



Fruitport Community Schools  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
Monday, July 17, 2023 – 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 – Elroy Buckner, Tim Burgess, Susan Franklin, Dave Hazekamp, Steve Kelly, and JB Meeuwenberg. Absent - Kris Cole.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
  
Item 23-115. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Franklin to approve the agenda, as presented  
  
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0; 1 absent.
- IV. **PRESENTATIONS:** None
- V. **COMMUNICATIONS:** None
- VI. **SUPERINTENDENT/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**
  - **Draft Template of Strategic Action Plan**  
  
Superintendent Kennedy provided the Board with a copy of the draft template of the District's Strategic Action Plan. Superintendent Kennedy also discussed key points within the draft plan and discussed the need to continue to revise the draft plan over the next few months.
- VII. **REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

## VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Item 23-116. MOTION by Kelly, SECOND by Franklin to approve the Consent Agenda as listed below:

1. Approval of Bill Listing in the amount of \$1,498,366.54
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: July 10, 2023

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0; 1 absent.

## IX. GENERAL BOARD BUSINESS:

### 1. Real Estate and Property Acquisition - 259 N. 3rd Street Fruitport, MI 49415

The Board discussed the property that was recently listed for sale at 259 N. 3rd Street, Fruitport, MI 4915. The Board discussed that at approximately \$70 per square foot, plus upgrades that could be managed by our operations and maintenance department, that this building could be a great place to move our central office spaces in preparation for the next phase of the District's Master Facilities Plan. This could also open up additional space for classrooms at Edgewood Elementary in the event that enrollment continues to grow with new housing developments that are currently being built in the Edgewood catchment area. The Board discussed this being well below what we would be able to build a new space for on a cost per square foot basis, while keeping the District connected and in the center of the Village, if it were to acquire the property.

### 2. Enter into Closed Session Pursuant to MCL 15.268 Sec. 8(1)(d)

Item 23-117. MOTION by Franklin, SECOND by Buckner to enter into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268 Sec. 8(1)(d), which states that a Board of Education may enter into a closed session for the purpose of considering the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease that real property is obtained.

#### Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Elroy Buckner, Tim Burgess, Susan Franklin, Dave Hazekamp, Steve Kelly, and JB Meeuwenberg.

Nays: None

Absent: Kris Cole

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0; 1 absent.

*The Board entered into closed session, with the time being 7:27 p.m., after being approved by at least a 2/3 roll call vote of members elected or appointed and serving.*

### **3. Return to Open Session**

Item 23-118. MOTION by Franklin, SECOND by Buckner to return to open session.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Elroy Buckner, Tim Burgess, Susan Franklin, Dave Hazekamp, Steve Kelly, and JB Meeuwenberg.

Nays: None

Absent: Kris Cole

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0; 1 absent.

*The Board returned to open session with the time being 7:47 p.m.*

### **4. Panorama MTSS Software Platform**

Item 23-119. MOTION by Franklin, SECOND by Kelly to approve a cost not to exceed \$27,725 annually for three (3) years to purchase the Panorama MTSS Software Platform, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0; 1 absent.

## **X. BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. The Business and Finance Committee did not meet during the month of July 2023, due to a lack of agenda items for the month, so a report of the Committee was not provided.

## **XI. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS:**

### **1. Report of committee meeting held on July 10, 2023**

JB Meeuwenberg reported on a Personnel Committee meeting held on July 10, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Dave Hazekamp, JB Meeuwneberg, and Jason Kennedy were present. The Committee discussed the July 2023 Personnel Report and the process being used to fill the principal and assistant principal vacancies at Edgewood Elementary School. The Committee also reviewed items from the other Board Committee meetings to be discussed at the Regular Board Meeting on Monday, July 17, 2023. The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

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

### **1. Report of committee meeting held on July 10, 2023**

Susan Franklin reported on a Student affairs Committee meeting held on July 10, 2023 at 5:15 p.m. Dave Hazekamp, Susan Franklin, and Jason Kennedy were present. The Committee discussed a purchase recommendation for new health education textbooks and resources, reviewed changes to the high school handbook for the 2023-2024 school year, discussed a request for an overnight trip from Choir teacher Adelaide Petersmark and Professor Barry Martin (Grand Valley State University) for selected students from Fruitport High School to participate in the Michigan Musicians Abroad trip to Europe on June 21, 2024 - July 6, 2024, and discussed the purchase of new AP Chemistry and AP Physics textbooks and resources. The meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

### **2. Overnight Trip Request: Michigan Musicians Abroad Trip to Europe**

Item 23-120. MOTION by Franklin, SECOND by Kelly to approve the overnight trip request by choir teacher Adelaide Petersmark for selected students from Fruitport Community Schools to attend the Michigan Musicians Abroad trip to Europe on June 21, 2024 through July 6, 2024, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0; 1 absent.

### **3. Advanced Placement Chemistry and Physics Textbook and Resource Purchase**

Item 23-121. MOTION by Franklin, SECOND by Burgess to approve a cost not to exceed \$20,000 for the purchase of Fundamentals of Physics (Halliday, Resnick, & Walker), and Chemistry (Zumdahl, Zumdahl, & DeCoste) to support these AP courses, as recommended by the high school faculty, with funds coming out of ESSER to support this expenditure, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0; 1 absent.

**4. Health Education Textbook and Resource Purchase Recommendation:  
Second Public Hearing and Reading**

The Board held a second public hearing on the adoption of the new health education textbooks for the high school and middle school prior to the Board taking action on this recommendation. The District's Sex Education Advisory Board (SEAB) previously reviewed and approved the resources for recommendation to the Board. The first public hearing and reading was held at the Board meeting on Monday, June 26, 2023.

Item 23-122. MOTION by Franklin, SECOND by Burgess to approve a cost not to exceed \$45,000 for the purchase of Goodheart-Wilcox textbooks, as recommended by the health department, and approved by the Sex Education Advisory Board, with funds coming out of ESSER to support this expenditure, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0; 1 absent.

**5. 2023-2024 High School Student Handbook**

Item 23-123. MOTION by Franklin, SECOND by Kelly to approve the updated High School Student Handbook for the 2023-2024 school year, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0; 1 absent.

**XIII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS: None**

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

1. The Business and Finance Committee will meet on August 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
2. The Personnel Committee will meet on August 14, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.
3. The Student Affairs Committee will meet on August 14, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
4. The Board of Education will meet on August 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

**XV. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC: None**

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

Item 23-124. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Franklin to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0; 1 absent.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Franklin, Board Secretary

Danielle VanderMeulen, Recording Secretary