



Fruitport Community Schools  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
Monday, September 19, 2022 – 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.
- III. **ROLL CALL:** Present – Elroy Buckner, Tim Burgess, Kris Cole, Dave Hazekamp, and JB Meeuwenberg. Absent: Susan Franklin, Steve Kelly.

IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Item 22-131. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Burgess to approve the agenda, as amended. An action item to approve the power line repair and replacement at Fruitport Middle School was added to the agenda as item d under the General Board Business section of the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0; 2 absent.

- V. **PRESENTATIONS:** None
- VI. **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Board reviewed a communication provided to the District by the Michigan Department of Education and the Michigan MTSS Center. This communication recognized and honored Fruitport High School and Fruitport Middle School for their outstanding work on data utilization.

## **VII. SUPERINTENDENT/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

John Winkas, Director of Operations, provided an update to the Board on the progress of the construction projects taking place in the District. Superintendent Jason Kennedy provided an overview of the District's School Goal Requirements under Section 98b, as well as provided an update on the District's Continuity of Service Plan. A link to the District's website was shared during the public meeting. A review of available funding for districts under Section 98c to address learning loss was also discussed with the Board. A review of the District's Grade 3-8 M STEP data that was released was discussed, as was the development of a Comprehensive District Report using a peering methodology.

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

## **IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

Item 22-132. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Cole to approve the Consent Agenda as listed below:

1. Approval of Bill Listing in the amount of \$875,647
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 of August 24, 2022

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0; 2 absent.

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

### **a. Second Reading: Board / Thrun Law Firm Annual Policy Update**

Item 22-133. MOTION by Cole, SECOND by Buckner to approve the second reading of the Board of Education / Thrun Law Firm Annual Policy Updates, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0; 2 absent.

### **b. Executed Drainage Easement and Quit Claim Deed**

The Board was provided a copy of the signed, executed, and recorded drainage easement and quit claim deed to property as a part of the Agreement with the Northpoint Drainage District, as previously discussed and approved by the Board. No additional action was taken by the Board on this issue.

**c. Approved School Land Division Application**

The Board was provided a copy of the signed, approved, and executed School Land Division Application (“Application”) from Fruitport Township, as a part of the Agreement with the Northpoint Drainage District, as previously discussed and approved by the Board. The Application was approved by Fruitport Township without conditions. No additional action was taken by the Board on this issue.

**d. Power Line Repair and Replacement**

Item 22-134. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Cole to approve the emergency agreement with Rycenga Electric, not to exceed \$70,000, for the emergency repair and replacement of the high voltage power lines running from the switch gear on the west end of Edgewood Elementary to the east side of Fruitport Middle School. The budget includes: directional boring of a 4” hdpe pipe, new cables, new terminations at each end, replacement of asphalt, equipment rental, and all labor associated with the repair and replacement.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0; 2 absent.

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

**1. Report of committee meeting held on September 12, 2022**

Elroy Buckner reported on a Business and Finance Committee meeting held on September 12, 2022. Dave Hazekamp, Elroy Buckner, Jason Kennedy, Jessica Wiseman, Mark Mesbergen, and John Winkas were present. The committee discussed and reviewed policies pertaining to the Committee from the Annual Thrun Law Policy Update, and discussed an update on the construction projects that are happening this fall, as well as an update on the North Point Drainage District. The Committee discussed an update on the annual financial audit, and an estimated final fund balance, if no adjustments are needed to be made. The audit will be presented at the next committee meeting, with an action item at the October board meeting. An update on a new section (98c) within the State of Michigan’s budget to help with the cost of addressing learning loss was discussed. The Committee also reviewed items from the other Board Committee meetings.

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

### **1. Report of committee meeting held on September 12, 2022**

JB Meeuwenberg reported on a Personnel Committee meeting held on September 12, 2022. Dave Hazekamp, Steve Kelly, and Jason Kennedy were present. The committee discussed and reviewed policies pertaining to the Committee from the Annual Thrun Law Policy Update, discussed teacher recommendations for hire, discussed the need to consider hiring a school psychologist through a third party vendor while the District continues to post a vacancy and search for a qualified candidate for this position, discussed the continuation of a bond stipend in the amount of \$2,500 for John Winkas and Mark Mesbergen for the additional time necessary to manage the District's athletic bond projects, and reviewed items from the other Board Committee meetings.

