Fruitport Community Schools

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 16, 2026 – 5:30 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 5:30 p.m. by Board President, Dave Hazekamp.

II. **ROLL CALL**: Present: Tim Burgess, Kris Cole, Dave Hazekamp, JB Meeuwenberg, Kathy Six. Absent: Steve Kelly, Josh Mueller.

Note: Kathy Six was appointed to serve as the Acting Secretary by Board President Dave Hazekamp in the absence of Steve Kelly.

III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Item 26-110. MOTION by Burgess, SECOND by Cole to approve the agenda, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0, 2 absent (Kelly, Mueller).

IV. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

1. **GENERAL BOARD BUSINESS**:

1. **Closed Session Student Discipline Hearing Pursuant to Michigan Open Meetings Act Section 8(b) - Student: UIC 5549417589**

Item 26-111. MOTION by Six, SECOND by Meeuwenberg to enter into closed session at 5:32 p.m. pursuant to Section 8(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, and upon the written request of the student's parent, for the purpose of conducting a hearing to

consider the discipline of a student whose identity is known to the Board as Student 5549417589.

Roll call: Burgess - yes, Cole - yes, Kelly - absent, Hazekamp - yes, Meeuwenberg - yes, Mueller - absent, Six - yes.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0; 2 absent (Kelly, Mueller).

Note: Propio Language Services was used to provide an interpreter to the family at the initial request of the family. Upon engaging with the interpreter during the meeting, the parents decided that they did not need or want the services of the interpreter to continue the student disciplinary hearing. Interpreter 58288 was assigned to handle the interpretive services for the student disciplinary hearing.

2. Return to Open Session

Item 26-112. MOTION by Cole, SECOND by Six to return to open session at 6:10 p.m.

Roll call: Burgess - yes, Cole - yes, Kelly - absent, Hazekamp - yes, Meeuwenberg - yes, Mueller - absent, Six - yes.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0; 2 absent (Kelly, Mueller).

Note: Trustee Josh Mueller entered the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

3. Student Discipline Hearing Findings: Student 5549417589

Item 26-113. MOTION by Cole, SECOND by Meeuwenberg to establish the following, as it pertains to the student disciplinary hearing for Student 5549417589:

1. A preponderance of the evidence establishes that the Student physically assaulted another student on school property in violation of state law and the Student Code of Conduct.

2. Based on careful consideration of all of the following factors, the Board determines that expulsion is warranted:
    - The Student's age;
    - The Student's disciplinary history;
    - Whether the Student has a disability;
    - The seriousness of the behavior;
    - Whether the behavior posed a safety risk;
    - Whether restorative practices are a better option; and

- Whether lesser interventions would address the behavior.

3. The Student is permanently expelled from the District.

4. During the time of the expulsion, the Student may not be on school grounds or attend any functions at the District without prior written approval from an appropriate administrator.

5. The Student may petition the Board for reinstatement no sooner than October 6, 2027, but may not be reinstated before November 22, 2027. Before reinstatement, the Student must do all of the following:
   - demonstrate successful participation in an appropriate counseling program approved by the building administration or Superintendent that includes both group and individual counseling;
   - submit to the Superintendent competent and credible evidence from an appropriately licensed and credentialed professional that the Student does not pose a risk of harm to the Student or to others;
   - establish that the Student has not engaged in conduct during the period of expulsion that may be viewed by the Board as detrimental to the Student's continued education at the District;
   - complete to the satisfaction of the Board all recommendations contained in any psychological or counseling report;
   - demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that the Student received educational instruction and cooperatively participated in an educational program during the period of expulsion.

6. Consistent with Revised School Code Sections 11a and 1311(1), the Board finds that the interests of the District are served by this resolution.

7. Consistent with the Board's actions taken this date, administration shall promptly make available to the Student the appropriate educational services to which the Student may be entitled under state and federal law.

8. Administrators are directed and authorized to implement all terms of this resolution and are delegated all necessary authority to do so.

9. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

   Roll call: Burgess - yes, Cole - yes, Kelly - absent, Hazekamp - yes, Meeuwenberg - yes, Mueller - yes, Six - yes.

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

4. **Other**: None

V. ADJOURNMENT

Item 26-114. MOTION by Cole, SECOND by Six to adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Six, Acting Board Secretary

Jason Kennedy, Acting Recording Secretary