

FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2022
BOARD ROOM – 6:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Hutchins at 6:07 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

TAKING OF THE ROLL

Present: Mr. Tobias Hutchins
Mr. Ross Thiele
Mrs. Juliet Michele
Mr. Paul Hapke
Ms. Natalie Bustillos
Absent: Mr. Manuel Sanchez
Mr. Rico Ponce

Also Present: Mr. Jim Greydanus, Mrs. Jessie Gierucki

B. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

D. CONSENT AGENDA

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

| Agenda | | | |
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Motion carried: 5-0

E. NEW BUSINESS

Informational/Discussion/Presentation Items

1. Mr. Greydanus shared the concept of hiring bus drivers through a third-party contractor to reduce the amount paid to the retirement system and increase the hourly take-home pay. The members of the Board did not encourage further pursuit of this option. They would rather consider asking more parents to transport their own children to and from school or consider staggered start times for elementary and secondary to reduce the number of routes needed.
2. Mr. Greydanus shared the approach the District has taken to handling sensitive issues regarding gender and sexuality. Our staff members are expected to respect the student's gender expression without pushing their own agenda.

3. Mrs. Gierucki presented an update on the MTSS work that has been gaining traction in each of the buildings. Teachers are taking more ownership of PLCs and suggesting ways to make this designated time productive and beneficial.
4. Mr. Greydanus shared information about the new public relations team under the leadership of Mr. Andrews. There is now a designated content creator in each building who will prepare articles and social media posts to share the positive activities that are happening throughout the buildings.

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

G. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD TABLE

1. Mr. Hapke shared that the Fennville Area Fire Department will be on site for two days during Fire Prevention Week to share safety information with students at the Elementary.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hapke, supported by Michele, to adjourn.

Motion carried 4-0

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Recorded by Superintendent Jim Greydanus

Respectfully Submitted by,



Ross Thiele
Board Secretary