

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #265**

February 8, 2021

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

<https://youtu.be/K2hyKV26KN8>

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 meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. Dr. Chatterton called the roll:

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

The Board recognized the following students and Orange Frog recipients:

FCJH Student Recognition

- 6th Grade - Claudia Haslett and Cole Blackhurst
- 7th Grade - Halie Whitby and Kaydon Bollinger
- 8th Grade - Maylee Huffman and Ben Marvel

FCHS Student Recognition

- Jack Stevens - Senior
- Laura Stevens - Junior
- Gabriel Thompson - Sophomore
- Kaiya Hintz - Freshman

Orange Frog Recognition

- Topher Tackman and Andrew Bach

Motion by Travis Mahr, second by Kelly Brewer to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1-7. There was an issue with hearing Kay Faralli, so voting was paused to establish the connection before proceeding with a roll call vote of 7-0. Motion carried.

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

There was a request for public hearing from a Ms. Stafford. Again due to a technical issue with the call in sound the board moved on and will revisit public hearing when the issue is fixed.

Mr. Adam Lerner with Primal Solar spoke to the Board regarding their company and why there has been a hold up with all solar panels on the district property not being operational. Due to some new rules for connections to Ameren's system an additional meter needs to be installed. That meter has been backordered and is still 8 weeks out from delivery/installation. The ground array is running right now as it is larger. The roof mount array will not be running again until the

two separate arrays can be connected to the meter when it arrives. Additional discussion was held on getting pollinators planted. Mr. Larner asked if there was a local group to work with – Dr. Chatterton will check on that.

The sound was established for the call in public hearing – Ms. Stafford spoke to the board to encourage returning the elementary to full days.

At 7:17 p.m. motion by BJ Oldfield, second by Travis Mahr to approve Midwest Construction Professionals proposal for locker room renovations as presented. Discussion was held. The replacement lockers are larger so there will not be as many installed. The original count was not fully utilized – the smaller number is more than sufficient. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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

Motion by Dustin Blunier, second by Ron Zessin to approve the revised music department trip to Nashville May 27-29, 2021, with the understanding that the trip may be cancelled if circumstances concerning the COVID-19 pandemic at the time warrant cancellation in the opinion of the Board or administration. Discussion – Mr. Flater told the Board this trip would be for the Class of 2021 students, which have spent four years raising money for this trip. There are caveats in place for cancellations should that be necessary. 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 approve a \$1,000 donation to the Farmington Academic Foundation. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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

Motion by Ron Zessin, second by Travis Mahr, to approve authorizing Dr. Chatterton to begin preparing the FY22 Budget. Discussion – there are some proposed changes to the structure of next year’s budget. There are a couple of line items to be moved to a new Fund 11 (flex account items) and Fund 50 (IMRF and SS) will be split into two separate accounts, Fund 50 (IMRF) and Fund 51 (SS). This gives clear delineation of state and federal functions of retirement funds. Also, Fund 61 which was established with bond money issued in 2017 will hopefully be dissolved. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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

Discussion Items:

IASB Code of Ethics #2 was reviewed. I will avoid any conflict of interest or the appearance of impropriety which could result from my position, and will not use my board membership for personal gain or publicity.

Committee Reports were as follows:

Curriculum met on January 14 and 21 – Kay Faralli reported. The team brainstormed ways to improve on remote learning teaching to provide more consistency for remote learners and parents/guardians. During the meeting on the 21st the remote learning survey analysis was reviewed. The council is considering some recommendations and will send out a memo next week checking with their colleagues to make sure there are no additional items the council needs to consider.

Kelly Brewer reported on the Labor Relations Committee meeting held on Feb. 3. Items of discussion included next year’s calendar, strategic planning, the schedule for the rest of the year including parent/teacher conferencing, evaluation concerns and the status of JH student facilitators – which is currently down one due to a resignation.

Travis Mahr and Ron Zessin reported on the Transportation Committee meeting. They shared the status of the transportation bid process, fleet reduction and the possibility of seeking a new Activity Bus.

BJ Oldfield reported on the Building and Grounds meeting. A list of winter and summer work was shared with the full board. Future projects were also discussed.

Dr. Chatterton shared a calendar for FY22 to be proposed in March, which will be the same as this year. For the rest of this year the intent is to return the elementary to a 2:09 dismissal in March. Additionally a summer school will be possible with additional federal funding.

Dr. Chatterton also shared where we are in the process of posting and branding our new strategic plan. Plans are beginning for establishing goals for next school year.

Mr. Flater updated the Board on how the IHSA adjusted the sports calendars and what those timelines are.

Motion at 8:07 p.m. by Kelly Brewer, second by BJ Oldfield, to enter into closed session for the purpose of student discipline and personnel. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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

At 9:41 p.m. motion by Travis Mahr, second by Kelly Brewer to return to open session. 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 Travis Mahr to approve McKenzie Skaggs as FCHS Girls Basketball volunteer. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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

Motion by Dustin Blunier, second by Alex Slack to approve employing Tim Haley as the District Treasurer. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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

Motion by Travis Mahr, second by Kelly Brewer to employ Jeff Otto as Director of Activities effective July 1, 2021. 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 Travis Mahr to approve an extension of discretionary leave for Meghan Krusa beginning immediately through April 12, 2021. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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

The Board acknowledged the resignations received from Greg Scherder as District Treasurer and Kim Ashley as a student facilitator.

Motion by Ron Zessin, second by Kelly Brewer to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

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

The next regular meeting is Monday, March 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the FCHS Research Center.



 President



 Secretary