

FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 19, 2018  
BOARD ROOM – 7:00 P.M.

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 7:02 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**TAKING OF THE ROLL**

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

Absent: None

**B. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs. Sessions is excited about the HAWK program Chief Rekucki has started in each of the school buildings.

Mrs. Sessions updated the board on their Senior Social that meets every Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. All are invited to attend!

Mrs. Sessions has organized a trip to Gun Lake Casino and will be donating proceeds to purchase snacks for the FHS Robotics Team to take with them on their trip.

**D. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Minutes	Summary of Bills	Treasurer's Report
February 19, 2018 Regular Meeting	February 2018	February 2018

Motion carried: 7-0 Unanimous

**E. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**1. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

- Mr. Hutchins gave the student report due to the absence of the Student Representative.
- The FHS Student Council hosted a successful blood drive February 22. The next blood drive is May 2, 2018; see Mrs. Hoover to sign up.
- Salmon in Mrs. McNeal's class are doing great! This is a record year, having 183 fish so far. The target date for Salmon Release Day and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Science Fair is April 27, 2018. Mrs. McNeal has been working on inviting state level dignitaries as guests and has received positive responses.
- The elementary had five students that participated in the Michigan Music Education Association Elementary Choir Saturday, March 17 at Grand Ledge High School. The following students were selected for this honor after auditioning last fall. Isabelle Michele (4<sup>th</sup> grade), May-Ling Huynh-Mendoza, Christina Mendoza-Canal, Ava Ellis, and Kalee Kramer (5<sup>th</sup> grade). Congratulations to these girls for their accomplishments!
- Thanks to Brianna Clark for the time and dedication in preparing them.
- The middle school concert is tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. The theme of the concert is HOPE. The Chamber Choir is featured guest.
- The Chamber Choir and seven soloists will be singing at State Solo and Ensemble Festival April 13, 2018 at Allendale High School.
- Fenntastics and the Chamber Choir received "1's" at the District Choral Festival. Both choirs have qualified for the State Choral Festival in May at Hope College.
- The high school English department hosted their first Scholastic book fair March 5-16. It was a huge a success!
- The high school now qualifies to host another book fair next year and offer a BOGO fair in the spring. The English department has already begun purchasing books through the fair with the money and will get them on the library shelves as soon as they are organized into genres.
- Prom 2018 will be held on April 21 at the Howard Miller Community Center in Zeeland, from 7:00-11:00 p.m. The theme this year is "Under the City Lights".

**2. PRINCIPAL REPORT**

- Fennville Middle School Kim Principal, Ms. Zdybel introduced middle school math teacher Jennifer Howard, 7<sup>th</sup> grade students Joey Skerbeck and Phillippe Clark, who presented on a new class being offered this year, Career Coding. This class is a semester, and provides hands on coding, exploration, and problem solving. Students are learning to use the python platform.

- Mrs. Howard reported she is hearing positive feedback from students! The class allows students to be creative, to enjoy the class, and to practice the language of the future.
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade student Joey Skerbeck stated that the class is individualized, unique, and allows him to work at his own pace.
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade student Phillippe Clark reported the class allows for creativity, uniqueness, and for students to work within parameters.
- Fennville Elementary Principal Albert Lombard introduced teachers Cherie Schmidt and Terri DeRoo who presented information about the Crazy 8 after school math program. There are 2 groups for K-2 and 3-5 with 16 students per group. This is an entirely free program that teaches higher thinking skills. The program started out small and grew to about 120 students.
- Mrs. DeRoo heard many compliments on the program. Parents said students were coming home excited about math!

### 3. REPRODCUTIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE REVIEW

Mr. Harbaugh reported the Committee met twice this year to review Fennville's Reproductive Health Curriculum. Public meetings were held in January and February to discuss their goals; 1: make certain that parents are empowered to be primary health educators. 2. Support/encourage the use of the Michigan Model for Health and have materials readily available. Mr. Harbaugh indicated they have purchased additional materials.

### 4. REPORT BY CHIEF GREG REKUCKI

The City of Fennville Police Department is collaborating with Fennville Public Schools to offer the HAWK Outstanding Character Award to students in grades K-8. The HAWK award is presented to two students in each grade that are demonstrating Honesty, Ambition, Willingness to lend a hand, and Kindness toward their fellow students and the school staff. Teachers will nominate students each month throughout the school year, and recipients of the award will be recognized during a school wide assembly and receive a t-shirt.

