



Fruitport Community Schools
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 1, 2025 – 5:15 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 5:15 p.m. by Board President, Dave Hazekamp.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present: Tim Burgess, Dave Hazekamp, Steve Kelly, JB Meeuwenberg, Josh Mueller. Absent: Kris Cole, Kathy Six
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Item 25-139. MOTION by Burgess, SECOND by Meeuwenberg to approve the agenda, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0, 2 absent (Cole, Six).
- IV. **REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None
- V. **GENERAL BOARD BUSINESS:**

1. State School Aid Act Section 31aa Funding Resolution

Item 25-140. MOTION by Kelly, SECOND by Meeuwenberg to approve the State School Aid Act Section 31aa Funding Resolution, as discussed.

Notes: *Thrun Law Firm has provided the resolution regarding State School Aid Act Section 31aa funding for fiscal year 2025 - 2026. This resolution is designed to address the evolving situation created by ongoing litigation challenging the privilege-waiver requirement of accepting the school safety and mental health money from the State.*

Key points regarding this resolution:

- 1. The resolution allows the District to provisionally opt in to 31aa Funding by the December 4 deadline, preserving eligibility.*
- 2. If the litigation is unsuccessful and the privilege-waiver requirement remains in effect, the opt-in will be automatically rescinded. In that event, the Superintendent is required to notify MDE of the rescission by the stipulated deadline of December 30, 2025 at 11:59 p.m., in the form and manner established by MDE.*
- 3. This resolution ensures that your Board and School can participate in 31aa Funding without waiving any privileges until the legal challenge is resolved.*
- 4. The Board may need to consider another resolution depending upon the Court's decision on December 19, 2025.*

The total allocated to Fruitport Community Schools through Section 31aa of the State School Aid Act for the 2025-2026 school year is approximately \$395,781. This represents an increase in Section 31aa funding of approximately \$94,813 over the 2024-2025 allocation.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yes: Tim Burgess, Dave Hazekamp, Steve Kelly, JB Meeuwenberg, Josh Mueller.

No: None

Absent: Kris Cole, Kathy Six

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0; 2 absent (Cole, Six)

VI. COMMITTEE LEVEL DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Student Affairs: Thrun Law Firm Policy Update - Second Reading** - The Board discussed the second reading of the Thrun Law Firm Policy Update. The Board will be asked to act on the adoptions of the policy changes at the December 8, 2025 Board of Education meeting.
- 2. Student Affairs: Student Reinstatement Hearing Committee** - The Board discussed appointing Tim Burgess and Josh Mueller, with Dave Hazekamp serving as an alternate, to the Student Reinstatement Hearing Committee. A formal resolution to appoint the Committee will be considered at the December 8, 2025 Board meeting.

3. **Student Affairs: High School Handbook Addendum** - The Board discussed an addendum to the High School Student Handbook. A first reading of the policy changes will be made at the December 8, 2025 Board meeting. A second and final reading will take place at the January Board of Education meeting before the Board is asked to act on the adoption of the addendum.
4. **Personnel: December Personnel Report** - The Board reviewed the Personnel Report for December 2025. This report included each of the recommendations for new hire, resignations, retirement notices, transfers, and positions that are still posted and vacant in the District.
5. **Business and Finance: School Building and Site Bonds, Series I Authorizing Resolution** - The Board discussed a need to approve an Authorizing Resolution for the School Building and Site Bonds, Series I after the passage of the District's bond proposal on the November 4, 2025 ballot. The Board will be asked to approve the Authorizing Resolution at the December 8, 2025 Board meeting.
6. **Business and Finance: School Building and Site Bonds - Key Dates** - The Board reviewed a summary of key dates associated with the School Building and Site Bonds. The Business Manager will discuss these dates in further detail at the December 8, 2025 Board meeting.
7. **Computer Replacement Recommendation** - The Board discussed a recommendation from Kyle Nielsen, Technology Director, to replace / upgrade sixty (60) of the District's four hundred and fifty (450) computers. The District is moving to Windows 11 in 2026, as Microsoft has sunset Windows 10, and they are no longer providing security updates or support for the Operating System. The District will have a number of computers that do not meet the minimum required specifications to run Windows 11, so they are in need of replacement. This also falls in-line with our computer replacement plan cycle, where we work to replace computers every 5-7 years. The purchase will be through the REMC consortium. A recommendation for approval will be placed on the December 8, 2025 Board meeting agenda.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Item 25-141. MOTION by Kelly, SECOND by Meeuwenberg to adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Kelly, Board Secretary

Jason Kennedy, Acting Recording Secretary