### **2. Bond and Project Construction Management Stipend**

Item 22-135. MOTION by Meeuwenberg, SECOND by Burgess to approve bond and construction management stipends in the amount of \$2,500 for John Winkas and Mark Mesbergen, to be paid as a non-elective 403b plan contribution, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0; 2 absent.

### **3. Letter of Agreement: Fruitport Bus Drivers / Food Service Association**

Item 22-136. MOTION by Meeuwenberg, SECOND by Buckner to approve the Letter of Agreement with the Fruitport Bus Drivers / Food Service Association, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0; 2 absent.

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

### **1. Report of committee meeting held on September 12, 2022**

Tim Burgess reported on a Student Affairs Committee meeting held on September 12, 2022. Tim Burgess, Dave Hazekamp, Susan Franklin, and Jason Kennedy were present. The committee discussed and reviewed policies pertaining to the Committee from the Annual Thrun Law Policy Update. The Committee also discussed and reviewed information submitted by Student 091922-01, and the student's mother, as it pertained to the student's petition for reinstatement hearing.

The Committee also discussed the Section 98b goal reporting requirements for the 2022-2023 school year, including the goals for each building, and it discussed Section 98c and the application requirements to receive State funds to address learning loss. The Committee reviewed grade 3-8 M-STEP data from the state assessment for the 2021-2022 school year, and it discussed the need to continue to update its Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service Plan, as the District has accepted ESSER funds, along with discussing the plan elements. The Committee reviewed items from the other Board Committee meetings.

## **2. Resolution: Petition for Student 091922-01 Reinstatement**

Item 22-137. MOTION by Burgess, Second by Cole to approve the Student Affairs Committee's recommendation, and the Board Resolution on student petition for reinstatement for Student 091922-01, effective September 26, 2022, presented and discussed. The Committee reviewed the following information in making its recommendation to the Board:

- Ten (10) paragraph reflection letter from the student
- Letter of apology to the Board and District from the student
- Three (3) letters of recommendation for reinstatement
- Log of 40 hours of community service conducted through the court and with Fruitport Township
- Supplemental order of disposition from Judge Gregory Pittman indicating that probation had been completed, the petition dismissed, and the case closed
- Summary report and assessment from Family Court identifying the student as a low risk
- Evaluation from Health West
- Student grades and academic progress in the Muskegon County Virtual Academy
- Completed MDE petition for reinstatement from the parent

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0; 2 absent.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Buckner - yes, Burgess - yes, Cole - yes, Franklin - absent, Hazekamp - yes, Kelly - absent, Meeuwenberg - yes.

## **3. Overnight Trip Request: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Washington, DC**

Item 22-138. MOTION by Burgess, SECOND by Cole to approve the overnight trip request by Tammy Ruch for 8th grade students to Washington, DC, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0; 2 absent.

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

Kris Cole shared information with the Board about the middle school robotics kickoff that took place at the high school. Kris shared that seven (7) other area teams participated in the kickoff, and that those schools were impressed with our facilities. Kris shared that the District would be hosting a middle school robotics competition in November with thirty-six (36) teams participating.

Dave Hazekamp shared that the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony would take place at Fruitport High School on October 22, 2022. Tickets for the event are \$10 per ticket. An alcohol license has been approved for the venue by the State of Michigan. Dave also shared that he will not be in attendance at the Board meeting in October.

Tim Burgess shared that the football game would be at home on the new turf field on Friday, September 23, 2022, and that it was youth night that evening. Tim also shared that he had a work commitment preventing him from attending the October Board meeting.

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

1. The Business and Finance Committee will meet on October 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
2. The Personnel Committee will meet on October 10, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
3. The Student Affairs Committee will meet on October 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
4. The Board of Education will meet on October 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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

#### **XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

Item 22-139. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Cole to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0; 2 absent

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Cole, Vice President (Acting Board Secretary per Board Policy #2406)

Danielle VanderMeulen, Recording Secretary