



Fruitport Community Schools
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 18, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:

Fruitport High School
Media Center
357 N. 6th Ave.
Fruitport, MI 49415

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:02 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 24-172. MOTION by Franklin, SECOND by Buckner to approve the agenda, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.
- V. **PRESENTATIONS:** None
- VI. **COMMUNICATIONS:**
 - **West Michigan Conference Official Communication:** The District received communication from Ken Byard, League President for the West Michigan Conference (WMC). The communication stated that the Executive Committee of the WMC did not reach the required two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote needed to pursue expansion. As such, our application to the WMC was denied at this time.
 - **Office for Civil Rights Communication - Website Accessibility:** The District received communication from Laura Favazza, Attorney for the Office for Civil

Rights. The communication approved the District's chosen website accessibility standard: WCAG 2.1, Level AA, it approved the content of the District's Website Accessibility Notice, and it approved the District's protocol and timeframe for responding to reports of accessibility barriers on the District's website.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **Reminder - Muskegon County School Board Alliance (MCSBA) Fall Dinner Meeting:** A reminder was provided to Board of Education members attending the MCSBA Fall Dinner Meeting. The dinner meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2024 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the MAISD Career Tech Center.
- **Military Wall of Honor and Interactive Display:** With the Board meeting taking place at the high school, the Board was encouraged to stop by and check out the Military Wall of Honor that was recently dedicated on Veterans Day, November 11, 2024. The Wall of Honor and digital touch screen display serves as an everyday reminder of the service, dedication, and commitment that veterans of the United States Armed Forces, who were also graduates of Fruitport, have provided to our Country. The Board also reviewed a Grand Haven Tribune article that was written by Lauren Formosa highlighting the dedication of the Wall of Honor on Veterans Day, November 11, 2024.
- **US News and World Report - Best Elementary Schools in America:** Beach Elementary and Shettler Elementary were once again honored by US News and World Report for being recognized on the list of Best Elementary Schools in America. These two schools were also the two highest ranked elementary schools in all of Muskegon County on that list.

VIII. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

Item 24-173. MOTION by Cole, SECOND by Buckner to approve the Consent Agenda as listed below:

1. Approval of Bill Listing in the amount of \$594,277.51
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. **Insulin Mass Action Litigation Discussion:** It was determined that the Board would not pursue participation in the Insulin Mass Action Lawsuit, as discussed. As such, no action item would be added to the agenda to consider the adoption of a resolution to participate in the mass action lawsuit.

XI. BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

● **Report of committee meeting held on November 8, 2024**

Elroy Buckner reported on a Business and Finance Committee meeting held on November 8, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. Elroy Buckner, Kris Cole, Dave Hazekamp, Jason Kennedy, Mark Mesbergen, and Jessica Wiseman were present. The Committee discussed a request for a proposal to purchase at least one bus to replace one of our older buses from the 2021 Capital Projects Fund. The Committee also discussed the purchase of a bi-directional amplification system to support improved public safety radio communication while in the building. The Committee also discussed an update on the potential May 2025 Bond Proposition, and reviewed a rough draft of a conceptual design of a new Edgewood Elementary school that was designed by Tower-Pinkster. The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

1. School Bus Purchase / Request for Proposal

Item 24-174. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Cole to approve the bid from Midwest Transit Equipment in the amount of \$85,755, with funds coming out of the 2021 Capital Projects Fund, to purchase one regular education bus, including the 5- year engine warranty, as discussed., as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

2. Public Safety Critical Point Dual Band Bi-Directional Amplifier

Item 24-175. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Cole to approve the purchase of a public safety critical point dual band bi-directional amplifier from Crouch Communications, using the Motorola Solutions MI-Deal Contract, in the amount of \$46,272.14, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

