

FARWELL AREA SCHOOLS
399 E. MICHIGAN ST., FARWELL, MI 48622
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MONDAY, JULY 19, 2021

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

7:00PM

Regular Meeting

FHS Jaime Performing Arts Center

MINUTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - PRESIDENT MAXEY
Members Present: Joe Maxey, Shari Buccilli, Kellee Robinson, Nathan Yarhouse, John Gross, Jade Campbell
Members Absent: Angelina Smith
Admin Staff Present: Steve Scoville, Dorothy Boge, Darryl Johns, Deb Schomisch
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. APPROVE AGENDA
Motion by Buccilli with support from Yarhouse to approve agenda with addition of NEW BUSINESS C. 2. Band Camp. Motion passed 6-0.
- IV. APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 2021 REGULAR MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION, AND JUNE 21, 2021 BUDGET HEARING
Motion by Gross with support from Campbell to approve minutes. Motion passed 6-0.
- V. COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT
 - A. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ANY AGENDA ITEMS None
 - B. CELEBRATIONS
Scoville: 2021 school year wrap up; FHS highest ranked high school in local area, summer bond work and summer school program successes
- VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS
 - A. APPROVE MONTHLY OPERATIONAL INVOICES
TOTALING \$884,263.52 (ACTION)
Motion by Yarhouse with support from Buccilli to approve invoices. Motion passed 6-0.
- VII. REPORTS
 - A. ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS
Schomisch: 136,129 miles driven last school year; 21 fewer trips than previous year; 350 students at start of school, 575 at end of school; 843 miles driven per day
Johns: electric hookup for interactive TVs is done, rooms are being prepared for move-in

Boge: Audit preparation under way, ESSER money still pending

B. BOARD COMMENTS

Buccilli: Per pupil foundation allowance increase from State a good start, but not enough to fill gap in spending; encourages people to write officials in Lansing to let them know

C. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Scoville: Auxilio recommended an auction site for used bus sales, auction generated \$8,400 and \$4,350 for used buses – considerably more than in past newspaper auctions; stop arm camera success with tickets for violators; foundation allowance increase per pupil; GSRP (Mid Michigan Community Action Agency preschools) now funded at same per pupil; pupil accounting changes back to standard 90/10 state aid calculation and rules; CMDHD webinar next week will help determine plan for covid mitigation for 2021/2022 school year; interactive TVs will arrive mid-September, later than planned, but were purchased as soon as funding was available.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESIGNATIONS

1. JV Volleyball Coach – Jillian Luplow (ACTION)
Motion by Buccilli, support from Robinson. Motion passed 6-0.
2. Girls Varsity Golf Coach – Carrie Bass (ACTION)
Motion by Robinson, support from Campbell. Motion passed 6-0.
3. Boys Varsity Basketball Coach – Rick Fleming (ACTION)
Motion by Campbell, support from Robinson. Motion passed 6-0.
4. MS Teacher – Jillian Luplow (ACTION)
Motion by Buccilli, support from Gross. Motion passed 6-0.

B. NEW HIRES

1. Elementary Teacher – Amy Scoville (ACTION)
Motion by Gross with support from Yarhouse. Motion passed 6-0.
2. 6th Grade ELA Teacher – Julia Bauman (ACTION)
Motion by Yarhouse with support from Campbell. Motion passed 6-0.
3. 5th Grade Math Teacher – Robbyn Shah (ACTION)
Motion by Buccilli with support from Robinson. Motion passed 6-0.

C. OVERNIGHT TRIP REQUEST

1. Varsity Football Camp (ACTION)
Motion by Buccilli to approve Varsity Football Camp August 8-11, support from Robinson. Motion passed 6-0.
2. Band Camp (ACTION)
Motion by Yarhouse to approve Band Camp August 16-20, support from Robinson. Motion passed 6-0.

D. FEA CONTRACT (ACTION)

Motion by Robinson with support from Buccilli to approve the FEA Contract pending ratification by FEA.

Discussion: questions about stricken language, editing process, clean-up version for final posting on website. Motion passed 6-0.

E. FSS HANDBOOK (ACTION)

Motion by Buccilli with support from Yarhouse.

Discussion: questions about handbook versus contract, Scoville explains lack of union representation by Teamsters means this is not a true contract, but is treated as such for purpose of negotiations. Motion passed 6-0.

F. CURRICULUM PURCHASES

1. Recommendation from Curriculum Committee (ACTION)

Motion by Buccilli with support from Robinson to approve curriculum purchase of Elementary and Middle School ELA for \$111,558.20 and \$24,617.57, respectively, and HS Science for \$44,587.73.

Discussion: timeline for purchasing/training/implementation, purchase pending funding from ESSER II and III.

Motion passed 6-0.

G. HIGH SCHOOL HANDBOOK (SECOND READING) (ACTION)

Motion by Buccilli with support from Yarhouse to adopt handbook. Motion passed 6-0.

H. MIDDLE SCHOOL HANDBOOK (SECOND READING) (ACTION)

Motion by Robinson with support from Campbell to adopt handbook. Motion passed 6-0.

I. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HANDBOOK (SECOND READING) (ACTION)

Motion by Buccilli with support from Campbell to adopt handbook. Motion passed 6-0.

J. THRUN POLICY ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE 5708 (ACTION)
(SECOND READING)

Motion by Gross with support from Yarhouse to adopt policy and guidance.

Discussion: Scoville explained guidance which allows school to follow DNR and POST plans of a family.

Motion passed 6-0.

IX. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT

A. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Margaret Radtke: Asked if there will be an orientation for 7th graders going into HS building for next school year.

Loren Eichhorn: Asked if Critical Race Theory will be taught to students.

Scoville explains that teachers are bound by contract to teach board-approved and state-approved curriculum only, not personal agendas or theories.

X. ADJOURN

Motion by Gross with support from Robinson to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:54PM.

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Board President

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Board Secretary

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Board Recorder