



Fruitport Community Schools
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 20, 2024 – 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 7:17 p.m. by Board President, Dave Hazekamp.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance at the meeting.
- III. **ROLL CALL:** Present – Elroy Buckner, Tim Burgess, Kris Cole, Susan Franklin, Dave Hazekamp, Steve Kelly, JB Meeuwenberg
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Item 24-68. MOTION by Cole, SECOND by Meeuwenberg to approve the agenda, with an agenda modification, to add the following action item, as presented:

GENERAL BOARD BUSINESS

1. MAISD 2024-2025 Budget Resolution

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

- V. **PRESENTATIONS:**
 - **Michigan Youth in Government** - High school government teacher and Youth in Government advisor, Deeann Skov, along with high school students who participate in Youth in Government, shared a presentation with the Board on the work that each student does as a part of their involvement with Michigan Youth in Government.
- VI. **COMMUNICATIONS:**
 - The following communications were shared with the Board of Education:

1. MDE Communication: The District received a handwritten thank you card from the Michigan Department of Education. This card thanked the District and its team for their hospitality in hosting the Michigan Department of Education on their recent site visit and customer service tour.
2. Special Education Advisory Committee: The District received a communication from the Office of Special Education indicating that Superintendent Kennedy would be selected to serve a three year term on the State Board of Education's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC).

VII. SUPERINTENDENT/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **Collective Bargaining and Negotiations Process** - The Board discussed the collective bargaining process that is underway with the Fruitport Education Association for a successor contract that is being negotiated currently. The bargaining teams met on May 7, 2024 and the FEA provided the District with its first language and financial proposal. The District will now develop a response to the Association's proposal
- **Student Handbook and Attendance Policy Updates** - The Board discussed updates to the student handbooks and its attendance policy, including a model handbook developed by Thrun Law Firm to align with the policies adopted by the Board of Education. Handbooks for each school will be updated to align to this model handbook, and provided to the Board for approval at an upcoming meeting this summer.
- **Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference and State Budget Update** - The Board was provided with a general overview of the Consensus Review Estimating Conference from May 17, 2024.
- **Electrical Main Switch Gear and Sub Base Update** - The Board was provided with an update on an emergency purchase to update the main electrical switchgear and sub base that powers the high school, middle school, and Edgewood campus. This emergency purchase was necessary due to the significant lead time of 45 plus weeks to secure the necessary electrical parts to make the repair. The intent is to make the repair during the week of spring break in April 2025.

VIII. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

Item 24-69. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Franklin to approve the Consent Agenda as listed below:

1. Approval of Bill Listing in the amount of \$312,809.65
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)

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

X. GENERAL BOARD BUSINESS:

1. **MAISD FY2025 Budget Resolution** - The Board discussed and reviewed the MAISD FY2025 original budget and the MAISD budget overview document that was shared with the District. These documents were reviewed with the Board's delegate (Steve Kelly) at the April 25, 2024 MAISD budget review meeting, and were provided to all Board members in advance of that meeting.

Item 24-70. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Cole to approve the MAISD 2024-2025 Budget Resolution, as presented and discussed.

Roll Call Vote: Buckner - yes, Burgess - yes, Cole - yes, Franklin - yes, Hazekamp - yes, Kelly - yes, Meeuwenberg - yes.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

XI. BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Report of committee meeting held on May 14, 2024

Elroy Buckner reported on a Business and Finance Committee meeting held on May 14, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Kris Cole, Elroy Buckner, Dave Hazekamp, Jason Kennedy, Mark Mesbergen, and Jessica Wiseman were present. The Committee discussed the Shettler boiler replacement recommendation, the parking lot and drive recommendation, the food service management company renewal, the CAD PC and monitor recommendation, the Chromebook purchase recommendation, the middle school band instrument purchase recommendation, the stadium light replacement recommendation, the middle school flooring and furniture purchase recommendations, and the Form 614 (L-4029) FY 2025 tax rate request. The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

2. Shettler Boiler Replacement Recommendation

Item 24-71. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Cole to approve and accept the bid from Hurst Mechanical in the amount of \$199,500 to replace two boilers at Shettler Elementary School, with funds coming out of the 2021 Capital Bond Fund, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

