

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FARMINGTON CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #265  
BOARD OF EDUCATION - April 11, 2016**

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

- A. At 6:38 p.m. the meeting was called to order.  
B. Roll Call by Secretary

Clark	Faralli	Horn	Johnson	Oldfield	Threw	Zessin
Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present

- C. BJ Oldfield made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and student discipline. Second by Wendy Clark. Roll Call Vote: 6-0 Motion carried.

*Clark	Faralli	Horn	Johnson	Oldfield	Threw	Zessin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes

Chad Johnson arrived and entered executive session at 6:45 p.m.

- D. At 7:29 p.m. Ron Zessin made a motion to return to open session, second by Kelly Threw. Voice Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING  
FARMINGTON CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #265  
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- A. The Hearing was called to order.  
B. Roll Call by Secretary

Clark	Faralli	Horn	Johnson	Oldfield	Threw	Zessin
Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present

- C. Dakota Horn informed the public this Public Hearing was being held for the issuance of Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District.

Dr. Asplund explained to the public that the district was simply going through the procedure to receive permission to sell \$500,000 working cash bonds in the event of a property tax cap law enacted that would affect all counties in Illinois. The \$500,000 would be the limit future boards could borrow without referendum. He further explained that currently, the district can only borrow \$26,000 if the tax cap law were enacted today. Ultimately, if the district is forced to sell the working cash bonds, the plan (as it currently stands) would be to abate the bond and interest levy by the same amount of money so that district residents wouldn't experience a tax increase as a result of the sale.

There were no other comments by the board or public.

- D. BJ Oldfield made a motion to adjourn the hearing, second by Wendy Clark. Voice Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

**Routine Business:**

- A. Call to order by President Horn  
B. Roll call of Board Members by Secretary

Clark	Faralli	Horn	Johnson	Oldfield	Threw	Zessin
Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present

- C. Acknowledgements: None

Item D was pulled from the Consent Agenda. BJ Oldfield made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Items E, F, G, H), second by Chad Johnson. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

Clark	*Faralli	Horn	Johnson	Oldfield	Threw	Zessin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- D. Minutes pulled
- E. Bills of April 11, 2016
- F. Financial Report of March 31, 2016
- G. Destruction of verbatim minutes of October 2014
- H. Correspondence

Wendy Clark made a motion to approve the Open and Closed Session Minutes of March 14, 2016, second by Chad Johnson. Roll Call Vote: 5-0-2 abstain, motion carried.

Clark	Faralli	*Horn	Johnson	Oldfield	Threw	Zessin
Yes	Abstain	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- I. Requests for public hearing: Mike Cecil spoke on behalf of the Wrestling Group. He gave a history of the sport in the district. They are requesting consideration to make this a full district sport. Dakota Horn said this would be discussed, but with there being no state budget for the board to know what the future years hold for district 265, it would be hard for to add to the expenditures for the district at this time.

Additional discussion was held on storage of the new wrestling mats. Ron Zessin and Eric Matthews have looked at several possibilities with the square rubber room being the best place to store them. An engineer must be consulted to see if a hoist could be purchased to store the mats up out of the way.

Dr. McCaw asked if adding wrestling would cause an unbalance between girls and boys sports – but that would not be the case as wrestling is open to both.

J. Presentations:

1. Steve Smith – Power Purchase Agreement: Steve reported that the project will not be happening at this time due to only winning 6% of the bid. There will be another opportunity in the fall and early 2017.
2. Elementary Behavior Screeners – Kerry Klesath reported on the new protocol allowing district personnel to track student behaviors. This information enables the formulation of plans to curb behaviors that are harmful to the students. Mr. Juchems shared information on how this is helping to reduce the number of bus behavior infractions.
3. Mr. Hulet introduced Senior Tommy Cook, Junior Logan Evans and Sophomore Emily Buster, who presented the High School's plan to implement a Community Service award at graduation. The board had requested the addition of community service hours as a requirement for graduation, but the committee met and believes it would be more beneficial to offer an honor cord and special endorsement on the diploma for students who earned 100 hours during their four years at FCHS. The board will consider this recommendation next month.

K. ACTION ITEMS

1. Kelly Threw made a motion to approve the employment of Ashley Howard as an Early Childhood Education Teacher assigned to FCES for the 2016-2017 school year, second by Kay Farilli. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

Clark	Faralli	Horn	*Johnson	Oldfield	Threw	Zessin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Wendy Clark made a motion to approve the employment of Moll Schiller as a Special Education Teacher assigned to FCES for the 2016-2017 school year, second by Kay Farilli. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

Clark	Faralli	Horn	Johnson	*Oldfield	Threw	Zessin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Dakota Horn made a motion to approve as Sports Volunteers, Colten Palmer, Bryer Anderson and Jimmy Jordan, second by BJ Oldfield. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

Clark	Faralli	Horn	Johnson	Oldfield	*Threw	Zessin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Wendy Clark made a motion to approve FMLA Leave for Michelle Reed from February 29, 2016 to March 17, 2016, second by Chad Johnson. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

