



Fruitport Community Schools
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 21, 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, Kris Cole, Susan Franklin, Dave Hazekamp, Steve Kelly, and JB Meeuwenberg.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Item 23-140. MOTION by Cole, SECOND by Franklin to approve the agenda, as presented

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.
- IV. **PRESENTATIONS:** None
- V. **COMMUNICATIONS:** None
- VI. **SUPERINTENDENT/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- **Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 Audit Narrative and Confirmation Request**

Superintendent Kennedy provided the Board with a copy of the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 Audit Narrative and Confirmation Request from the Pupil Membership Auditors. No issues were identified in either of the audits, no FTE reductions were made to the counts submitted by the District, and our staff was commended for their effort in completing the audit process. Jessica Wiseman was publicly acknowledged by the District for her leadership of the audit process.

- **2022-2023 End of Year Reports**

Superintendent Kennedy provided the Board with a copy of the year end report for athletics, as submitted by athletic director Jonny Morehouse. This report highlighted championships won by our teams, as well as the all-conference, all-area, all-district, all-region, and all-state (including academic all-state) honorees. The report also highlighted senior athlete honorees, FEF outstanding achievement award winners, and OK Conference honorees. Participation rates by all sports were provided, as were all sport standings for the OK Blue Conference.

The Board was also provided a copy of the end of year report submitted to the District by the School Resource Officer. This report highlighted the work of the officer over the course of the year, including, but not limited to: home visits, student interventions, presentations made to students, visibility, and miscellaneous other activities completed by the SRO.

- **Athletic Conference Discussion**

The Board discussed a joint letter that was issued to OK Conference member schools by Kenowa Hills Superintendent Gerald Hopkins and OK Conference Commissioner Dave Feenstra, dated August 14, 2023. The Board discussed meetings that had taken place between some OK Conference member schools on June 22, 2023, July 20, 2023, and August 2, 2023. The intent of these meetings was to investigate alternative athletic conference options for interested schools. Options for Fruitport Community Schools were discussed with the Board with the intent of the District to remain with the OK Conference as of the date of this meeting.

- **Section 98b Reporting**

It was reported to the Board that with the repeal of Section 98b, goal reporting by September 15th and mid-year and end of year benchmark assessment reporting are no longer mandated under this section of the law. The District will continue to develop and implement continuous improvement goals through the MiCIP platform. It will also collect and analyze benchmark assessment data that will continue to be shared with the Board of Education to monitor progress and adjust our continuous improvement plans.

VII. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Item 23-141. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Kelly to approve the Consent Agenda as listed below:

1. Approval of Bill Listing in the amount of \$660,353.87
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: August 14, 2023

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

IX. GENERAL BOARD BUSINESS:

1. School Resource Officer Agreement (2023-2026)

Item 23-142. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Franklin to approve the three (3) year renewal agreement with Fruitport Township to provide the District with a School Resource Officer. The District will reimburse the Township in the amount of \$83,000 for the first year of the Agreement, with a 4% increase annually for the SRO to complete functions described in A through L of the Agreement. The Agreement will be in effect from September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2026, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

X. BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Report of committee meeting held on August 14, 2023

Elroy Buckner reported on a Business and Finance Committee meeting held on August 14, 2023 at 5:45 p.m. Elroy Buckner, Kris Cole, Dave Hazekamp, and Jason Kennedy were present. The Committee discussed a letter received from the OK Conference that was jointly signed by the superintendent at Kenowa Hills Public Schools and the OK Conference Commissioner, dated August 14, 2023. The Committee discussed ongoing meetings between OK Conference schools where discussions about various conference alignments continue to take place. The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

XI. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Report of committee meeting held on August 14, 2023

Steve Kelly reported on a Personnel Committee meeting held on August 14, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Dave Hazekamp, Steve Kelly, JB Meeuwneberg, Jonny Morehouse,

and Jason Kennedy were present. The Committee discussed the August 2023 Personnel Report. The Committee also discussed a letter received from the OK Conference that was jointly signed by the superintendent at Kenowa Hills Public Schools and the OK Conference Commissioner, dated August 14, 2023. The Committee discussed ongoing meetings between OK Conference schools where discussions about various conference alignments continue to take place. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

XII. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Report of committee meeting held on August 14, 2023

Susan Franklin reported on a Student affairs Committee meeting held on August 14, 2023 at 5:20 p.m. Tim Burgess, Dave Hazekamp, Susan Franklin, Jonny Morehouse, and Jason Kennedy were present. The Committee discussed a purchase recommendation for new AP Literature and AP Language textbooks and resources, and it discussed the first reading of the Thrun Law Firm Annual Policy Update. The Committee also discussed a letter received from the OK Conference that was jointly signed by the superintendent at Kenowa Hills Public Schools and the OK Conference Commissioner, dated August 14, 2023. The Committee discussed ongoing meetings between OK Conference schools where discussions about various conference alignments continue to take place. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

2. Advanced Placement Literature and Advanced Placement Language Textbook and Resource Purchase

Item 23-143. MOTION by Franklin, SECOND by Burgess to approve a cost not to exceed \$17,000 for the purchase of Literature and Composition: Essential Voices, Essential Skills, Third Edition (Jago et al.), and The Language of Composition: Essential Voices, Essential Skills, Fourth Edition (Shea, Scanlon, & Aufses) 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: 7-0.

3. Thrun Law Firm Annual Policy Update: First Reading (No action)

The Board reviewed the Thrun Law Firm Annual Policy Update that was discussed with the Committee. The Board was provided copies of each of the updated policies. A first reading of the policies was conducted with the second reading of the policies and recommended policy approval taking place at the September Board meeting.

XIII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

Kris Cole shared that the robotics kickoff for the upcoming season will take place on September 9, 2023 at the Fruitport Performing Arts Center. A sample playing field will be available for teams to see and begin planning around. Several area schools are expected to join Fruitport for this event.

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

1. The Business and Finance Committee will meet on September 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
2. The Personnel Committee will meet on September 11, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.
3. The Student Affairs Committee will meet on September 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
4. The Board of Education will meet on September 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

XV. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Item 23-143. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Burgess to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Franklin, Board Secretary

Danielle VanderMeulen, Recording Secretary