FITZGERALD BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 8, 2026

Board Meeting, Neigebaur Administration Building- Community Engagement Center, 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. DECLARATIONS

2.1 Pledge of Allegiance

2.2 Our Vision:
Fitzgerald Public Schools: Educating Our Future
Focused - Progressive - Successful

Our Mission:
Inspiring, Empowering and Preparing Today's Learner to become Tomorrow's Leader

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

4. ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

The Board uses the Consent Agenda format. This allows for certain items to be designated and identified by an asterisk as part of the Consent Agenda, and therefore, acted on in a single motion. Items may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the regular agenda by any member of the Board at the time of the meeting.

Items included on this meeting's Consent Agenda:

* 7.1 Approval of the Monthly Business Affairs Documents

5. PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION

5.1 Recognition of Retirees for the 2025/2026 school year

- Joseph Kopicki
- Becky Girling
- Christine McCarthy
- Jennifer Drawbaugh
- Emily Petroske
- Kathleen Wallon
- Laura Murphy-Mullaney

5.2 Recognition to Rebecca Akins, Leanne Davis, Alison Voakes, and Tracy Verhines for receiving $5,000 grant through the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries

5.3 Presentation: FFEA Mini Grant - Chevon Chenault-Starnes, Cristy Borton, Julia Pacholke, LaDon Williams, Leanne Davis, Sarah Gagnon, Lanette Olejniczak

6. MINUTES

6.1 Minutes of the May 11, 2026 Board Meeting

7. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

* 7.1 Approval of the Monthly Business Affairs Documents

8. CORRESPONDENCE- NONE

9. REPORTS AND STAFF UPDATES

9.1 Retirements:

- Laura Murphy, Special Education Teacher - CI, Fitzgerald High School, August 24, 2026

Resignations:

- Kevin Anys, Counselor, Chatterton Middle School, June 5, 2026
- Gabrielle Neuman, Math Teacher, Chatterton Middle School, June 5, 2026
- Jennafer Smirnov, Paraprofessional, Westview Elementary School, June 5, 2026

Terminations:

- David Young, Jr., Art Teacher, Mound Park Elementary School, June 5, 2026

9.2 Staff Changes-as presented

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

NEW HIRES:

10.1 Piero (Peter) Basile, Interim Director of Business Services, District, effective May 26, 2026

10.2 Thomas DeGrand, Junior Varsity Assistant Football Coach, Fitzgerald High School, August 3, 2026

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Approval of the 2026-2027 Staffing Plan

12.2 Approval of the MHSAA Membership Resolution 2026-27

12.3 Approval of the Summer Work Permit/Transcript Issuing Officers

12.4 Approval to Renew Membership with MASB for the 2026-2027 school year

12.5 Approval for Kaycee Gifford to serve as district representative on the MISD District Parent Advisory Committee (MISD PAC)

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13. BOARD ITEMS

13.1 Local Citizens Items

13.2 Closed Session for Superintendent Evaluation

13.3 Approval of Closed Session Minutes

13.4 Approval to Accept the 2025-2026 Evaluation of the Superintendent

14. ADJOURNMENT

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