



Fruitport Community Schools
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 17, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:

Fruitport Community Schools Central Office
Board of Education Meeting Room
3255 E. Pontaluna Rd.
Fruitport, MI 49415

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President, Dave Hazekamp.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance at Regular Meeting.
- III. **ROLL CALL:** Present – Elroy Buckner, Tim Burgess, Kris Cole, Susan Franklin, Dave Hazekamp, Steve Kelly, and JB Meeuwenberg.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Item 23-57. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Cole to approve the agenda with the addition of an agenda modification, as presented and outlined below:

- **Add:**
 - PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
 - 2. Letters of Agreement
 - f. Fruitport Education Association: FMLA and Retirement

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

V. **PRESENTATIONS:**

- John Winkas provided an update on the construction projects happening throughout the District. John discussed updates being made on the middle school pool conversion to an accessory gymnasium. John also provided an update on the progress of the air conditioning projects happening throughout the District.

- The Board discussed an opportunity for members of the Board to walk through the middle school construction site on Tuesday, April 18th at 10:30 am to see the progress being made. Dave Hazekamp and Steve Kelly will represent the Board on the walkthrough with the construction management company.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS:

- An update on the elementary student that was involved in the accident recently was provided to the Board.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **Technology and Security Enhancement Millage Update**

An update was provided to the Board pertaining to the Regional Technology and Security Enhancement Millage renewal that will be placed on the ballot on May 2, 2023. This included an informational presentation that was shared with each Board member as a reminder of the vote on May 2, 2023.

VIII. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

Item 23-58. MOTION by Cole, SECOND by Buckner to approve the Consent Agenda as listed below:

1. Approval of Bill Listing in the amount of \$795,899.08
2. Acceptance of Monthly Financial, Bond, and Capital Projects Report
3. Acceptance of Student Activity Summary Report
4. Acceptance of Credit Card and Utilities Report
5. Approval of Transfers and ACH Transactions Report
6. Approval of Personnel Report (includes confirmation of new hires, resignations, retirees, and transfers)
7. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes: March 20, 2023

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

X. GENERAL BOARD BUSINESS: None

XI. BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Report of committee meeting held on April 10, 2023**

Elroy Buckner reported on a Business and Finance Committee meeting held on April 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Kris Cole, Dave Hazekamp, Jason Kennedy, Elroy Buckner, Jonny Morehouse, Jessica Wiseman, and Mark Mesbergen were present. The Committee reviewed a discussion on a debt transfer resolution, a recommendation from Jonny Morehouse on the purchase of football helmets, a technology server recommendation, multiple letters of agreement between the Board and local associations, and a recommendation to replace the Beach public address and audio enhancement system. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

2. Debt Transfer Resolution

Item 23-59. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Cole to approve the resolution to allow the District to transfer \$120,945.80 from the 2012 bond debt fund to the 2010 bond debt fund, as discussed.

ROLL CALL: Buckner - yes, Burgess - yes, Cole - yes, Franklin - yes, Hazekamp - yes, Kelly - yes, Meeuwenberg - yes.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

3. Football Helmet Recommendation

Item 23-60. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Cole to approve the purchase of football helmets from Riddell in the amount of \$39,666.20 to be paid out of the athletic budget within the General Fund, as discussed. The Axiom helmets will be fitted by professionals to our student athletes' heads each year, the annual reconditioning cost is expected to be in alignment with reconditioning costs from previous years, and the winged emblem will be added back to the helmet pending trademark review.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

4. Technology Server Recommendation

Item 23-61. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Cole to approve the purchase from CDW-G for two (2) servers in the amount of \$20,245.00 to be paid out of the Technology-Security Fund, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

5. Copy Machine Bid Recommendation

Item 23-62. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Cole to approve the Michigan Office Solution bid for a five (5) year contract starting July 1, 2023. The District

will purchase the machines at a cost of \$113,742 to be paid out of the Building and Site Fund, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

6. Beach Elementary School Public Address, Emergency Communication, and Audio Enhancement System

Item 23-63. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by COLE to approve the purchase of a Bluum Audio Enhancement and Public Address System, and the necessary cabling and network drops from Vector Tech Group, in the amount of \$159,253.19 using the District's Section 97 Grant Award, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

XII. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Report of committee meeting held on April 10, 2023

JB Meeuwenberg reported on a Personnel Committee meeting held on April 10, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Dave Hazekamp, JB Meeuwenberg, Steve Kelly, and Jason Kennedy were present. The Committee discussed the April 2023 Personnel Report, discussed multiple letters of agreement between the Board and local associations, and discussed the need to hire a part-time director of the Performing Arts Center. The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

