

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

Farmington Central High School Research Center
310 N. Lightfoot Road - Farmington, IL. 61531
May 13, 2019

At 6:31 p.m. the meeting was called to order. Roll Call was taken as follows:

Brewer	Faralli	Johnson	Mahr	Oldfield	Slack	Stanley
Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present

Motion by BJ Oldfield, second by Kelly Brewer, to enter into executive session for the purpose of Personnel, Collective Negotiation Matters, and Student Discipline. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

At 7:30 p.m., motion by BJ Oldfield, second by Kelly Brewer to return to open session. Voice Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

The meeting was called to order and roll call was taken with all members present.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Chris Uptmor introduced the FCJH All Stars. Alayna Keefer – 6th grade, Brayden Morse – 7th grade and Anna Webel – 8th grade were this month's recipients.

Dr. Chatterton introduced Jeff Weyers, who will be retiring at the end of the year from teaching Jr. High Science. Mr. Weyers has completed 34 years of teaching – all with District 265. Additionally he has coached Science Olympiad for 29 years at the JH and HS level, JH Boys track 13 years, volleyball for five years, JH Baseball, 8th grade sponsor for 16 years, and head teacher for over 15 years. Jeff's wife, Ruth was present as the Board congratulated Jeff on his retirement.

Mrs. Rita Henkhaus was recognized next on her retirement as a Bright Futures Student Facilitator. Rita has been with the district 30 years, starting off in the 1988-89 school year as a Reading Aide. Additionally, Rita helped out as Breakfast Cashier for three years. When we moved into the current building, Rita moved into the Bright Futures program. Rita's husband, Vic, and son, Adam, were also introduced as Rita was congratulated on her years of service.

Avery Mowen has served this school year as Student Board Member. He will be graduating and attending Illinois State University. A plaque was presented to Avery for his service.

Ron Zessin was also recognized having served on the Board since 2015. He was thanked and presented a plaque and two Farmington shirts.

The State Science Olympiad teams from the JH and HS were recognized. The students had nine top 10 places this year with three events receiving medals.

The Eskridge Award Winners were introduced by Mr. Ryan Lambert. These awards are given by Larry Eskridge through the Canton Daily Ledger. Farmington had a fantastic year and were awarded 12 separate awards.

Sydney Ossman was recognized for winning the 2019 Commanders Medallion through Winter Guard competition. Only one recipient is given each year out of 85 teams.

Ms. Natalie Perry introduced staff members who contributed to the Technology Presentations on the April 12 SIP day. Caitlyn Clayton, Ryan Lambert, Matt Jensen, Clint Mathewson, Rich Paul, Josh Piper and Brad Whitcomb were thanked for their contributions.

Additionally recognized were students Summer Benton, Kevin Sampier, Sam Fletcher and Ethan Marvel along with their teachers Joan Harding and Ryan Lambert demonstrated technology use at the TECH2019 conference at the state capitol on May 7.

Motion by Kay Faralli, second by Kelly Brewer, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Discussion included clarification to Eric Stanley on what a few of the bills were for. 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.

The Color Crew, led by Ms. Shelby Munger, gave a presentation on their efforts to collect and recycle markers. They have a new web page designed and kept by the team. The students have collected almost 4,000 markers this year. To view visit their website:

<https://sites.google.com/dist265.com/farmingtoncolorcycle/home>

The Helen Farmer Haggerty Award will be announced at the June meeting.

Mr. Toby Vallas reported on the Organizational Health Index. He had a power point presentation on the ten dimensions of a school’s health. Goal focus, cohesiveness and adaptation are the top three areas focused on. The goal is to show improvement in each building as based on surveys taken by the staff. The next report will be administered in the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion by Alex Slack, second by Kay Faralli, to approve the employment of Denise Strube-Pieper as the District Registrar/Director of Grants to start on May 13, 2019. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion by BJ Oldfield, second by Travis Mahr, to approve the request for leave by Amanda Wilkinson for the remainder of the school year. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

The Board acknowledged the retirement notification of Rita Henkhaus as a Bright Futures Aide at the end of this year. Also acknowledged were the resignations of Ruth Price as playground supervisor, Katie Sexton as FCES teacher at the end of this year, Maria Ellison as a Special Education Teacher at the end of this year, Matt Jensen as Director of Technology, and Ryan Lambert as Key Club Sponsor at the end of this year.

