

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #265
December 14, 2020**

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Farmington Central High School Research Center
310 N. Lightfoot Road - Farmington, IL. 61531

The public was notified that if they wished to attend in person they should email zchatterton@dist265.com in advance so accommodations could be made.

The 2020 Tax Levy Hearing was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Kelly Brewer. Dr. Chatterton called the roll.

Blunier	Brewer	Faralli	Mahr	Oldfield	Slack	Zessin
Present	Present	Present Remotely	Present	Absent	Present	Present

Dr. Chatterton first checked to see if there was anyone calling in to comment. There was not. It was decided to leave the phone open through the duration of the meeting. Dr. Chatterton reviewed that when deciding on the enhancement projects and bonds were issued, at the time the goal was to reduce the bond rate by \$.30. He indicated that the actual reduction came in at \$.38. The board will readdress this in two years when another bond is paid off. There was no questions from the board. The total amount to be levied is \$6,816,014 which is a \$.05 decrease over 2019.

Motion by Slack, second by Mahr, to close the Tax Levy Hearing. Roll Call Vote: 6-0 Motion carried. The Hearing adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Blunier	Brewer	Faralli	Mahr	Oldfield	Slack	Zessin
Yes	Yes	*Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. BJ Oldfield arrived as the meeting was started.

Blunier	Brewer	Faralli	Mahr	Oldfield	Slack	Zessin
Present	Present	Present Remotely	Present	Present	Present	Present

The Board recognized the following students:

- 6th Grade – Avery Blunier and Micah Ylinen
- 7th Grade – Ava Essex and Jackson Gronewald
- 8th Grade – Kendahl Shake and Tristan Passmore
- Senior – Sam Fletcher
- Junior – Christopher Tucker
- Sophomore – Maddie Helle
- Freshman – Evan Sary

The Board also recognized the December Orange Frog recipients: Jennifer Clope and Nicole Lettow.

Motion by Kelly Brewer, second by Alex Slack to approve the consent agenda. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	*Yes

There were no requests for public hearing.

Motion by Ron Zessin, second by Travis Mahr, to approve by Resolution #121420 the 2020 Tax Levy. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	*Yes	Yes	Yes

IHSA Basketball – there is no action tonight as we continue to be in Tier 3 with no basketball being played.

Dr. Chatterton reported that bids were received through Midwest Construction Professionals (MCP). They have submitted two bid packages for approval for the outdoor classroom and the inside renovations to the HS (backstage, restroom remodel and wrestling room expansion). Motion by Alex Slack, second by Dustin Blunier, to accept the bids for construction of an outdoor classroom not to exceed the amount of \$195,753. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

Blunier	Brewer	Faralli	Mahr	Oldfield	Slack	Zessin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	*Yes	Yes

Motion by Kelly Brewer, second by BJ Oldfield, to accept the bids for the internal renovation of Farmington Central High School not to exceed the amount of \$233,753. Roll Call Vote: 6-1 Motion carried,

Blunier	Brewer	Faralli	Mahr	Oldfield	Slack	Zessin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

Motion by Ron Zessin, second by Kelly Brewer, to accept the contractual agreement with Bushue and Associates as presented. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	*Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Amended 2020-2021 Calendar: Dr. Chatterton has submitted two options for amending the calendar. The biggest concern was at the elementary level as we are in the cold weather months where students can't get outside as much. With the elementary being in bubbles it is proposed to have this building in attendance from 8-12 with a sack lunch going home with all students daily. The JH and HS are working well as they are on a block schedule. Calendar A is proposed to have every Wednesday as a Remote Learning Day campus wide with the

elementary going from 8-12. Calendar B proposal is in session 5 days a week with elementary going from 8-12. Dr. Chatterton would like to give the parents plenty of time to plan for the changes in schedules.

Motion by Alex Slack, second by BJ Oldfield, to accept the 2020-2021 amended calendar A as presented. Discussion was held on the pros and cons of this plan – having every Wednesday as a remote learning day. Roll Call Vote: 1-6 Motion failed.

Blunier	Brewer	Faralli	Mahr	Oldfield	Slack	Zessin
No	No	*No	No	No	No	Yes

Motion by Kelly Brewer, second by Travis Mahr, to accept the 2020-2021 amended calendar B as presented. Discussion was held on the duration of implementation with a one month trial being suggested. Also discussed was bussing for this type of schedule. Roll Call Vote: 5-2 Motion carried.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	*Yes	No	No	Yes

Motion by Alex Slack, second by BJ Oldfield, to accept the emended E-Learning Plan as presented. There were minimal changes proposed. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	*Yes

The Audit Report was received too late for the Board to review completely. This item was tabled until the January meeting.

The Memorandum of Understanding was also tabled until the January meeting.

Surplus Items: Mr. Vallas and the Transportation Committee have reviewed the fleet of busses and have determined that two of the buses are not needed. Mr. Vallas proposes selling two if a fair market value is obtained. If that is not possible, the busses would be retained.

Motion by Ron Zessin, second by Travis Mahr, to sell a 2020 71 passenger Bluebird Vision (VIN #1BAKGCBH7LF363688) and a 2019 Chevy Micro Bird Lift Bus (VIN #1GB3GSBGXK1196528) with the buyer accepting all lease fees. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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The Policy Committee met prior to the board meeting and have submitted policies from PRESS Issue 106 for a first reading. Motion by Travis Mahr, second by BJ Oldfield, for the first reading of board policy updates to: 3:40-E, 3:40, 4:80, 4:90, 6:20, 5:270, 6:300, 6:310, 6:315, 6:320, 6:340, 7:100, 7:140, and 7:300. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	*Yes	Yes

Discussion Items:

Code of Ethics #12: I will strive to keep my board focused on its primary work of clarifying the district purpose, direction and goals, and monitoring district performance.

Committee Reports:

Curriculum – the committee met on November 16th and December 10th. Hybrid learning and how that would impact the elementary schedules was a main topic. The survey that went out to parents, staff and students was also reviewed. There was a lot of data that still needs to be reviewed.

Delegate – the results of the Delegate Assembly voting was shared, including e-learning on election day, gun storage and if that should be pursued at the state level to encourage proper storage in the home, and teacher shortage.

Labor Management – Organizational Health Index (OHI) is behind schedule, hybrid (four step implementation)

Building & Grounds – Snow removal was discussed. Pre-school and BF classrooms will need new carpet – in bad shape. A schedule was set for that replacement.

Policy – submitted policies for first reading.

Transportation – reviewed the possibility of reducing the fleet by two buses.

SEAPCO hiring survey will be submitted in January for action. There are no changes anticipated from this year.

IDPH – new guidelines have been released. Most significant is that quarantine can end after day 10 if there has been no symptoms and after day 7 if a negative test is received to return on day 8.

There was no closed session.

Motion by Ron Zessin, second by Kay Faralli, to approve the discretionary leave request from Allison Smith from April 5 to the end of the school year. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 motion carried.

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*Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion by Kelly Brewer, second by Travis Mahr, to approve the FFCRA Leave request of Megan Davis from November 30 through December 18. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	*Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion by Travis Mahr, second by Kay Faralli, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Voice Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

The next regular meeting is Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the FCHS Research Center.



President



Secretary