Chief Rekucki is interested in having a central location in the high school allowing him to develop positive relationships with students and staff. He is assisting Mr. Hicks in the weight room and is looking forward in joining the elementary reading program March 21 by reading to a class.

## F. NEW BUSINESS

### Informational/Discussion/Presentation Items

- A Budget Work Session will take place concurrent with the work session already scheduled for April 11. The first half hour will be used for the budget discussion, followed by a discussion of superintendent evaluation.
- The Board decided to wait to schedule the Facilities and Transportation Committee meeting until Mr. Greydanus was available to help identify a date and time.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**1. APPROVAL OF TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEES CONTRACT**

*Motion by Michele, supported by Hutchins, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Fennville Public Schools Board of Education and the Bus Drivers and Mechanics Teamsters Local 214 for March 19, 2018 through June 30, 2019.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Hutchins, Almanza, Sanchez, Michele, Hicks, Raak, Johnson

Nays: None

Motion carried: 7-0 Unanimous

**2. APPROVAL OF HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND DINNER DANCE FUNDRAISER**

*Motion by Michele, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education approve the proposal from the Band Boosters to hold the Jazz Band Dinner Dance at Fenn Valley.*

Motion carried: 7-0 Unanimous

**3. APPROVAL OF ARCHITECT CONTRACT WITH GMB**

*Motion by Hicks, supported by Michele, that the Board of Education approve the Contract with GMB to provide the architect services for the 2018 Bond Project.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Hutchins, Almanza, Sanchez, Michele, Hicks, Raak, Johnson

Nays: None

Motion carried: 7-0 Unanimous

**4. APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SKILLMAN CORPORATION**

*Motion by Hicks, supported by Michele, that the Board of Education approve the Contract with The Skillman Corporation to provide construction services for the 2018 Bond Project.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Hutchins, Almanza, Sanchez, Michele, Hicks, Raak, Johnson

Nays: None

Motion carried: 7-0 Unanimous

**G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Band Booster President, Mrs. Ilmberger thanked the Board on the behalf of Band Boosters and students for allowing their trip to Disney. There were about 65 students and 10 adults on the trip. The clinic was educational, students did very well, parents and the district should be very proud of them.
- Charter bus company drivers shared that our students on the Disney trip were the most well-behaved group they have ever had, according to reports Mr. Hicks heard.
- Year after year, Mr. Hicks hears good reports on our band students' success. The students love and respect Mr. Andrews.
- Mrs. Martin reported that all band students were able to go Disney. The Band Boosters received donations from the community to help offset the costs for students with financial difficulty.
- Mrs. Higgins would like the board to consider more recess time for middle school students. She has ideas that she would like to share with staff in creating a plan to help kids become more active.
- Mrs. Roper and Mrs. Ludwig are in support of Mrs. Higgins' idea of more recess/breaks for middle school students.
- Mr. Harbaugh reported the district's goal is to allow/create more hands-on activities during instruction. The district is working towards creating more in-class opportunities for student activity.

**H. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD TABLE**

- Mr. Hutchins was amazed at the number of community members who came out to support the Everybody Loves Ana fundraiser. The line was out the door! Mr. Hutchins stated people who were not from the Fennville Community came out in support. Mr. Hutchins was glad that we were able to provide a place to host the event for one of our students.
- Mr. Almanza was also impressed with the outpouring community support received for the Everybody Loves Ana fundraising event.
- Mrs. Michele would like the board to consider renovating the elementary playground equipment for our students. She would like more of a communal space for students.
- Mr. Hutchins shared that the technology in the middle school is top notch, the vision has improved to be 1:1.
- Mr. Johnson reported the ACCU lease agreement has now been finalized. He is hoping that they will be open for business at the beginning of May. Mr. Johnson is glad that the Board was able to bring back a local bank to the community. He is hopeful we will be able to open an Early Childhood Center in the future.

Approval Date: April 16, 2018

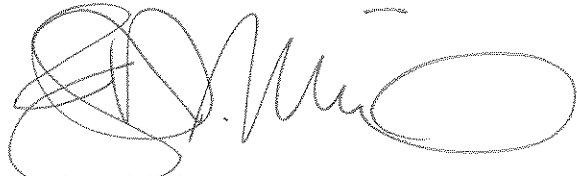
**I. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Hutchins, supported by Michele, to adjourn. (8:07 p.m.).*

**Motion carried 7-0 Unanimous**

*Recorded by Executive Secretary, Marileen Pitts*

Respectfully Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Juliet Michele". The signature is stylized with large, overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**Juliet Michele  
Board Secretary**