

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #265
212 N LIGHTFOOT ROAD, FARMINGTON, IL 61531
February 14, 2022 – 6:30 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll Call.

Blunier	Deppermann	Faralli	Gorsuch	Mahr	Slack	Stanley
Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present

Pledge of Allegiance

Acknowledgements:

1. FCJH Student Recognition Mr. Uptmor
 - 6th Grade – Jillian Carpenter & Mason Watters
 - 7th Grade – Wyatt Wise & Adrienne Bolton
 - 8th Grade – Noah Passmore & Amira Altom
2. FCHS Student Recognition Mr. McMillin
 - Senior – Delaney Foster
 - Junior – Michael Challacombe
 - Sophomore – Dane Hitchcock
 - Freshman – Lily Swanson
3. Orange Frog Recognition
 - Jennifer Littrel – FCHS English Teacher
 - Shelley Reichert – FCJH ELA Teacher

Motion by Stanley, to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1-9 as presented. Mr. Blunier asked to pull items 8 and 9 to be considered separately. Motion by Deppermann, second by Gorsuch, was corrected to say: approve the Consent Agenda Items 1-7 as presented. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	*Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion by Blunier, second by Faralli, to approve Consent Agenda Items 8 and 9 (both field trips) as presented. Discussion was held regarding field trips and how COVID mitigation levels might be different at other schools/venues than what we have within our Return to School Plan that our staff and students follow. The example given was that some places require vaccination or testing prior to entering the event. The question was raised as to whether we can or should provide that info under HIPPA guidelines. Bailey Kennelly, Student Board Member, encouraged the Board to allow participation in these events if at all possible. The general consensus was to follow the guidelines of the hosting districts. The Board would like to give direction to our staff

and students in the near future. Further guidance will be sought from legal counsel. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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There was no public hearing.

Mr. McMillin updated the board on outstanding fees and how collections of these outstanding fees is going. There are still 15 accounts that need collected from this year and last year. \$22,784 needs to be collected with over \$4500 due at the HS level.

Vocational Lab Project: The Vocational Department has been looking for opportunities to expand their inclusion options for students. The current greenhouse is limited in size and the district would like to be able to offer Unified horticulture in our course offerings. This would be similar to the Unified Physical Education where students apply to be considered for a specialized course where peers work collaboratively on project based learning regardless of the cognitive or physical limitations. Instructors, administration, Mr. Lentz and the B&G committee have been looking at options for some time and now bring a proposal before the full Board for consideration. Motion by Mahr, second by Gorsuch, to approve the bid by George Rump Construction as presented. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	*Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion by Gorsuch, second by Mahr, to approve the bid by Greenhouse Megastore as presented. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried. Discussion: The greenhouse windows could potentially need replacing 15 years down the road.

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Mr. Otto reported on the athletic conference alignment for football. Currently football conference has been combined. The main reason is to add stability to the conference. We won't have to travel as far. The conference will be split into large and smaller schools. The schedule starts in 2023 with other details still to be worked out.

Motion by Stanley, second by Faralli, to approve a \$1000 donation to the Farmington Academic Foundation. This is an annual donation towards scholarships for our students. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	*Yes	Yes

Motion by Gorsuch, second by Slack to approve authorizing Dr. Chatterton to begin preparing the FY23 Budget. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	*Yes

Motion by Slack, second by Deppermann, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Farmington Federation of Support Staff and Teachers Local 3764 as presented.

Discussion: The MOU acknowledges certain stipends that were omitted from the bargaining agreement. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Discussion Items:

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:

Negotiations – Dr. Chatterton reported on the ground rules meeting on Jan. 19.

Curriculum Council – There were three meetings reported on. The committee focused on math across all grade levels. The goal is to establish a math power standard that will be vertically articulated. Another topic was the planning the Feb. 11 SIP afternoon that would focus on ELA and Math.

Labor Management – The committee took a hard look at the one hour delay start Mondays and started working to come up with additional ESSER Fund ideas.

Building and Grounds met on Feb. 14 to review bids for the Vocational Lab Project (greenhouse).

Transportation – The committee showed much appreciation for Mr. Vallas' cost saving measures. Mr. Vallas has been able to keep costs level once again.

Calendar – Discussion included questions on the start date being so early and that it conflicts with a good number of students who participate in state fair, but choose to not so that they won't be penalized for missing school. It is a goal to finish first semester prior to winter break – which makes it difficult to start any later due to the number of days required and driver's education restrictions.

Distance Learning Technology – Dr. Chatterton reported on the Rural Development investment used to help provide a real-time, interactive, telecommunications link between and among Hub and End-user through the use of video conferencing equipment. This network will promote the availability of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics courses and provide dual enrollment credit to high school students located in central Illinois. This distance learning initiative will also afford school personnel the ability to participate in continuing education, freeing up resources used for supplies and materials. We have partnered with fellow neighboring rural school districts in qualifying for this federal grant. As is customary with federal grants it is very explicit in what the technology is and can be used for. We have partnered with Room Ready out of Bloomington for this project and will be targeting Room 625 for the equipment. Target completion date is this summer and we will begin exploring opportunities with the equipment once we are assured of its completion date. The complete project is in excess of \$120,000 with the grant covering roughly 75% of the expenses. At the next meeting there will be an action item for the project.

Motion at 7:53 p.m. by Blunier, second by Deppermann, to enter into closed session for the purpose of student discipline, personnel, collective negotiation matters and the sale of property. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	*Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

At 10:10 p.m. motion by Blunier, second by Mahr, to return to open session. Voice Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Gorsuch, second by Deppermann, to approve the FMLA leave request of Paula Thurman as presented. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Motion by Deppermann, second by Slack, to approve the FMLA leave request of Nichole Bishop from January 24, 2022 to March 7, 2022. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 motion carried.

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Yes	*Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Adam Powell effective February 18, 2022.

Motion by Blunier, second by Deppermann, to approve the employment of Adam Powell as a substitute IT Director until such time as is needed. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Motion by Slack, second by Mahr, to accept Ann Harris's resignation for retirement under the terms of the Early Retirement Incentive at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	*Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion by Faralli, second by Slack, to approve the employment of Seberina Thrush as a Student Facilitator assigned to FCES for the 2021-2022 school year. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	*Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 p.m. by Mahr, second by Faralli. Voice Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.



 President



 Secretary