



Fruitport Community Schools
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 18, 2025 – 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. **ROLL CALL:** Present: Tim Burgess, Kris Cole, Dave Hazekamp, Steve Kelly, Josh Mueller, Kathy Six. Absent: JB Meeuwenberg
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Item 25-114. MOTION by Cole, SECOND by Burgess to approve the agenda, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0; 1 absent (JB Meeuwenberg)
- IV. **PRESENTATIONS:** None
- V. **COMMUNICATIONS:** Superintendent Kennedy provided an overview and discussed the THF Fruitport Development LP - Michigan Tax Tribunal Petition and the Community Choice Credit Union - Michigan Tax Tribunal Petition.
- VI. **SUPERINTENDENT/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

Superintendent Kennedy provided an overview of the November 4, 2025 Bond Proposal and updated the Board on the marketing plan for the informational campaign. This included a review of the *FOCUS* Newsletter Bond Edition and the updated bond proposal website.
- VII. **REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None
- VIII. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Item 25-115. MOTION by Cole, SECOND by Kelly to approve the Consent Agenda as listed below:

1. Approval of Bill Listing in the amount of \$1,196,649.95
2. Acceptance of July 2025 General Fund Financial Report
3. Acceptance of July 2025 Investments Report
4. Approval of Personnel Report (includes confirmation of new hires, resignations, retirees, and transfers)
5. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from July 21, 2025

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0; 1 absent (JB Meeuwenberg)

IX. GENERAL BOARD BUSINESS:

1. **November 4, 2025 Bond Proposal Ballot Preview Attorney Approval** - The Board reviewed the attorney approved November 4, 2025 bond proposal ballot language for Muskegon County. The Board will review the Ottawa County ballot language once it is received from the County and reviewed by the attorney.
2. **2025–2026 District Course Offerings / Muskegon County Virtual Academy Course Offerings** - Superintendent Kennedy presented the 2025–2026 District Course Offerings, including Muskegon County Virtual Academy course offerings and options, and provided an overview.

Item 25-115. MOTION by Six, SECOND by Mueller to approve the 2025-2026 District Course Offerings and the 2025-2026 Muskegon County Virtual Academy Course Offerings, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0; 1 absent (JB Meeuwenberg)

X. BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Report of committee meeting held on August 11, 2025

There was not a report from the Committee, as the August 11, 2025 meeting of the Business and Finance Committee was canceled due to a lack of agenda items.

XI. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Report of committee meeting held on August 11, 2025

Steve Kelly reported on a Personnel Committee meeting held on August 11, 2025 at 5:04 p.m. Dave Hazekamp, Steve Kelly, Kathy Six, and Jason Kennedy were present. The Committee discussed the Personnel Report for August 2025, and it discussed the need to consider renewal of the superintendent's contract before the expiration date of June 30, 2026. The Committee discussed provisions of the superintendent's contract pertaining to renewal. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

2. Superintendent's Contract Discussion (2026 - 2031)

Dave Hazekamp provided a brief overview of the tentative contract changes for Superintendent Kennedy and discussed with the Board of Education the process and next steps. The Board will be asked to approve the Superintendent's contract at the September 2025 Board meeting.

XII. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Report of committee meeting held on August 11, 2025

Tim Burgess reported on a Student Affairs Committee meeting held on August 11, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. Tim Burgess, Dave Hazekamp, Josh Mueller, and Jason Kennedy were present. The Committee discussed the second reading of the June 2025 summer policy updates from Thrun Law Firm. The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

2. Thrun Law Firm Policy Updates – June 2025; Second Reading

The Board conducted a second reading of the Thrun Law Firm Policy Updates for June 2025, and any questions raised were discussed and addressed.

Item 25-116 MOTION by Burgess, SECOND by Mueller to approve the second reading of the Thrun Law Firm Policy Updates - June 2025, as presented and discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0; 1 absent (JB Meeuwenberg)

XIII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS: Dave Hazekamp shared that there was great attendance at the Blue and White Community Night on August 18, 2025, and that it was a great night to kick off the 2025-2026 school year for our student athletes.

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

1. The Business and Finance Committee will meet on September 8, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
2. The Personnel Committee will meet on September 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
3. The Student Affairs Committee will meet on September 8, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.
4. The Board of Education will meet on September 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. for the regular meeting.

XV. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Item 25-117. MOTION by Kelly, SECOND by Cole to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0; 1 absent. (JB Meeuwenberg)

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Kelly, Board Secretary

Jason J. Kennedy, Recording Secretary