

FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
OCTOBER 10, 2017  
BOARD ROOM – 5:30 P.M.

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 5:34 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**TAKING OF THE ROLL**

Present: Mr. David Johnson Mr. Tobias Hutchins  
Mrs. Juliet Michele Mr. Jayson Hicks  
Mr. Manuel Sanchez

Absent: Mr. Julio Almanza Mr. John Raak

Also Present: Mr. Jim Greydanus Mrs. Kelly Eckhardt

B. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

C. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

D. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

<b>Agenda</b>			

Motion carried: 5-0 Unanimous

E. **NEW BUSINESS**

**Informational/Discussion/Presentation Items**

1. Student Discipline – Mr. Greydanus presented information on the changes to the law, effective August 1, 2017, related to long-term suspension and expulsion. For any suspension out of school or expulsion, the administration must consider seven factors including the student’s age, disciplinary history, disability, seriousness of the behavior, whether the behavior posed a safety risk, restorative practices, and whether lesser intervention would address the behavior. The Board then discussed student disciplinary consequences for possession, use and distribution of marijuana and other drugs on

campus. Mr. Greydanus presented the consequences that other area schools give for similar offenses. While all expel for distribution of illegal substances, consequences for possession and use are less. Most allow a shortened consequence if the student participates in a drug prevention program. Mr. Greydanus has been in contact with Allegan County Community Mental Health and they are willing to offer an eight-hour program on campus for students. In the short term, the Board members indicated they would support a long-term suspension of 45 days with the opportunity to reduce it to 20 days for someone without a significant disciplinary history. A second offense would result in expulsion. The Board directed Mr. Greydanus and Mrs. Eckhardt to prepare a recommended range of consequences for various offenses and present this at a future work session for further discussion.

2. A Personnel Committee meeting date will be set at the October 19 BOE meeting to discuss the possibility of sharing our food service director services with Bangor Public Schools.
3. Mr. Greydanus presented a list of township and other meetings for Board members and administrators to attend to provide information about the bond proposal.

**F. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD TABLE**

None

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Hutchins, supported by Hicks, to adjourn. (6:55 p.m.).*

**Motion carried      5-0      Unanimous**

*Recorded by Superintendent, Jim Greydanus*

Respectfully Submitted by,



Juliet Michele  
Board Secretary