XII. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

- **Report of committee meeting held on November 11, 2024**

Steve Kelly reported on a Personnel Committee meeting held on November 11, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Dave Hazekamp, Steve Kelly, JB Meeuwenberg, and Jason Kennedy were present. The Committee discussed the Personnel Report for November 2024, which included each of the recommendations for new hires, resignations, retirement notices, transfers, and positions that are still posted and vacant in the District. The Committee also discussed an update on a staff member discipline issue, and it also discussed a Letter of Agreement (LOA) between the District and the Fruitport Education Association (FEA) pertaining to health insurance and health savings accounts for employees. The Committee also discussed an update on the potential May 2025 Bond Proposition, and reviewed a rough draft of a conceptual design of a new Edgewood Elementary school that was designed by Tower-Pinkster. The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

- 1. Letter of Agreement: FEA - Health Insurance / Health Savings Accounts**

Item 24-176. MOTION by Kelly, SECOND by Meeuwenberg to approve the Letter of Agreement between the Fruitport Education Association (FEA) and the Board of Education, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

XIII. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Report of committee meeting held on November 11, 2024**

Susan Franklin reported on a Student Affairs Committee meeting held on October 14, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Tim Burgess, Dave Hazekamp, Susan Franklin, and Jason Kennedy were present. The Committee discussed an overnight field trip request from Deeann Skov, high school teacher and MYIG advisor, for students to travel to East Lansing/Lansing on February 20-23, 2025. They will participate in a mock legislative session at the State Capitol. The Committee also discussed an update to the complaint that was filed against the District alleging that the playground at Beach was not ADA compliant. The Committee discussed an opportunity to participate in a mass action lawsuit against insulin manufacturers and other defendants. The Committee also discussed an update on the potential May 2025 Bond Proposition, and reviewed a rough draft of a conceptual design of a new Edgewood Elementary school that was designed by Tower-Pinkster. The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

- 1. Overnight Field Trip Request: Michigan Youth in Government (MYIG)**

Item 24-177. MOTION by Franklin, SECOND by Burgess to approve the overnight trip request from Deeann Skov for high school students to stay overnight in Lansing, MI on February 20-23, 2025 to participate in a mock legislature at the State Capital, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

2. Overnight Field Trip Request: Trojan Travelers - Paris, Barcelona, and Madrid

Item 24-178. MOTION by Franklin, SECOND by Burgess to approve the overnight trip request from Tammy Ruch and the Trojan Travelers for students to participate in a ten (10) day trip to Paris, Barcelona, and Madrid on June 15-24, 2026, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

XIV. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

Kris Cole shared that the Fruitport First Tech Challenge Qualifier will take place on November 22-23, 2024 at Fruitport High School. Kris also shared that the robotics program will be hosting the state championship tournament on December 13-14, 2024 at Trinity Health Arena. Dave Hazekamp expressed appreciation to the Military Wall of Honor Steering Committee for all of their hard work in putting together a great breakfast, Veterans Day Service, and unveiling ceremony for the new Military Wall of Honor. Dave shared that it is important for the school to remember those who have fought for the freedoms that we enjoy today. Dave also shared that the 5th Quarter Party of the Fruitport Education Foundation went extremely well, it was well attended, and it appeared that everyone had a great time again at the event. Dave also wished the volleyball team good luck in their MHSAA tournament game on Tuesday, November 19, 2024.

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

1. The Business and Finance Committee will meet on December 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
2. The Personnel Committee will meet on December 2, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
3. The Student Affairs Committee will meet on December 2, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
4. The Board of Education will meet on December 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for a special meeting to hold a community forum to discuss the potential May 2025 bond proposition.
5. The Board of Education will meet on December 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. for the regular meeting.

XVI. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- Lauren Chesney, high school principal, shared a copy of the English Department Handbook that was developed by the English Department. She shared the hard work of the staff with the Board of Education, and expressed her appreciation for the release time that was provided to staff to complete the handbook.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Item 24-179. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Franklin to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Franklin, Board Secretary

Danielle VanderMeulen, Recording Secretary