



Fruitport Community Schools
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 9, 2025 – 6:00 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 6:15 p.m. by Board President, Dave Hazekamp.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present – Tim Burgess, Kris Cole, Dave Hazekamp, JB Meeuwenberg.
Absent: Steve Kelly, Josh Mueller, Kathy Six.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Item 25-72. MOTION by Cole, SECOND by Meeuwenberg to approve the agenda, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0; 3 absent.
- IV. **REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None
- V. **GENERAL BOARD BUSINESS:**
 1. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes - May 19, 2025**

Item 25-73. MOTION by Burgess, SECOND by Cole to approve the regular meeting minutes from the Board of Education meeting on May 19, 2025, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0; 3 absent.
 2. **Purchase of Special Education Bus**

Item 25-74. MOTION by Meeuwenberg, SECOND by Cole to approve the proposal from Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$111,061, with funds coming out of the FY 2026 Section 221 transportation line item in the budget, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0; 3 absent.

3. School Infrastructure and Bond Planning Discussion

- Review Community Survey Data

Superintendent Kennedy provided a copy of the data collected from the Post Election May 2025 Bond Community Survey that closed on June 9, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. to the Board of Education. Superintendent Kennedy reviewed the responses and feedback from each of the ten (10) survey questions with the Board of Education and those in attendance at the meeting. Key themes were summarized and shared publicly. Results of the community survey will be posted to the District's website.

- Discussion on Constituent Feedback to Board Members

Board members discussed feedback that they have received from constituents and community members. The constituent feedback was comparable to the feedback received from the survey. The community survey and feedback received by Board members will be used to develop next steps and a plan to move forward.

- Discuss Next Steps and Bond Planning Options

Superintendent Kennedy, Josh Szymanski (Owen Ames Kimball, Co.), and Matt Wakely (TowerPinkster) discussed options for consideration by the Board that aligned with the feedback received through the community survey and through feedback to board members. All of the options that were presented for consideration eliminated the construction of a new soccer field. The Board will continue its discussion at the regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting on June 23, 2025 to determine next steps. Should the Board desire to place a bond proposal on the November 2025 ballot, the deadline for filing a resolution with the County Clerk is August 12, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

VI. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- Adam Tiefenbach discussed the importance of including improvements to the Early Childhood Center and to Edgewood Elementary as a part of any future bond proposal.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Item 25-75. MOTION by Cole, SECOND by Meeuwenberg to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0; 3 absent.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Cole, Acting Board Secretary

Jason Kennedy, Acting Recording Secretary