



Fruitport Community Schools
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 19, 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 25-60. MOTION by Cole, SECOND by Burgess to approve the agenda, as amended to add the following to the agenda:

XIII. Student Affairs Committee Reports & Recommendations

3. Overnight Field Trip Request - Varsity Boys Basketball Team (Hope College Team Camp and Petoskey Big North Shootout)

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

V. **PRESENTATIONS:**

Fruitport Building Level Strategy Documentation: Instructional Council Update - Allison Camp provided an Instructional Council update, while also discussing the Building Level Strategy Documentation Guide with the Board of Education. A copy of the Building Level Strategy Documentation Guide was provided in the packet for the Board of

Education. This document outlines each of the building level goals, along with each of the progress monitoring updates on strategy implementation throughout the year.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS: None

VII. SUPERINTENDENT/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **May 2025 Bond Election Update and Next Steps** - Superintendent Kennedy discussed the certified election results from the Board of Canvassers with the Board of Education. It was decided to call a special meeting of the Board of Education on June 9, 2025 to review data and feedback collected from a community survey that is to be administered, while also reviewing constituent feedback that each Board member has received since the election. Bond planning options will be discussed at the special meeting on June 9, 2025 so that next steps can be determined.
- **Student and Parent Handbook Review** - As schools complete updates to their student and parent handbooks for the 2025-2026 school year, they will be shared with the Board of Education in advance of recommended approval. Updates from the high school handbook and the athletic student and parent handbook have been provided to the Board of Education for review.
- **May 2025 Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference (CREC)** - An update from the May CREC was provided to the Board of Education.
- **Reminders:**
 1. Retirement Celebration: A retirement celebration will take place at the high school cafeteria on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. All District employees who have or will retire during the 2024-2025 school year will be honored. Board members are invited to attend.
 2. Graduation: This year's graduation ceremony will take place at the Trinity Health Arena at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 29, 2025. Board members should arrive no later than 6:30 p.m.

VIII. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

Item 25-61. MOTION by Six, SECOND by Cole to approve the Consent Agenda as listed below:

1. Approval of Bill Listing in the amount of \$488,854.95
2. Acceptance of April 2025 General Fund Financial Report

3. Acceptance of April 2025 Investments Report
4. Approval of Personnel Report (includes confirmation of new hires, resignations, retirees, and transfers)
5. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes from April 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
6. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes from April 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.
7. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from April 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

X. GENERAL BOARD BUSINESS:

1. MAISD FY 2025 - 2026 General Fund Budget Resolution

Item 25-62. MOTION by Six, SECOND by Burgess to approve the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District's 2025-2026 General Fund Budget Resolution, as presented.

Roll call:

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

No: None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

2. MAISD Biennial Election of Board Members Resolution

Item 25-63. MOTION by Cole, SECOND by Six to approve the MAISD Biennial Election of Board Members Resolution, as discussed.

Roll call:

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

No: None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

3. District Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) Update

The Board of Education discussed the final draft copy of the updates made to the District's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). The Board will be asked to approve the final updates to the EOP on June 23, 2025. No action was taken on this item.

XI. BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Report of committee meeting held on May 12, 2025

JB Meeuwenberg reported on a Committee meeting that was called to order at 5:07 p.m. on May 12, 2025. Kris Cole, Dave Hazekamp, Jason Kennedy, JB Meeuwenberg, and Mark Mesbergen were present. The Committee discussed the MAISD FY2026 original budget process and overview, the MAISD Biennial Election of Board Members, discussed feedback that Board members have received from constituents, while also discussing next steps after the May 2025 Bond Proposal was defeated by voters. The Committee discussed the L-4029, an RFP for resurfacing the high school gym floor, and an RFP for the purchase of new boilers at Beach Elementary. The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

2. Form 614 (L-4029) - Tax Rate Request

Item 25-64. MOTION by Meeuwenberg, SECOND by Cole to approve the L-4029 tax rate request for the fiscal year 2026, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

