

FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 20, 2017
BOARD ROOM – 7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

TAKING OF THE ROLL

Present: Mr. David Johnson Mr. Tobias Hutchins
Mr. Jayson Hicks Mr. Manuel Sanchez
Mr. Julio Almanza Student Representative,
Clay Rosema

Absent: Mr. John Raak Mrs. Juliet Michele

B. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

D. CONSENT AGENDA

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

| Minutes | Summary of Bills | Treasurer's Report | Agenda |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------|
| October 16, 2017 Regular Meeting | October 2017 | October 2017 | |

Motion carried: 5-0 Unanimous

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mrs. McNeal attended the latest Salmon in the Classroom training at the Wolf Lake Hatchery on Wednesday November 8 and brought back about 200 Chinook Salmon eggs. They have been safely lodged in the salmon tank in her classroom. They are expected to hatch somewhere around Thanksgiving.

The National Honor Society held their Induction Ceremony on November 9. They will be inducting 15 new members. The inductees will be joining four remaining members.

FHS had thirty-one students successfully donate blood on November 8. Forty-two students attempted eleven volunteered. There are two remaining blood drives scheduled for 2/22/18 and 5/2/2018.

The FHS teaching staff would like the board to know how much the three Chromebook carts are used. All subjects and grade levels are taking full advantage of them. Mrs. Guitierrez is creating online reviews, quizzes, and tests.

Students and parents/guardians have been very positive about the students using technology in a variety of ways.

The FHS teachers would like more chrome books on carts or put a chrome book in every student's hands so that every teacher can have access when desired.

The High School Art Department has a lot going on. After the Goose Festival Art Show, Native American Artist, Jason Wesaw, visited them. Mr. Wesaw was sponsored by a grant through Saugatuck Center for the Arts. He shared his art and the meaning behind it. The students created an assignment inspired by his work, which was displayed at the SCA's main gallery.

On November 6, selected student artwork and collaborative pieces from three classes was on display at the SCA. This program is in cooperation with Saugatuck students to benefit Outdoor Discovery Center in Hamilton and the Be Nice program, a mental Health initiative. The display will be up through December 15.

The high school Student Council will sponsor a Penny War to raise funds for the Fennville Christmas Basket Project beginning November 27 thru December 4.

Snowcoming is scheduled for February 2, 2018. We will be playing against Watervliet.

Prom is scheduled for April 21, 2018.

2. Mr. Greydanus introduced new Robotics Team Coach, Rick Lowing.

Fox 17 news presented MS/HS Band Director, Paul Andrews with Teacher of the Week Award. The correspondent from Fox 17 said that FHS staff did a wonderful job keeping our students body entertained during the breaks. They had not experienced that from any of the other schools.

Superintendent Greydanus explained Martin Public Schools would like to contract Food Service Director, George Siedis as a mentor for their new Food Service Director for the 2017-2018 school year. He went on to say that, Bangor Public Schools also would like to contract George Siedis as Food Service Director for the 2017-2018 school year. Mr.

2. APPROVAL OF FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR AGREEMENT WITH MARTIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Motion by Hicks, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education approve the Food Service Director agreement with Martin Public Schools to provide a mentoring service for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion carried: 5-0 Unanimous

3. APPROVAL OF FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR AGREEMENT WITH BANGORPUBLIC SCHOOLS

Motion by Hicks, supported by Sanchez, that the Board of Education approve the Food Service Director Agreement with Bangor Public Schools for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion carried: 5-0 Unanimous

4. EARLY GRADUATION REQUEST

Motion by Almanza, supported by Hicks, that the Board of Education approve early graduation Request for Oscar Ruiz upon completion of all Fennville High School graduation Requirements.

Motion carried: 5-0 Unanimous

5. APPROVAL OF THE ARAMARK CONTRACT AMENDMENT CORRECTION

Motion by Hutchins, supported by Hicks, that the Board of Education approve the Amendment No. 2 to the Management Services Agreement between Fennville Public Schools and Aramark for July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 with up to four consecutive one-year renewals.

Motion carried: 5-0 Unanimous

G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Greydanus updated the Board there was separate voice mailbox from the transportation direct line that was not known by the new staff. Mike Smith and Matt Schmidt found that outside phone calls go to this voicemail, while calls that are transferred from the offices go to Anne's mailbox.

Mr. Greydanus suggested once funds were available from the bond, the phone system needs to be the first item updated.

