



Student Affairs Committee
Monday, April 14, 2025
4:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location:

Fruitport Community Schools Central Office
3255 E. Pontaluna Rd.
Fruitport, MI 49415

Attendance:

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. with Tim Burgess, Dave Hazekamp, Josh Mueller, and Jason Kennedy present.

1. **Reminder: Student Disciplinary Hearings** - The Committee was reminded of two (2) student disciplinary hearings that have been scheduled for April 21, 2025. The first hearing will take place at 6:00 p.m., and the second hearing will take place at 6:30 p.m. on that date.
2. **Petition for Student Reinstatement Hearing** - The District has received a request to conduct a student reinstatement hearing for a middle school student that has previously been expelled from the District. A board resolution to appoint a reinstatement committee will be presented to the Board for consideration at the April 21, 2025 Board meeting.
3. **Review MAISD District Integration Process** - The Committee discussed the notes that were prepared by MAISD staff highlighting the continuous improvement efforts that are ongoing within the District. Many of these efforts are supported by staff from the MAISD.
4. **National Merit Finalists Announcement** - The Committee discussed the continuing academic performance and achievement of our students. In particular, the Committee discussed Elijah Hulka and Lydia Shi being named National Merit Finalists.
5. **Thrun Law Policy Updates: March 2025** - The Committee discussed a policy update from Thrun Law Firm pertaining to a new policy, Michigan Earned Sick Time Act

(ESTA), Policy 4113. A copy of the policy was provided to each member of the Committee for review as the first reading of the new policy in March, with a second reading of the policy occurring in April.

6. **School Climate Survey Follow-up** - The Committee discussed concerns pertaining to school climate surveys and the response of the District. These surveys were not administered at the middle school. The Committee discussed the importance of following the recommendations of legal counsel, while also not implementing practices that would violate Presidential Executive Orders, or other legal requirements.
7. **Other:**
 - a. The Committee discussed a federal update on the anti-discrimination obligations that Districts are required to certify to continue to receive federal financial assistance. As of the Committee meeting on April 14, 2025, the compliance date has been extended to April 24, 2025.
 - b. The Committee discussed the movement of Fruitport High School from Class B to Class A for the 2025-2026 school year, and potential impacts on athletic programs as a result of this reclassification.
8. **Public Comment:** None
9. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jason Kennedy, Superintendent