Clark	Faralli	Horn	Johnson	Oldfield	Threw	*Zessin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Dakota Horn made a motion to approve the one-year contract for Josh Piper to serve as Administrator of FCJH for the 2016-2017 school year, second by BJ Oldfield. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

*Clark	Faralli	Horn	Johnson	Oldfield	Threw	Zessin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

The board acknowledged the resignations by Brandy Richardson and Kristi Stephens from all assigned positions effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

2. BJ Oldfield made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 District Calendar as presented, second by Ron Zessin. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

Clark	*Faralli	Horn	Johnson	Oldfield	Threw	Zessin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

3. BJ Oldfield made a motion to approve FCJH's membership in IESA for the 2016-2017 school year, second by Chad Johnson. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

Clark	*Faralli	Horn	Johnson	Oldfield	Threw	Zessin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

4. Dr. Asplund explained the recently updated Certified Teaching Staff Evaluation Plan needed to be aligned with the PERA Format as mandated by the state to use next year. Ron Zessin made a motion to approve the Certified Teaching Staff Evaluation Plan, second by Wendy Clark. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

Clark	Faralli	*Horn	Johnson	Oldfield	Threw	Zessin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

5. Dr. Asplund reported on the Policy Committee meeting. In addition to the PRESS Policy Revisions, the committee reviewed Policy 8:30 on Sportsmanship. The committee feels it is a good policy as is – but it needs enforced and the contents of the policy need to be shared more effectively with the general public. BJ Oldfield made a motion to approve the First Reading of Policy Revisions as presented, second by Wendy Clark. Voice Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

Also discussed was the district's investment policy. The committee has evaluated it and believes it is a sound policy. The board discussed the recent purchase of Heritage Bank by Morton Community Bank. It was agreed that the board would like to stay with a more local bank to handle the general / payroll fund accounts. The Board directed Dr. Asplund to begin the process of transferring this account to the Bank of Farmington immediately.

6. Wendy Clark made a motion to approve the second reading of the Curriculum Revisions as recommended by the Curriculum Committee, second by Chad Johnson. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

*Clark	Faralli	Horn	Johnson	Oldfield	Threw	Zessin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

7. Dr. Asplund reported that the Social Worker Evaluation Instrument recently approved needed to have the ratings updated to comply with state law. Wendy Clark made a

motion to approve the revised Social Worker Evaluation Instrument, second by BJ Oldfield. Roll Call Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

Clark	*Faralli	Horn	Johnson	Oldfield	Threw	Zessin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

L. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Summer Projects / Building and Grounds Committee Report – Projects include fixing lane 4 on the track, resealing and restriping 1/3 of the parking lots, new lavatories in Elem/JH to eliminate \$14,000 per year in paper towel purchases, new carpet in the HS Library and carpet/tile in the Elementary office area.
2. Kerry Beoletto, David Johnson and Lori Vallas presented a proposal for FCJH Summer School. Ideally they would like a 4 week ½ day program using a computer based program such as Edmentum which would cost \$100 per student and another \$750 for staff training. The ratio of students to staff would be 10:1. The program would be for JH students in danger of not being promoted to HS or were behind in academic progress. Dr. Asplund explained the district is in the process of applying for the JH to be considered “school wide” under the Title I program. If earning this designation the district could more freely use these funds for such a program. Currently through the Title I grant, the district has only budgeted for two teachers to work 16 days.
3. Dr. Asplund presented the first draft of the District Staffing Plan for FY17. The staffing level for kindergarten is unknown due to not knowing how many students will be enrolled at that level. The plan will be on the May agenda for approval.
4. State Budget Implications - Finally, there was a lengthy discussion regarding a letter that Dr. Asplund and the board have been working on since last month’s meeting. It was decided in March that the district should craft a letter to inform district parents of the ramifications of what is occurring (or not occurring) in Springfield. At this time, there is no state budget for next year and that could mean that public schools will receive no funding from the state. That would mean a reduction of over \$4.7 million for next year. It was decided that the board would send this letter to the district’s communication committee, which will meet on Wednesday, for final edits before going out to parents on Thursday, April 14. The letter will request parents call their local legislators to demand that a budget is passed and that the school funding formula be changed to give more money to districts with greater concentrations of poverty and lower assessed valuations.
5. It was decided which Board Members would serve at Promotion/Graduation (Johnson, Horn and Zessin at JH; Johnson, Zessin and Clark at HS)

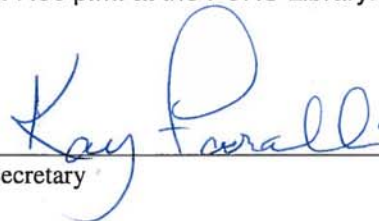
M. At 10:05 p.m. BJ Oldfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Dakota Horn. Voice Vote: 7-0 Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

**Informational Items:**

Next Regular meeting: **Monday, April 11, 2016** at 7:30 p.m. at the FCHS Library.



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President



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Secretary