

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. Roll Call.

<b>Blunier</b>	<b>Deppermann</b>	<b>Faralli</b>	<b>Gorsuch</b>	<b>Mahr</b>	<b>Slack</b>	<b>Stanley</b>
Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present

Pledge of Allegiance

Acknowledgements:

1. FCJH Student Recognition Mr. Uptmor
  - 6th Grade - Chloe Briggs & Braylan Unkrich
  - 7th Grade - Blake Melz & Reagan Steverts
  - 8th Grade - Calvin Thompson & Natalie Zaborac
2. FCHS Student Recognition Mr. McMillin
  - Senior - Chris Tucker
  - Junior - Kristiaan Scalf
  - Sophomore - Hunter Darsham
  - Freshman - Meaghan Carpenter
3. Orange Frog Recognition
  - Kristin Rashid (HS Life Skills Teacher)
  - John Hillebrand (Custodian)
4. Wrestling – Keygan Jennings (6<sup>th</sup> at State)
5. Cheerleading: FCHS and FCJH  
Coaches Ciara Ulm and Katie Zaborac reported on the Jr. High Cheer year. This was the first in person competition since 2019. Coach Kim Pillman reported on the High School Cheer year. They competed at the state level placing 8<sup>th</sup> on day two. They also placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at ICC Championships and 2<sup>nd</sup> at Sectionals.

Motion by Deppermann, second by Faralli to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1-8 as presented. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	*Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Requests for Public Comment:

- Jason Koenig (JFL spokesperson) spoke regarding their request to for the District to sell the old high school property to the JFL. He submitted a letter outlining their reasoning.

**Presentations:**

- Mr. McMillin updated the Board on the Foreign Exchange Program. This year we have two students. The student from Italy, Francesca Capone, reported on her year here. The District also hosted Vanessa Hahn from Germany. The Education First company has reached out requesting placement of students here for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion by Gorsuch, second by Mahr, to approve MCP as the Construction Manager for the Elementary School Research and Media Center renovation project as presented. Discussion clarified that the Board will be approving actual renovation amounts at a later date based on bids. This motion is strictly for approving a construction manager. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	Yes	*Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion by Stanley, second by Faralli, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with DLA Architectural Services as presented for the elementary research center remodel. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	*Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion by Mahr, second by Slack, to approve the contract with CDS Technology Services as presented. Dr. Chatterton reported that we are partnering with CDS Technology to meet the intermittent needs of the district while we continue to search for a new Technology Director. It was noted that the agreement has already been enacted in order to maintain continuity of services. The topic will be revisited over the summer. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

Blunier	Deppermann	Faralli	Gorsuch	Mahr	Slack	Stanley
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	*Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion by Blunier, second by Mahr, to approve the 2022-2023 Student Handbook as presented. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	*Yes	Yes

Motion by Deppermann, second by Faralli, to approve the 2022-2023 school calendar as presented. Dr. Chatterton went over the important dates – starting later in the year (August 17) while still finishing 1<sup>st</sup> semester before winter break (December 23), having fewer late start Mondays and adding an additional SIP day. The last student attendance day will be May 19. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	*Yes

Mr. Vallas reported that we are able to reduce the fleet of buses by one and proposes declaring surplus one bus to be sold only if we are able to obtain fair market value. Motion by Stanley, second by Mahr, to sell as surplus a 2020 71 passenger Bluebird Vision (VIN #BAKGCBH1LF363699) with the buyer accepting all lease fees. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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The Board discussed the Teacher Evaluation Cycle proposal by the PERA/Joint Committee. ISBE is showing flexibility in the evaluation process and there is new legislation allowing for tenured teachers who have received a rating of proficient or better to be on a 3-year cycle instead of a 2-year cycle. The committee recommends this for our tenured teachers after they have first completed one last 2-year cycle before moving to the 3-year. Since the student growth component is tied to this evaluation, the teacher evaluation handbook committee will meet to establish functionality within the evaluation instrument. Motion by Stanley, second by Faralli, to approve the enactment ISBE authorized flexibility within the 2021-2022 evaluation cycle as presented by the PERA/Joint committee. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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#### Discussion Items:

Code of Ethics #3 was reviewed. I will recognize that a Board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a Board meeting.

#### Committee Reports:

The Curriculum Committee met on February 22 and March 8.

The Labor/Management Committee met on March 1.

The Code of Conduct Committee met to prepare the Student Handbook that was approved earlier for the 2022-2023 school year.

Student Fees: There are no significant changes, but noted the parking fee for students will be \$30 for next year. There will also be a proposal for increasing meal fees. The third party collection agency will be working on collecting overdue fees this spring.

Extended Learning Block: Information will be going out to families to gauge what the participation interest is. This will be for the students from kindergarten through junior high.

Facilities: The discussion was in regards to the old high school football field area that is used by the JFL. Since the District is again in possession of this property the discussion centered on what to do with the property including selling it to the JFL. Further guidance will be sought from the district attorney. Additionally an appraisal was performed indicating fair market value is \$151,000.

Here Comes The Bus: This is a software program that will allow parents to know exactly where the bus is at all times as the students scan in to the bus as they enter. Mr. Vallas will be gathering more information and will report back in the future. The software is a yearly renewable \$10,000 fee.

Motion by Deppermann, second by Faralli at 7:57 p.m., to enter into closed session for the purpose of student discipline, collective negotiation matters and personnel. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	Yes	*Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion by Stanley, second by Mahr, to return to open session at 9:12 p.m. Voice Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Gorsuch, second by Mahr, to employ Ty Loveland for the position of Assistant to the Technology Coordinator 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 by Faralli, second by Mahr, to approve John Gabel, Mark Balbinot, Michael Stambaugh, Jerry Welker, Austin Mottoz, Nick Scappechi, Gene Scappechi and Ben Johnson as extra-curricular volunteers 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 by Deppermann, second by Stanley, to employ Clint Mathewson as the FCES Principal for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	Yes	*Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion by Slack, second by Mahr, to approve the employment of Dylan Hayden as the FCHS Asst. Varsity Baseball Coach for the 2021-2022 school year. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	*Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

The Board acknowledged the attainment of tenure following the first day completed of work during the 2022-2023 school year.

FCHS: Lillybeth Mendez

FCJH: Brian Littrel

FCES: Quincy Thompson, Donovan Benson

Motion by Blunier, second by Gorsuch, to approve the FMLA leave request of Quincy Thompson beginning the end of April 2022 through the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	*Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion by Mahr, second by Slack, to approve the FMLA leave request of Amanda Collins as presented. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	*Yes	Yes

The Board acknowledges the resignations of McKenzie Cooper as an Elementary Teacher, Dominique Pohl as an Elementary Teacher, both effective at the end of the current school year and Kim Pillman as the FCHS Cheer Coach.

Motion by Blunier, second by Deppermann, to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m. Voice Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

Next Regular Board Meeting is April 11, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the FCHS Research Center.



President



Secretary