3. High School Gym Floor Refinishing

Item 25-65. MOTION by Meeuwenberg, SECOND by Cole to approve the proposal from Floor Care Concepts in the amount of \$47,662.61, with funds coming out of the 2021 Capital Projects Fund, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

4. Boiler Replacement at Beach Elementary School

Item 25-66. MOTION by Meeuwenberg, SECOND by Six to approve the bid from Hurst Mechanical in the amount of \$174,900, with funds coming out of the 2021 Capital Projects Fund, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

5. Bleacher Replacement at Beach Elementary School

Item 25-67. MOTION by Meeuwenberg, SECOND by Cole to approve the bid from Interkal in the amount of \$40,227, with funds coming out of the 2021 Capital Projects Fund, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

XII. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Report of committee meeting held on May 12, 2025

Steve Kelly provided a report of the committee meeting that was called to order at 5:33 p.m. on May 12, 2025. Dave Hazekamp, Steve Kelly, Jason Kennedy, and Kathy Six were present. The Committee discussed the May 2025 Personnel Report. The Committee also discussed an update on two different personnel issues, and discussed next steps after the May 2025 Bond Proposal was defeated by voters. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

2. Letter of Agreement: Fruitport Education Association - Schedule B

Item 25-68. MOTION by Kelly, SECOND by Six to approve the proposed changes to the Schedule B section of the Fruitport Education Association's contract, as discussed

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

XIII. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Report of committee meeting held on May 12, 2025

Superintendent Kennedy provided a report of the committee meeting that was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on May 12, 2025. Tim Burgess, Dave Hazekamp, Josh Mueller, and Jason Kennedy were present. The Committee discussed next steps after the May 2025 Bond Proposal was defeated by voters. The Committee also discussed the Building Level Strategy Documentation Guide that was developed and monitored at each of the Instructional Council meetings this year, and it discussed updates to the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). The Committee also discussed recommended changes to the athletic handbook and the high school handbook. The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

2. Resolution to Conditionally Reinstate a Student: 051925-61806449

Item 25-69. MOTION by Burgess, SECOND by Mueller to approve the conditional reinstatement of student 051925-61806449 to Fruitport Community Schools, as outlined in the resolution. Should the student return to Fruitport Community Schools, the student will be prohibited from attending in-person learning in the same school in which the victim from the physical assault resulting in the student's expulsion attends. Should the student return to Fruitport Community Schools, the student will be permitted to attend Fruitport Alternative Education, Fruitport Adult Education, or be allowed to enroll in the Muskegon County Virtual Academy, assuming that the victim does not attend either of these programs.

Roll call:

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

No: None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

3. Overnight Field Trip Request - Varsity Boys Basketball Team (Hope College Team Camp and Petoskey Big North Shootout)

Item 25-70. MOTION by Burgess, SECOND by Six to approve the overnight trip request from Coach Steve Erny and the Varsity Boys' Basketball team to participate in the Hope College Team Camp, and the Big North Shootout, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

XIV. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

JB Meeuwenberg shared that the middle school choir competed at the state festival at Hope College. The middle school choir received straight Division I ratings, and they did an outstanding job!

Josh Mueller shared that he attended the District Art Show and that he was impressed by the quality of art on display from so many of our students.

Dave Hazekamp shared that he continues to be impressed by the music performances that our students and staff put on. The Spring Sing music concerts for each of the elementary schools were outstanding. Each performance was packed and our students and staff did an outstanding job!

Kris Cole shared that the middle school robotics program expects to have three (3) teams next year due to increasing student interest.

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

1. The Business and Finance Committee will meet on June 16, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
2. The Personnel Committee will meet on June 16, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
3. The Student Affairs Committee will meet on June 16, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.
4. The Truth and Taxation Public Hearing on the proposed 2025-2026 budget will take place on June 23, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.
5. The Annual Organizational Meeting will take place on June 23, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
6. The Board of Education Meeting will meet on June 23, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

XVI. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Item 25-71. MOTION by Kelly, SECOND by Meeuwenberg to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Kelly, Board Secretary

Danielle VanderMeulen, Recording Secretary