

FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2017  
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. 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**

None

**D. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Minutes	Summary of Bills	Treasurer's Report	Agenda
August 21, 2017 Regular Meeting	August 2017	August 2017	

Motion carried: 7-0 Unanimous

**E. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. Student Representative Matthew McAllister reported that the HS Physics class is doing exploratory STEM labs to test for speed and acceleration. The Salmon in the Classroom tank is up and running with goldfish at this time for an upcoming lab. The goldfish will be replaced by salmon eggs in mid-November. Homecoming will be held on September 29 with the theme of music genres.
2. Mr. Greydanus apologized for the delays in transportation the beginning of the school year. He explained that the information downloaded from the PowerSchool Student

Information System and uploaded into the Transfinder routing software was not fully accurate because under the old system parents would only call the bus garage with changes without notifying the building offices. The new systems will eventually be linked to avoid this problem in the future. He expressed thanks to Mr. Marietta and Mrs. Eckhardt for their care for families regarding a recent football sideline incident. Mr. Greydanus showed a slide comparing the Class of 2016 college enrollments for area schools. Fennville ranks high in part due to the College Advisor Program. He also reported that enrollment seems to be holding steady from last fall.

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

**Informational/Discussion/Presentation Items**

1. Transportation Director, Anne Brow presented a slide of the new Transfinder software and explained how the software is used to formulate routes.
2. Albert Lombard reported on the beginning of the year at Fennville Elementary School. He noted that enrollment is strong with some large grades. Preschool has 19 students. For Constitution Day there was a special presentation on the history of the U.S. Flag. The Blackhawk Chorale has over 50 students signed up. They will be singing the National Anthem at a home football game and singing on the opening night of the Goose Festival. The Feeding America food pantry program lost its grant funding. Mr. Lombard is working with them to try to reinstate the program in Fennville.
3. Corey Harbaugh reported on the plan for Fennville administrators to conduct instructional rounds where they observe classrooms together as a group and then reflect on their individual observations
4. Kim Zdybel reported that Fennville Middle School has changed the title of Summit to Pride and will have certain days set aside as Whatever I Need (WIN) sessions. During this time, students will receive extra assistance as needed. During the Pride time, teachers will be using the Skills 4 Success framework. Upward Bound will be visiting on Thursday to recruit students for this college preparation program.
5. Kelly Eckhardt reported that she is getting to know the students and staff at the beginning of the year. Summit meetings with individual grade levels went very well. She has introduced a daily reading form Project Wisdom. At the staff meeting, the teachers requested training on Office 365 and One Drive. There are already several college and military visits scheduled for students.
6. Bond Information Update – Mr. Greydanus showed the recently released “long” video that will be posted to Facebook and the website. The informational flyers will be mailed home soon and a fact sheet is being prepared. The ballots have been prepared, approved by the attorney, and presented to the Allegan County Clerk. There are public forums scheduled for September 19 and October 9.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**1. REINSTATEMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT**

*Motion by Hutchins, supported by Hicks that the Board of Education deny reinstatement for the high school student originally expelled on January 18, 2016.*

**Motion carried: 7-0 Unanimous**

**G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**H. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD TABLE**

Mr. Hicks thanked those who put in extra effort and long hours to help with the transportation changes. He was very impressed the support of the staff in getting students routed and on the correct bus.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Michele, supported by Hicks, to adjourn. (8:05 p.m.).*

**Motion carried 7-0 Unanimous**

*Recorded by Executive Secretary, Marileen Pitts*

Respectfully Submitted by,



Juliet Michele  
Board Secretary