Mr. Greydanus received a call from community member, Mary Jackson who planned to attend the Board meeting but her grandson was very ill. Mrs. Jackson asked Mr. Greydanus to speak on her behalf and ask the Board to consider adding a bus stop at Orchard Hills Estate.

Mr. Hicks agreed with the suggestion to add a bus stop at Orchard Hills Estate. He stated that we have too many students that live at Orchard Hills. It is not a safe walking trail for students.

Mr. Hutchins suggested that the Board collaborate with City Hall to come up with a plan that would allow features be added to the walking trail that would assist in keeping students safe. Mr. Hutchins believes this would be a good partnership.

Mr. Greydanus shared information on a grant called Safe Routes to School that may help offset some of the fees.

Greydanus explained the benefit to FPS contracting with Bangor Public Schools would be a savings of \$22,000.

We received a little carry over money from Title 5, which would allow us to purchase three Chromebook carts at the same price to fix up the computers in the lab. These carts will be at the elementary and students in grades 3-5 will use them to assist in prepping for the spring assessment.

Superintendent Greydanus gave an Update on the Bond Proposal. The recommendation will be to use Fifth Third Securities as the Bond Underwriter with Raymond James as the Co-manager. The schedule calls for the money to be available on March 6, 2018.

Thrun Law is preparing a contract for the architect, GMB, and a draft for the construction manager to be released with the RFP.

Superintendent suggested that the first item to replace is the phone system. The current one is becoming obsolete. It is over 17 years old and parts are difficult to replace.

3. FOOD SERVICE REPORT

Mr. Siedis gave an update of what is happening in the Food Service Department so far this year. Jordan interned from the beginning of the school year until November. Jordan worked on recipes and developed a meal planner.

The average of students receiving free/reduced lunch is 73%. Students receiving breakfast is 30%. Mr. Siedis would like to increase the percentage of students eating breakfast by adding different items to the menu. The plan is to survey the students on items they would like to see added to the breakfast menu.

The Food Service Department received an equipment grant about \$16,000. They will be using this money to purchase a new combination oven/steamer for the elementary school.

The Michigan Department of Education visited Fennville High School to create two videos about the Garden Wall that will be posted on the state website and YouTube. Frank Andrews' 2nd grade class was filmed planting seeds and making pesto pizza from the herbs that were grown on the Garden Wall. Mr. Siedis showed a draft version of the video.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Informational/Discussion/Presentation Items

A Work Session was scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 2017

ACTION ITEMS

1. FIRST READING OF NEOLA POLICIES

Motion by Hutchins, supported by Hicks, that the Board of Education conduct the first reading of NEOLA policies 1421, 1439, 2410, 2414, 2418, 3121, 3139, 4121, 4139, 8142, 8321

Motion carried: 5-0 Unanimous

Mr. Hutchins identified a community member in the audience that would like a bus stop at Orchard Hills.

Mr. Almanza told the community member that the Board of Education would be working towards getting transportation or a safer route created for the students that live in Orchard Hills.

H. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS

*Motion by Hutchins, supported Hicks, to move into closed session to discuss negotiations.
(7:49 p.m.)*

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Hicks, Almanza, Sanchez, Hutchins, Johnson

Nays: None

Motion carried: 5-0 Unanimous

Motion by Hutchins, supported by Sanchez to reconvene in open session. (8:17 p.m.)

Motion carried: 5-0 Unanimous

I. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD TABLE

Mr. Johnson asked for more information on the chrome book carts.

Mr. Hutchins asked if Professional Development included training on their use with the chrome books for staff. Superintendent Greydanus stated that staff has received training on Office 365 this year. Staff will receive more training on Office 365 later this year.

Mr. Hutchins asked the board members to sign Thank You cards to send out to all of the city/township clerks.

Mr. Hutchins and Mr. Johnson discussed keeping in contact with all of the townships to keep them updated on the happenings of the school district.

Mr. Hutchins suggested more videos be created including alumni. Superintendent Greydanus thought Rob Byrd might be a person interested in helping with this.

Superintendent Greydanus shared that the Drama Club will not be putting on a play this year. Students will be working on a film in its place. There will be a public viewing once completed.

Mr. Hutchins and Mr. Lombard would like to create a brochure that lists all local resources for families.

Superintendent Greydanus stated that Mr. Lombard was able to secure funding for food distributions in December and January.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hutchins, supported by Hicks, to adjourn. (8:50 p.m.)

Motion carried 5-0 Unanimous

Recorded by Executive Secretary, Marileen Pitts

Respectfully Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Juliet Michele".

**Juliet Michele
Board Secretary**