



Fruitport Community Schools
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 17, 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, JB Meeuwenberg, Josh Mueller, Kathy Six. Absent: Steve Kelly

Note: Kathy Six was appointed acting Secretary for this meeting by Board President Dave Hazekamp in the absence of Steve Kelly.

III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Item 25-135. MOTION by Cole, SECOND by Meeuwenberg to approve the agenda, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0, 1 absent (Kelly).

IV. **PRESENTATIONS:** None

V. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Superintendent Kennedy discussed a letter the Board of Education received from Dr. Sue Carnell, Interim State Superintendent, Michigan Department of Education. The letter offered a congratulatory message on behalf of the Michigan Department of Education for the community's passage of the District's bond proposal that was on the November 4, 2025 ballot.
- Superintendent Kennedy discussed the official Canvas of Votes Cast for Muskegon and Ottawa Counties that was received by the District for the

November 4, 2025 Special Election. The Canvas of Votes certified that “Yes” received the largest number of votes cast, and it declared that the said millage proposal did carry in Muskegon and Ottawa Counties by a 366 vote margin. There were officially 2,980 yes votes and 2,614 no votes combined for both counties.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- 1. November 4, 2025 Bond Proposal Update:** Superintendent Kennedy provided an overview of the November 4, 2025 Bond Proposal, and updated the Board on the Bond Team meeting that took place on November 11, 2025. The Superintendent also provided an overview of the school visits and site tours that are being scheduled for November 25, 2025 and December 8, 2025.

VII. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- Denise Cling Peltó attended the meeting on behalf of Indivisible on the Lakeshore. She shared that she was coming to the Board of Education to offer support and assistance with any needs that may arise throughout the District or with policies at the State and Federal level. She described the organization as a local nonpartisan grassroots organization.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Item 25-136. MOTION by Six SECOND by Mueller to approve the Consent Agenda as listed below:

1. Approval of Bill Listing in the amount of \$831,207.86
2. Acceptance of October 2025 General Fund Financial Report
3. Acceptance of October 2025 Investments Report
4. Approval of Personnel Report (includes confirmation of new hires, resignations, retirees, and transfers)
5. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes from October 20, 2025
6. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from October 20, 2025

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0; 1 absent (Kelly)

IX. GENERAL BOARD BUSINESS:

- **Discussion on Sunday Events** - Discussion with the Board of Education took place pertaining to mandatory academic related events that are scheduled to take place on Sundays. The Board referred the matter back to the Student Affairs Committee to develop guidelines and protocols for further consideration by the Board of Education. The Board also encouraged the Superintendent to engage

building principals and District leaders in this discussion before taking any action. The Student Affairs Committee will begin discussing this matter at the January 2026 committee meeting.

- **Discussion on Verizon Cell Phone Tower and Lease Agreement** - Superintendent Kennedy shared with the Board of Education that Verizon had reached out to the District by telephone to discuss the potential of leasing District owned property near the Transportation and Maintenance Garage to place a cell phone tower on that property to assist in closing the coverage gap that exists in this area. The Superintendent will continue discussion with Verizon and seek additional information that can be shared with the Board to better understand how a lease agreement such as this may work.

X. BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Report of committee meeting held on November 10, 2025

JB Meeuwenberg reported on a Business and Finance Committee meeting held on November 10, 2025 at 5:08 p.m. with Kris Cole, Dave Hazekamp, JB Meeuwenberg, and Jason Kennedy present. The Committee discussed a recommendation to purchase a HyFlex Instructional Cart for the Adult Education Program using Section 107a Innovative Program grant dollars. This system will enable our adult education teachers to deliver instruction simultaneously to both in-person and remote learners. The total for the grant funded system is \$35,289.50. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

2. HyFlex Instructional Cart Purchase Recommendation

Item 25-137. MOTION by Meeuwenberg, SECOND by Cole to approve the purchase of a HyFlex Instructional Cart in the amount of \$35,289.50 using Section 107a Innovative Program grant dollars, as discussed.

Note: The Region 4 Adult Education Consortium publicly posted the RFP and solicited bids on behalf of six (6) adult education programs across West Michigan. The approved vendor will design, supply, assemble, deliver, install, and provide training for the hybrid-flexible (HyFlex) instructional systems.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0; 1 absent (Kelly)

XI. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Report of committee meeting held on November 10, 2025

Kathy Six reported on a Personnel Committee meeting held on November 10, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. Dave Hazekamp, Steve Kelly, Kathy Six, and Jason Kennedy were present. The Committee reviewed the Personnel Report for November 2025. An update was provided to the Committee on two (2) separate employee discipline issues. An update on the hiring process for the next Director of the Early Childhood Center was discussed with the Committee. The Committee also held a discussion on concerns pertaining to the scheduling of Sunday events.

Erin Murphy and Melissa Eyestone, both employees of the Fruitport Early Childhood Center, attended the Committee meeting and they spoke during the public comment section of the meeting in support of Amy Wiggins as a candidate for the Early Childhood Center director's position. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

XII. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Report of committee meeting held on November 10, 2025

Tim Burgess reported on a Student Affairs Committee meeting held on November 10, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. Tim Burgess, Dave Hazekamp, Josh Mueller, and Jason Kennedy were present. The Committee discussed a need for the Board to appoint a committee to review the petition for student reinstatement, and to make a recommendation to the Board to grant, conditionally grant, or deny the petition. The Committee discussed the Michigan State Police review and audit of the District's fingerprinting and criminal history records process that took place on November 4, 2025. The Committee reviewed the first reading of the October 2025 Thrun Law Policy Update. It also discussed an overnight field trip request from Deeann Skov, advisor for the Michigan Youth In Government program. The Committee discussed a concern that had been brought to a Board member where events, such as band concerts, are held on a Sunday. This type of event requires students to participate in those Sunday events as a part of the grade that a student earns for that course. This will be discussed with the full Board. The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

XIII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

JB Meeuwenberg shared that he attended the Fruitport Education Foundation's (FEF) 5th Quarter Fundraiser. He shared that it was a great event that raised well over \$40,000 to support the Foundation's work. He also recapped the Bond Planning Team meeting he attended after the bond proposal passed.

Kris shared that Fruitport will be hosting a middle school robotics qualifier event at Fruitport High School on November 21-22, 2025. He also shared that the middle school state robotics championship at Trinity Health Arena in Muskegon will be hosted by Fruitport again this year. He shared that they are still seeking volunteers for each of the events. Kris also shared that he attended an art exhibit that our middle school and high school students participated in on November 15th. He shared that it was a great event!

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

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

XV. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- Glen and Kenzie Spaulding, parents of students in the District, attended the Board meeting and spoke about safety concerns at their child's bus stop on Broadway. Parents were concerned their children had to cross Broadway to board the school bus. It was determined that the Superintendent will work with the Transportation Director to address this concern for the family.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Item 25-138. MOTION by Kelly, SECOND by Meeuwenberg to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0, 1 absent (Kelly)

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Six, Acting Board Secretary

Abby Klug, Recording Secretary