2. Letters of Agreement - Multiple Associations

Item 23-64. MOTION by Meeuwenberg, SECOND by Kelly to approve the Letter of Agreement between the Board of Education and each of the Associations listed below, as discussed and presented. The financial impact is also listed below:

Letter of Agreement:

- Fruitport Clerical Association: Compensation
- Fruitport Maintenance Association: Compensation
- Fruitport Administrator's Association: Compensation
- Fruitport Bus Drivers/Food Service Association: Compensation
- Fruitport Education Association: FMLA and Retirement

Financial Impact

- Clerical: \$5,793 in FY23 and \$16,094 in FY24
- Maintenance: \$9,973 in FY24

- Affiliated Administrators: \$13,028 in FY23 and \$35,452 in FY24
- Transportation and Food Service: FS fund - \$4,014 in FY23 and \$11,314 in FY24; Transportation (General Fund) - \$5,859 in FY23 and \$16,276 in FY24
- FEA: \$50 per sick day, instead of \$60 per sick day for 1-2 employees eligible for FMLA leave who instead retire.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

3. Letter of Agreement - Fruitport Instructional Assistants Association

Item 23-65. MOTION by Meeuwenberg, SECOND by Kelly to approve the Letter of Agreement between the Board of Education and the Fruitport Instructional Assistants Association, as discussed and presented. The financial impact is also listed below:

Financial Impact

- Instructional Assistants: \$10,489 in FY23 and \$29,244 in FY24

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0; 1 abstain.

Note: Vice President Kris Cole abstained from voting due to a declared conflict of interest, as stated in Board of Education Policy 2301: Conflict of Interest. It was disclosed that his spouse is an employee of the District, and that she will directly benefit from the Letter of Agreement between the Board and the Fruitport Instructional Assistants Association.

XIII. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Report of committee meeting held on April 10, 2023

Susan Franklin reported on a Student Affairs Committee meeting that was held on April 10, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Tim Burgess, Susan Franklin, Dave Hazekamp, and Jason Kennedy were present.

The Committee discussed a policy update from Thrun Law Firm. The update includes revisions made to Policy 3116 - District Technology and Acceptable Use, regarding the use of electronic devices by students and staff during state assessments. Secretary Franklin recommended edits to the policy prior to formal adoption. A second reading and recommendation for approval will take place at the Board meeting on April 17, 2023. The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

2. Thrun Law Firm - Policy Update: Second Reading

Item 23-66. MOTION by Franklin, SECOND by Burgess to approve the second reading of Policy 3116 - District Technology and Acceptable Use, with the recommended edits by Secretary Franklin discussed at the Student Affairs Committee and with the Board.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

XIV. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Kris Cole shared a robotics update with the Board of Education. Kris shared that the team competed at the Kentwood competition. It was a great performance by the team; however, they did not qualify for the state championship competition. The Board and District should be proud though, as several of our team members and coaches were selected to volunteer and serve in various roles at the state championship competition. Kris also shared that we would be adding an elementary competition on Sunday of the weekend prior to Thanksgiving when we host the middle school robotics tournament next school year.

Kris also discussed the possibility of having athletics count toward academic physical education credit, so that students have additional opportunities in their schedule for elective courses that interest them, similar to allowing band to count as a physical education credit.

Susan Franklin shared that the Addams Family performance was outstanding and something that we should be proud of. Susan suggested that the District should consider the addition of a drama program at the school as we continue to look to improve and expand opportunities such as the performing arts program within the District.

Susan and JB Meeuwenberg also shared that they would not be in attendance at the May Committee meetings or at the May 2023 Board meeting due to conflicts.

XV. AGENDA ITEMS for FUTURE MEETINGS & SCHEDULING OF ANY SPECIAL MEETINGS

1. The Business and Finance Committee will meet on May 9, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
2. The Personnel Committee will meet on May 8, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.
3. The Student Affairs Committee will meet on May 8, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
4. The Board of Education will meet on May 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

XVI. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Jonny Morehouse discussed the Fruitport Track and Field Invitational that was recently held at our new track and stadium. The event received praise from teams, fans, coaches, and student athletes in attendance. Several local vendors and food trucks were brought in for the event, which were well received too. This was a tremendously successful event for Fruitport Community Schools. The updated facilities received lots of praise.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Item 23-67. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Franklin to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Franklin, Board Secretary

Danielle VanderMeulen, Recording Secretary