructional aides, long term subs and other positions.
- Resignation accepted for ECSE position to spend more time with her young family.

Policies

- Two ideas for securing a veteran instructional aide if recommended by the committee.
- Look at a signing bonus to make up the difference in pay around the region.
 - Revisit the guidelines sooner to consider more of a regional comparison for both aides and admin assistants.

Student & Community Programs

- Student Handbooks
- Final approval by this subcommittee and determine a meeting time sometime between Aug 4-9
- Investigation around "Protect Young Eyes" as a presentation for both students and parents is underway
- Applicants being accepted for Central Office Administrative Assistant & Migrant Support to replace an upcoming retirement.
- Applicants are also being accepted for instructional aides, long term subs and other positions.

Finance Committee (& Facilities, Transportation, Technology):

- Dr. Greer, John Solomon, and Jesse Gierucki met to quantify an estimate of ESSER sunsetting.
- Cabinet Retreat Aug 2-3
- Section update
- Dr. Bultman, toured the campus and complimented on our Facilities.
- Thankful and appreciative of Jim Stevens work this summer keeping areas updated with a fresh coat of paint.

Transportation Director Report 7.14.23

- All our drivers from last school year are returning. 6 full-time drivers and 2 part time drivers will share a route.
- Investigating the purchase of 1-2 new vans or small buses, instead of buying a school bus this year.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion Items:

1. Student Monthly Recognition Proposal (Sept – June)
2. Student Handbooks – Administration Overview

Action Items:

1. FIRST READING OF HANDBOOKS

Motion by Thiele, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education conduct the first reading and authorize the Student Program Committee to adopt the Elementary School, Middle School, High School, Pearl Alternative High School handbooks for the 2023-2024 school year.

2. RATIFICATION OF THE ENERGY CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS

Motion by Thiele, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education ratify and affirm the \$700,000 energy conservation improvement bond resolution.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0 Unanimous

3. APPROVAL OF 7th GRADE TRIP

Motion by Thiele, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education approve the 7th grade trip to Middleville, MI for November 1-3, 2023.

Motion Carried: 5-0 Unanimous

G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

H. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD TABLE

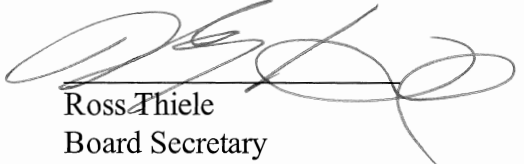
- Toby Hutchins re: Scheduled Student Program Committee meeting for August 7, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.
 - MASB Annual Leadership Conference held November 9-12, 2023
 - Attending local township meetings providing information on the Community Recreation Millage
- Angie Pena-Smith re: Inquired when the Back-to-School postcards go out
- Dr. Greer re: Back-to-School postcards go out first week in August

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Thiele, supported by Sanchez, to adjourn. (7:43 p.m.)

Recorded by Executive Secretary, Marileen Pitts

Respectfully submitted by,


Ross Thiele
Board Secretary