



Fruitport Community Schools
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 15, 2024 – 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 – Elroy Buckner, Kris Cole, Susan Franklin, Dave Hazekamp, Steve Kelly, JB Meeuwenberg. Absent: Tim Burgess.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Item 24-116. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Cole to approve the agenda, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0; 1 absent.
- V. **PRESENTATIONS:**
 - Above and Beyond Award Recognition: Melinda Gorter and Brad Faulkner were presented with Above and Beyond Award recognitions for their efforts in assisting a neighbor and citizen of the community when that citizen experienced a medical emergency and needed assistance being removed from the roadway while 911 and first responders were called to the scene. Both Melinda and Brad received an award and pin commemorating their above and beyond efforts. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dirkse nominated Melinda and Brad for this recognition.
- VI. **COMMUNICATIONS:**
 - The District received notification from the Office for Civil Rights that a complaint has been filed pertaining to the accessibility of the District's public facing website. The District will work with the Office for Civil Rights to better understand any

deficiencies its public facing website may have, and reach agreement with the Office for Civil Rights on a work plan to address any deficiencies. The District's insurance company has appointed Attorney Mark Ostrowski to serve as the designated representative of the District in handling this case with the Office for Civil Rights.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **Facilities Assessment and Master Plan Update: Capital Bond Planning** - The Board discussed a process and work plan to update the master facilities assessment while also beginning the process of seeking Board and community feedback regarding the next phase of the District's bond planning efforts. The District is able to seek voter approval in May of 2025, which is one year earlier than originally planned. The Board will schedule a work session to further review the work plan with Tower Pinkster and Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. and decide upon next steps in a public meeting. The original master plan called for the construction of a new Edgewood Elementary School with voter approval. Sample test fit models developed by Tower Pinkster were shared with the Board of Education.
- **Veterans Memorial Display at Fruitport High School** - The Board discussed the veterans memorial display that will be unveiled for Veteran's Day 2024 at Fruitport High School. The digital touch screen display will be designed by Freshwater Digital (Kentwood, MI) and honor each of the veterans that have graduated from Fruitport Community Schools. A team of staff members at the high school has been developing this project and they are working on a sponsorship campaign to help offset future costs associated with updating the software and display. The Board was provided with a quote for the display totaling \$15,335.
- **2023-2024 Athletics End of Year Report** - The Board was provided with an end of year athletics report that was developed by Athletic Director Jonny Morehouse. The report outlined championships won by our athletic teams this year, record breaking performances of our student athletes this year, each of the all-conference, all-district, all-area, all-region, and all-state recognitions for the year, along with showcasing each of the senior award honorees for the Class of 2024. Outstanding academic and athletic achievements were also discussed, as were participation rates and OK Conference Blue Division all-sport standings for the 2023-2024 school year.

VIII. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

Item 24-117. MOTION by Franklin, SECOND by Cole to approve the Consent Agenda as listed below:

1. Approval of Bill Listing in the amount of \$612,820.00
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 from June 24, 2024
8. Approval of Truth and Taxation Meeting Minutes from June 24, 2024
9. Approval of Organizational Meeting Minutes from June 24, 2024
10. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from June 24, 2024

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0; 1 absent.

X. GENERAL BOARD BUSINESS: None

XI. BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- No report of a Business and Finance Committee meeting on July 8, 2024 was provided to the Board, as the meeting was not held due to a lack of agenda items for the originally scheduled meeting. There were no Business and Finance Committee recommendations for consideration.

XII. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

- No report of a Personnel Committee meeting on July 8, 2024 was provided to the Board, as the meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum of committee members present at the originally scheduled meeting. There were no Personnel Committee recommendations for consideration.

XIII. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- No report of a Student Affairs Committee meeting on July 8, 2024 was provided to the Board, as the meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum of committee members present at the originally scheduled meeting.

1. Fruitport High School and Middle School Student Handbooks

Item 24-118. MOTION by Franklin, SECOND by Buckner to approve the Fruitport High School and Fruitport Middle School handbooks for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0; 1 absent.

2. Elementary School Student Handbook Updates

Item 24-119. MOTION by Franklin, SECOND by Buckner to approve the updates to the Elementary School Student Handbooks for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0; 1 absent.

3. Branding and Identity Request: Varsity Baseball Hat / Trojan Mascot

Item 24-120. MOTION by Franklin, SECOND by Meeuwenberg to approve tabling and postponing the request to add the Trojan mascot to the acceptable list of logos and emblems allowable for team use under the Fruitport Community School Branding and Identity Guide until a later meeting. Superintendent Kennedy will work with Athletic Director Jonny Morehouse to identify limitations in which the Trojan mascot will be used by teams and organizations representing Fruitport Community Schools, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0; 1 absent.

XIV. Closed Session: Collective Bargaining Agreement - Fruitport Education Association

1. Enter into Closed Session

Item 24-121. MOTION by Cole, SECOND by Meeuwenberg to enter into closed session at 8:00 p.m. pursuant to MCL 15.268 Section 8(1)(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, and upon the written request of the District, a negotiating party to the Contract, for the purpose of strategy and negotiation connected to the negotiation of a successor collective bargaining agreement with the Fruitport Education Association (FEA).

Roll call: Buckner - yes, Burgess - absent, Cole - yes, Franklin - yes, Hazekamp - yes, Kelly - yes, Meeuwenberg - yes.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0; 1 absent.

2. Return to Open Session

Item 24-122. MOTION by Kelly, SECOND by Franklin to return to open session at 8:44 p.m.

Roll call: Buckner - yes, Burgess - absent, Cole - yes, Franklin - yes, Hazekamp - yes, Kelly - yes, Meeuwenberg - yes.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0; 1 absent.

XV. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

Kric Cole shared that an official contract has been signed with the VanDyke Mortgage Conference Center and the Trinity Health Arena for our middle school robotics team to serve

as the host for the State Championship Robotics Competition for middle school students next year. Kris shared that the team is excited for this opportunity.

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

1. The Business and Finance Committee will meet on August 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
2. The Personnel Committee will meet on August 12, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
3. The Student Affairs Committee will meet on August 12, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
4. The Board of Education will meet on August 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. for the regular meeting.

XVII. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Item 24-123. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Franklin to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0; 1 absent.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Franklin, Board Secretary

Danielle VanderMeulen, Recording Secretary