Motion by Kelly Brewer, second by Kay Faralli, to approve the Student Handbook as presented for the 2019-2020 school year. This was the second reading and discussion on the updates included: why a parent signature is not needed on the acknowledgement page – because the parents answer that question during the on-line registration process; cell phones not being kept in the lockers with the implementation of the 1/1 technology; and weather related changes to the bus routes. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion by Kelly Brewer, second by Kay Faralli, to approve the first reading of the Comfort Dog Aide job description. Discussion included the following: This position would be funded with grant money – which could be used elsewhere for the same purposes. Allergies - Dr. Uim was present and due to her expertise in handling service dogs shared she has not had any issues during school visits with the dogs she has trained. Roll Call Vote: 4-3 Motion carried.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No

Chris Tyra, from Midwest Construction Professionals, was present to go over the Enhancement Project bids and his recommendation. Project #1 – Locker Room, Fitness Center & Shop came in at \$2,174,357 with an optional expense of turf at the exterior fitness area of \$120,695. Project #2 – Toilet Renovations came in at \$240,200. Project completion target is the end of September. There was much discussion as to keeping options open regarding the outdoor fitness center area as only the turf was bid out separately. The remaining portion of that project was included in the bids – making for a more cost effective total bid package. Mr. Tyra indicated if the board decided to not do the outside portion, a change order would be issued. Motion was made by BJ Oldfield, second by Chad Johnson, to approve the Enhancement Bid Package #1 as presented. Roll Call Vote: 4-3 Motion carried.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No

Motion by BJ Oldfield, second by Kay Faralli, to approve the Enhancement Bid Package #2 as presented. Discussion was that this restroom renovation was necessary. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion by Eric Stanley, second by Kelly Brewer, to approve the 2019 8th Grade field trip to Six Flags. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

It was reviewed that due to auditor recommendations, the district needs to standardize petty cash practices throughout the district. There are currently four petty cash boxes in the district (HS, JH, Elem and Unit Office) that would use the same format in maintaining records. Motion by Eric Stanley, second by Kay Faralli, to approve the authorization of petty cash at FCHS not to exceed \$130 and all other petty cash boxes not to exceed \$50. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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The Solar Project discussion was tabled until a later date.

Hutchison Engineering has conducted a Request for Bids to reseal Lot C and the security path around campus and complete any necessary crack fill work. Gee Asphalt is recommended with the low bid in the amount of \$26,787.30. Motion by Eric Stanley, second by Travis Mahr, to approve the sealcoat bid for the summer of 2019 as presented. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Mr. Vallas reviewed the proposed bus lease agreements with Central States bus Sales, Inc. The two-part proposal includes 14 new Blue Bird LPG buses, three new Blue Bird BBCV Gas Buses, one new Blue Bird BBCV 37 passenger lift bus on Lease 1 and two new Micro Bird 21 passenger lift buses. The lease is a seven-year lease with ownership of the buses at the end. Discussion included: while propane buses are more expensive, with federal incentives and longer life of the buses, the cost is recouped within 4-5 years. The transportation committee will be working on a plan regarding rotation of buses, which have an average of 8,000 miles annually. Leasing is recommended as the better option due to not needing all of the money up front. Concerns were raised regarding the lease loan not being held by a local lender.

Motion by Kelly Brewer, second by BJ Oldfield, to approve the Bus Lease Agreement as presented. Roll Call Vote: 6-1 Motion carried.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

The Technology Department has submitted a list of surplus computers and monitors for disposal. Due to the 1/1 implementation these items are no longer needed. Motion by Travis Mahr, second by Kelly Brewer, to declare the listed technology department items as surplus. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Discussion Items:

1. **IASB Code of Ethics #5:** I will abide by majority decisions of the board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels.
2. **Construction:** Dr. Chatterton would like to set a Building and Grounds Committee meeting to work with Mr. Tyra to finish up plans for our campus enhancements. Info would be brought to the full board at a special meeting later this month for approval. Now that the bids for the first phase of construction have been approved, the remaining projects – softball concession stand/storage, baseball concession stand/storage, outdoor fitness area - need to be prioritized. The outdoor section of the fitness center suggestions ranged from deleting it from the plan via change orders to changing the surface from turf to something less expensive and it was noted that this enhancement was not part of the original plans. The softball field restrooms/concession stand discussion included the suggestion of flipping the fields so that the current restrooms could be utilized. Dr. Chatterton will explore costs associated with this suggestion. The auditorium upgrades project is dual funded from sales tax revenue and construction funds.
3. **Student Board Member:** There has only been one application from next year’s senior class. The board gave direction to include next year’s junior class to the potential candidate list. The application will be sent out this week. Avery Mowen was asked to compile a video about the role of the student board member to share with the students.
4. **Curriculum:** A committee meeting will be set for next week to implement the formation of a curriculum council format. The council will consist of teachers, administration and school board members meeting monthly to oversee all curricular activities and initiatives within the district. There would be subcommittees that would do the bulk of the work in areas such as elementary reading. Dr. Chatterton updated the board as to why the piloted reading series – Journeys, was not chosen. A search is still underway for a more perfect fit.
5. **Activities Department Update:** Ruben Guyon has served as our athletic trainer for many years, but is relocating. Mr. Flater will begin the search to outsource these services.
6. **Board Meeting Formatting:** Dr. Chatterton asked for input on adjustments to the format of the board meetings. It was suggested to move the closed session to the middle of the meetings, with personnel action after. All committees would be listed on

each agenda for reporting each month, as well as a Student Board Member report. The Illinois Association of School Boards will be consulted for other suggestions.

Motion by Kay Faralli, second by Kelly Brewer, to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 p.m. Voice Vote: 7-0 Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

The next regular meeting is Monday, June 10, 2019 in the FCHS Research Center.



President



Secretary