

**FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
JUNE 10, 2020  
BOARD ROOM – 6:00 P.M.**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 6:24 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**TAKING OF THE ROLL**

Present: Mr. David Johnson  
Mr. Tobias Hutchins  
Mr. Ross Thiele  
Mr. John Raak

Absent: Mr. Julio Almanza  
Mr. Manuel Sanchez

Also Present: Mr. Jim Greydanus, Mrs. Lisa Bradley, Mr. John Solomon

**B. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**D. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Agenda			

**Motion carried: 4-0 Unanimous**

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

**Informational/Discussion/Presentation Items**

1. Mrs. Bradley presented the 2019-2020 budget final amendment recommendation. There have been savings from utilities, fuel, and substitute costs in addition to the freeze on spending due to the COVID-19 school closing. Revenues are predicted to exceed expenses by over \$300,000 for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The freeze on end-of-year spending was in anticipation of a potential proration for 2019-2020 and forecasts of significant cuts to the per pupil foundation allowance in 2020-2021.
2. Mrs. Bradley presented the draft budget for 2020-2021. The May revenue estimating conference results show a significant shortfall in the state aid fund which equate to a reduction in per pupil funding of approximately \$675 for 2019-2020 and an additional \$675 for 2020-2021. The legislature may elect to use some of the Rainy Day Fund to

lessen the impact of the potential proration for 2019-2020 and cuts for 2020-2021. There is not enough money in the Rainy Day Fund to cover the predicted shortfall, so significant funding cuts are likely. The 2020-2021 draft budget is based on an estimated loss of 30 students and a reduction in state aid of \$1,000 per pupil.

3. Mr. Greydanus presented information about preliminary discussions about reopening school in the fall. What schools are able to do will depend on restrictions from the state level related to the prevention of COVID-19. The three main options are: (1) full opening and return to school; (2) a hybrid plan where part of the students' time is spent in school and the rest is online to limit the number of students in the classroom at one time; or (3) full online or remote learning. One of the priorities for Fennville is to develop an online option for students and parents who choose to continue learning from home into the new school year. Mr. Greydanus recommends that the Board set the first day of school as August 31, 2020. This will be an action item on the June 15 agenda.
4. Mr. Hutchins presented a CAC funding plan that would include a 0.5 recreation millage. The Board of Education discussed placing this request on the ballot for November. The deadline to pass a resolution to put this request on the November ballot must be approved by one week after the August 4 primary election.

**F. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS**

*Motion by Hutchins, supported by Thiele, that the Board of Education enter closed session to discuss negotiations.*

**Motion carried: 4-0 Unanimous**

**Entered Closed Session at 8:28 p.m.**

*Motion by Hutchins, supported by Raak, that the Board of Education return to open session.*

**Motion carried: 4-0 Unanimous**

**Returned to Open Session at 8:53 p.m.**

**G. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD TABLE**

None

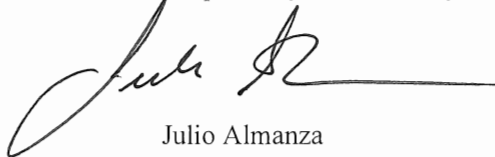
**H. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Hutchins, supported by Raak, to adjourn. (8:53 p.m.).*

**Motion carried 4-0 Unanimous**

*Recorded by Superintendent Jim Greydanus*

Respectfully Submitted by,



Julio Almanza  
Board Secretary