3. Parking Lot and Drive Recommendation

Item 24-72. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Cole to approve and accept the bid from Asphalt Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$104,900 to replace a section of driveway, along with the paving of an additional parking lot for vehicles that we have purchased over the past couple of years, with funds coming out of the 2021 Capital Bond Fund, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

4. Food Service Management Company Renewal

Item 24-73. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Cole to approve the 2024-25 contract renewal with Chartwells for food service management, as presented. The contract renewal will increase annually by \$12,000, with funds coming out of the Food Service Fund, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

5. CAD Lab PC and Monitor Purchase Recommendation

Item 24-74. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Cole to approve the quote from Inacomp TSG using the REMC Bid consortium in the amount of \$53,325 to replace the CAD lab computers and monitors at the high school, with funds coming out of the Technology and Security Fund, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

6. Chromebook Purchase Recommendation

Item 24-75. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Cole to approve the quote from Sehi Computer Products, Inc. using the REMC Bid consortium in the amount of \$153,882 to purchase an additional 525 student Chromebooks and 20 staff Chromebooks for the upcoming school year, with funds coming out of the Technology and Security Fund, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

7. Middle School Band Instrument Purchase Recommendation

Item 24-76. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Cole to approve the quote from Meyer Music in the amount of \$42,553 to purchase middle school band instruments, with funds coming out of the 2021 Capital Projects Fund, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

8. Stadium Light Replacement Recommendation

Item 24-77. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Cole to approve the proposal from Cooper Lighting Solutions to convert the existing stadium lights and soccer lights to LED, in the amount of \$315,000 through the Sourcewell Contract, with funds coming out of the 2021 Capital Projects Fund, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

9. Middle School Flooring Replacement Recommendation

Item 24-78. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Cole to approve the recommendation not to exceed \$500,000 to replace flooring within the middle school classrooms, with funds coming out of the 2021 Capital Projects Fund, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

10. Middle School Furniture Replacement Recommendation

Item 24-79. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Cole to approve the recommendation not to exceed \$500,000 to replace classroom furniture within the middle school classrooms, with funds coming out of the 2021 Capital Projects Fund, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

11. Form 614 (L-4029) - FY 2025 Tax Rate Request

Item 24-80. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Cole to approve Form 614 (L-4029) for the FY 2025 Tax Rate Request, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

XII. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Report of committee meeting held on May 13, 2024

Steve Kelly reported on a Personnel Committee meeting held on May 13, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Dave Hazekamp, JB Meeuwenberg, Mark Mesbergen, and Jason Kennedy were present. The Committee discussed the Personnel Report for May 2024, and it discussed an update on the collective bargaining process for each of the bargaining unit contracts currently being negotiated. The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

XIII. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Report of committee meeting held on May 13, 2024

Susan Franklin reported on a Student Affairs Committee meeting held on May 13, 2024 at 5:34 p.m. Tim Burgess, Susan Franklin, Dave Hazekamp, and Jason Kennedy were present. The Committee discussed updates to the student handbooks and was provided a copy of a model handbook developed by Thrun Law Firm to align with the policies adopted by the Board of Education. The Committee discussed an update on the collective bargaining process for each of the bargaining unit contracts currently being negotiated. The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

XIV. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

Kric Cole shared that the middle school robotics team will host the State Championship Robotics Competition for middle school students next year. The event will be held at Trinity Health Arena. Kris also shared information about fundraising activities of the robotics team, which included a cornhole tournament and parking for Old Fashioned Days.

Dave Hazekamp and Steve Kelly also discussed the MAISD budget adoption process, and Steve volunteered to attend the event on behalf of the Board of Education again next year.

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

1. The Business and Finance Committee will meet on June 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
2. The Personnel Committee will meet on June 17, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
3. The Student Affairs Committee will meet on June, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
4. The Board of Education will meet on June 24, 2024 at 6:30 for the annual Truth in Taxation public hearing.
5. The Board of Education will meet on June 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. for the annual organizational meeting.
6. The Board of Education will meet on June 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. for the regular meeting.

XVI. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC: Pam Gustafson was in attendance and shared that it was great to see our high school students presenting on Michigan Youth in Government at the meeting.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Item 24-81. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Franklin to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Franklin, Board Secretary

Danielle VanderMeulen, Recording Secretary