



Fruitport Community Schools  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
Monday, February 10, 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. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance at the meeting.
- III. **ROLL CALL:** Present – Tim Burgess, Kris Cole, Dave Hazekamp, Steve Kelly, JB Meeuwenberg, Josh Mueller, and Kathy Six.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Item 25-22. MOTION by Cole, SECOND by Meeuwenberg to approve the agenda, as amended.

- Add: General Board Business - 2. Reinstatement of Student 7130466023

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

- V. **PRESENTATIONS:** None
- VI. **COMMUNICATIONS:** None
- VII. **SUPERINTENDENT/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**
  - **May 2025 Bond Proposition**

Superintendent Kennedy discussed highlights of the May 2025 Bond Proposition for those in attendance at the Board meeting. The Superintendent also reviewed the District's May 2025 Bond Website that provides transparent information for

the community about the proposed bond project. Frequently asked questions documents were reviewed, as was the recently released May 2025 bond video. This information can be found on the District's bond website. More than 4,400 views of the bond video occurred in the first twenty-four (24) hours of the video being released.

- **Muskegon County Collaborative Schools of Choice Plan**

The Board discussed the Muskegon County Collaborative Schools of Choice Plan, and the timelines associated with the Schools of Choice Plan. There were no new recommended changes to the Muskegon County Collaborative Schools of Choice Plan, with the window for Schools of Choice applications being open from May 1 through May 30, 2025. A resolution to continue to participate in the Muskegon County Collaborative Schools of Choice Plan will be placed on the March 2025 Board of Education for consideration.

- **FY 2026 Executive Budget Recommendations**

Details of the recently released FY 2026 Executive Budget recommendations by the Governor and State Budget Office were shared with the Board of Education.

- **State and Federal Update to the State Board of Education**

An update from the Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Education was shared with the Board of Education by Superintendent Kennedy. This update highlighted state and federal legislative changes that will impact education, and that are set to take effect.

**VIII. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

Item 25-23. MOTION by Kelly, SECOND by Cole to approve the Consent Agenda as listed below:

1. Approval of Bill Listing in the amount of \$474,338.36
2. Acceptance of Monthly Financial 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 Organizational Meeting Minutes - January 27, 2025
8. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes - January 27, 2025

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

## **X. GENERAL BOARD BUSINESS:**

### **1. Board Team Building Discussion - No Action**

The Board discussed developing a strategy to assist in acclimating both of our board members, who were newly elected, to the Board of Education.

### **2. Reinstatement Resolution of Student 7130466023**

Item 25-24. MOTION by Six, SECOND by Cole to approve the conditional reinstatement of Student 7130466023, as discussed. The resolution conditionally allows Student 7130466023 to be reinstated to Fruitport Adult Education to participate in the high school completion program or the GED completion program. The reinstatement is limited to programs at Fruitport Adult Education. Student 7130466023 will be prohibited from being present on school grounds at Fruitport High School, or at other Fruitport school sponsored events; however, Student 7130466023 may be present at the adult education program to complete coursework toward his high school diploma or GED.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Tim Burgess, Kris Cole, Dave Hazekamp, Steve Kelly, JB Meeuwenberg, Josh Mueller, Kathy Six.

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

## **XI. BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **● Report of committee meeting held on February 4, 2025**

There was not a report from the Business and Finance Committee, nor business to report on, as the February 4, 2025 meeting of the Business and Finance Committee was canceled due to a lack of agenda items.

## **XII. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS:**

### **● Report of committee meeting held on February 3, 2025**

Steve Kelly provided a report of the committee meeting that was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on February 3, 2025. Dave Hazekamp, Steve Kelly, Jason Kennedy, and Kathy Six were present. The Committee discussed the February 2025 Personnel Report. The Committee also discussed an update on the posting and hiring process for the Director of

Special Education position within Fruitport Community Schools and the Eastern Service Unit, and the Committee discussed the policy update from Thrun Law Firm on the Earned Sick Time Act (ESTA). The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

### **XIII. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

- **Report of committee meeting held on February 3, 2025**

Tim Burgess provided a report of the committee meeting that was called to order at 5:36 p.m. on February 3, 2025. Dave Hazekamp, Josh Mueller, and Jason Kennedy were present. The Committee discussed the policy update from Thrun Law Firm on the Earned Sick Time Act (ESTA), and it also discussed adding an item to the Board agenda that would allow Board members to get to know one another better, as we have two (2) new incoming board members. The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

- 1. Thrun Law Firm Policy Update: January 2025 – No action**

The Board of Education discussed the following policy and form, as developed by Thrun Law Firm. A first reading of the policy took place, and no action was taken by the Board of Education. The policy would define the benefit year as being from July 1 through June 30 each year, and provides that time will be tracked in fifteen (15) minute increments for employees.

- a. Policy 4113 – Michigan Earned Sick Time Act (ESTA)
- b. Form 4113 – Employee Notification: Michigan Earned Sick Time Act (ESTA)

- 2. Overnight Trip Request - 8th Grade Trip to Washington, DC**

Item 25-25. MOTION by Six, SECOND by Burgess to approve the overnight trip request from Tim McKeeby for 8th grade students to attend the annual field trip to Washington, DC on April 24-27, 2025, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

### **XIV. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:**

Kris Cole discussed a fundraiser at Northway Lanes to support the Robotics Team. Kris also discussed the upcoming Beach STEM night and band concert.

Dave Hazekamp shared that there are a lot of good things happening in the District as a result of all of the good people working together to benefit students and families.

JB Meeuwenberg shared a concern about Tuesday evenings not being the best evening for him to attend Business and Finance Committee meetings due to conflicts in his schedule.

Josh Mueller shared the success of the youth wrestling program. Currently, there are more than 130 youth wrestlers in the program, and that number continues to grow. The youth wrestling team recently placed second out of sixty-nine (69) schools at the last wrestling tournament. Josh also shared the success of the high school wrestling team, as they won the District Championship.

Kathy Six discussed a need for the Committee and the Board to discuss recommendations from the Sex Education Advisory Board (SEAB). She attended the January SEAB meeting. It was discussed that once any recommendation is ready to be reviewed by the Board, at least two (2) public meetings/hearings must be conducted to review any recommended changes. No recommendations have been made to the administration at this time. Kathy also discussed how proud she was of the competitive cheer team for setting a new school record, and the wrestling team for winning a District Championship.

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

1. The Business and Finance Committee will meet on March 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
2. The Personnel Committee will meet on March 10, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
3. The Student Affairs Committee will meet on March 10, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
4. The Board of Education will meet on March 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

**XVI. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC: None**

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

Item 25-26. MOTION by Kelly, SECOND by Meeuwenberg to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Kelly, Board Secretary

Danielle VanderMeulen, Recording Secretary