



*Annual Organizational
Meeting*

Board Room

January 27, 2025



**Fruitport Community Schools
ANNUAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Board Room
3255 E. Pontaluna Rd, Fruitport 49415
Monday, January 27, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order – Jason Kennedy, Superintendent
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call (by recording secretary)
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
- V. Remarks from the Public
- VI. Election of Officers (attachment VI-1)
- VII. Designation of District employee(s) authorized to post Board meeting notices under the Open Meetings Act (attachment VII-1)
- VIII. Remarks from the Public
- IX. Adjournment

- Recess -

*Time is provided for members of the audience to address the Board of Education regarding any topic including items on the agenda. The Board is providing two opportunities for the public to comment during the meeting. The first is for people who wish to bring issues to the Board of Education for board consideration. At the end of the meeting, the Board will provide a brief opportunity for community members to comment on activities and/or discussion that took place during the Board meeting. Time limits may be placed if a large number of individuals would like to address the Board.

Note: Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodation for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in this meeting.

BOARD ACTION REQUEST FORM

Meeting Date: January 27, 2025

To: Board of Education

Attachment #VI-1

From: Jason J. Kennedy

Subject to be Discussed and Policy Reference: Election of Board Officers

Background Information: Board Policy 2405 – Board Officers, states that Board officer elections will take place at the organizational meeting. A candidate for a Board officer position must receive a majority vote (4 votes) of the board members then serving on the Board to be elected. Voting will be done by roll call vote. If multiple board members are nominated for any one board officer position, a written ballot will be cast, and the process for narrowing candidates will be repeated in subsequent voting rounds per Board policy. Nominations for board officer positions will be accepted, with the superintendent opening the meeting and conducting the election of the board president. Once a board president is elected, that person will conduct the elections of the remaining board officer positions.

Financial Impact:

None

Recommended Action:

- Motion to nominate Board President; motion to close nominations; motion and roll call vote to elect Board President.
- Motion to nominate Board Vice President; motion to close nominations; motion and roll call vote to elect Board Vice President.
- Motion to nominate Board Secretary; motion to close nominations; motion and roll call vote to elect Board Secretary.
- Motion to nominate Board Treasurer; motion to close nominations; motion and roll call vote to elect Board Treasurer.

Action Taken:

Vote: ___ Burgess ___ Cole ___ Hazekamp ___ Kelly

___ Meeuwenberg ___ Mueller ___ Six

AGENDA SECTION: Designation of a person to post meetings

BOARD ACTION REQUEST FORM

Meeting Date: January 27, 2025

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Attachment # VII-1

From: Jason J. Kennedy

Subject to be Discussed and Policy Reference:

Designation of a District employee to post Board meeting notices under the Open Meetings Act. See Board Policy 2506.

Background Information:

Board Policy 2506 – Organizational Meetings, states that the Board will designate a District employee to post Board meeting notices under the Open Meetings Act.

Financial Impact:

None

Recommended Action:

The Board designates Danielle VanderMuelen and Jason Kennedy as District employees to post Board meeting notices under the Open Meetings Act.

Action Taken:

Vote: ___ Burgess ___ Cole ___ Hazekamp ___ Kelly
 ___ Meeuwenberg ___ Mueller ___ Six

Series 2000 Bylaws

2400 Board Membership and Duties

2405 Board Officers

Board officers will consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Board officers must be Board members

A. Election of Board Officers

1. The Board must elect a President and Vice President. The Board may also elect a Treasurer and Secretary.
2. Board officer elections will take place at the Board's annual organizational meeting.
3. A candidate for a Board officer position must receive a majority vote of the Board members then serving on the Board.
 - a. If no person receives a majority vote in an initial vote, the candidates for a second vote will consist of:
 - i. the 2 persons who received the most votes; or
 - ii. if more than 2 persons are tied for the most votes received, all persons tied for most votes received; or
 - iii. if 1 person received the most votes and there is a tie for second place, the person who received the most votes and the persons tied for the second place.
 - b. The process for narrowing candidates will be repeated in subsequent voting rounds.
4. Elected Board officers will serve in that capacity until the next annual organizational meeting, unless a Board member resigns from the officer position or a Board majority votes to remove that Board member from the officer position.

- B. If the Board does not elect a Secretary, the President must appoint a Board member to the vacant office. If the Board does not elect a Treasurer, the President must appoint a Board member to the vacant office.

C. Removal of Board Officers

The Board, by a majority vote of the members then serving, may remove a Board officer from the officer position, with or without cause.

D. Board Officer Vacancies



1. If the office of President becomes vacant, the Vice President will succeed to the office of President for the balance of that office's term.
2. If the office of Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer becomes vacant, the Board must promptly elect a Board member to fill that vacancy.
3. If the office of Secretary or Treasurer becomes vacant, the Board may elect a Board member to fill that vacancy or the President may appoint a Board member to fill that vacancy. The person elected or appointed to a vacant Board office will serve in that office for the balance of that office's term.

E. Assistants to the Secretary and Treasurer

1. The Board may appoint an assistant to the Secretary and an assistant to the Treasurer who are not required to be Board members.
2. The Board may remove an assistant to the Secretary or an assistant to the Treasurer by majority vote. After a removal, the Board may appoint a person to fill the vacant position.

Legal authority: MCL 380.11a

Date adopted: 7/29/2021

Date revised:

Series 2000 Bylaws

2500 Board Meetings and Open Meetings Act Compliance

2506 Organizational Meetings

The Board's first regular meeting each calendar year will be an organizational meeting. During that meeting, the Board will:

- A. elect Board officers in compliance with Policy 2405. The Superintendent or designee will preside over the organizational meeting until a President is elected; and
- B. Reserved
- C. designate the District employee(s) authorized to post Board meeting notices under the Open Meetings Act.

The Board may perform any other act and conduct any other business it deems appropriate during an organizational meeting, and it may conduct additional organizational meetings during the calendar year.

Legal authority: MCL 380.11(a)(3)

Date adopted: 7/29/2021

Date revised: