OFFICIAL

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION, FITZGERALD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
COUNTY OF MACOMB, STATE OF MICHIGAN
April 14, 2025

Agenda meeting was convened by Mrs. Yokel at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Engagement Center of the Neigebaur Administration Building, 23200 Ryan Road, Warren, Michigan. Attending were Yokel, Covert, Furgal, Meisner, Lee, Ahmed and DeLoatch.

1. The Board Meeting was called to order by President Yokel at 6:30 p.m., in the Community Engagement Center of the Neigebaur Administration Building, 23200 Ryan Road, Warren, Michigan.

Members present: Julia Yokel, Annie Covert, Judy Furgal, Randel Meisner, Kimberly Lee, Khaja Ahmed, and Raymond DeLoatch.

Members absent: None

Also present: Interim Superintendent, Laurie Fournier; Director of Academic Services, Elizabeth Jensen; Business Manager, Gina Cereska; Director of Human Resources, Cheri Nowak; Director of Operations, William Rudd; and Director of Communications and Culture, Jessica Percy along with approximately 39 interested observers, employees, and administrators. Absent:

2. DECLARATIONS:
   2.1 Pledge of Allegiance

   2.2 Our Vision: L. Fournier

   Fitzgerald Public Schools: Educating our Future
   Focused ~ Progressive ~ Successful

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

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
   Motion by Meisner, seconded by Lee, to adopt the agenda as amended with replacing the previous 10.18 (Zawadi Albert-Bahsoon, Special Education Teacher, Fitzgerald High School, effective April 14, 2025 with 10.18 Kelly

Weingust, ESCE Teacher, requested unpaid leave of absence from April 15-29, 2025.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

Move One presentation here:

9.2 Presentation: FFEA Mini Grant-Katie Van Gorder

4. STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION:

4.1 Recognition of student art display in the halls of the administration building
4.2 Recognition of Solo & Ensemble Students
4.3 Recognition of Wind Ensemble Students
4.4 Recognition of Band and Orchestra students
4.5 MASB Board Member Recognition:
- Anne Covert - Advocacy Skills Specialty, Level 6-Master Platinum Award
- Raymond DeLoatch - Level Certified Board Member Award, Level 2 - Award of Merit

4.6 Recognition of FPS's Teachers of the Year:
- Ashley Sullivan - Schofield Early Childhood Center
- Alison Voakes - Westview Lower Elementary
- Geoff Fisher - Mound Park Upper Elementary
- Greg Ott - Chatterton Middle School
- Elizabeth Roush - Fitzgerald High School

4.7 Recognition of FPS's Employees of the Year:
- Tanya Oglesby - Bus Driver of the Year
- Tobias Cox - Custodian of the Year
- Charisse Leverett - Food Service Professional of the Year
- Shana Ramsey - Office Personnel of the Year
- Santita Compagnoni - Paraprofessional of the Year
- Diane Gai - School Psychologist of the Year

4.8 Recognition of Rebecca Akins - Macomb Reads Literacy Ambassador

5. ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA: (Items indicated by an asterisk) 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.

Consent Items were read by Judy Furgal:

Items included on this meeting's Consent Agenda:

* 7.1 Approval of the Monthly Business Affairs Documents

Second and Final Reading of:

*12.7 Policy 5200 - Attendance
*12.8 Policy 5223 - Absences For Religious Instruction
*12.9 Policy 5331 - Students With Special Health Care Needs
*12.10 Policy 5341 - Emergency Medical Authorization
*12.11 Policy 5342 - Do Not Resuscitate Orders (DNR) For Minor Students
*12.12 Policy 5343 - Physician Order For Scope Of Treatment (Post)
*12.13 Policy 5350 - Student Suicide
*12.14 Policy 5421 - Grading
*12.15 Policy 5463 - Credits From Nonpublic Schools
*12.16 Policy 5511 - Dress And Grooming
*12.17 Policy 5513 - Care Of District Property
*12.18 Policy 5514 - Student Use Of Bicycles
*12.19 Policy 5514.01 - Student Use Of Motor Vehicles
*12.20 Policy 5515.01 - Safe Operation Of Motorized Utility Vehicles By Students
*12.21 Policy 5516 - Student Hazing
*12.22 Policy 5517.01 - Bullying And Other Aggressive Behavior Toward Students
*12.23 Policy 5520 - Disorderly Conduct
*12.24 Policy 5530 - Drug Prevention
*12.25 Policy 5531 - Student Assistance Programs
*12.26 Policy 5532 - Performance-Enhancing Drugs/Compounds
*12.27 Policy 5600 - Student Discipline
*12.28 Policy 5605 - Suspension/Expulsion Of Students With Disabilities
*12.29 Policy 5610 - Emergency Removal, Suspension, And Expulsion Of Students
*12.30 Policy 5610.02 - In-School Discipline
*12.31 Policy 5611 - Due Process Rights
*12.32 Policy 5630 - Corporal Punishment
*12.33 Policy 5710 - Student Grievance
*12.34 Policy 5720 - Student Activism
*12.35 Policy 5724 - Preparing For Voter Registration
*12.36 Policy 5730 - Equal Access For Non District-Sponsored Student Clubs And Activities
*12.37 Policy 5751 - Parental-Married Status Of Students
*12.38 Policy 5771 - Search And Seizure
*12.39 Policy 5772 - Weapons
*12.40 Policy 5780 - Student/Parent Rights
*12.41 Policy 5820 - Student Government
*12.42 Policy 5830 - Student Fund-Raising
*12.43 Policy 5840 - Student Groups
*12.44 Policy 5850 - Social Events

*12.45 Policy 5855 - Student Attendance At School Events
*12.46 Policy 5860 - Safety Patrol
*12.47 Policy 5870 - Student Production Of Goods And Services
*12.48 Policy 5880 - Public Performances By Students
*12.49 Policy 5895 - Student Employment

Revised Policy:

*12.50 Policy 8321 Criminal Justice Information Security (Non-Criminal Justice Agency)

Motion by Furgal, seconded by Meisner, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

6. MINUTES:

6.1 Minutes of the March 3, 2025 Board Meeting

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Furgal, to adopt the agenda as presented.

AYE: Yokel NAY: None Motion carried.
Covert
Furgal
Meisner
DeLoatch
Abstain: Ahmed

6.2 Minutes of the March 17, 2025 Special Board Meeting

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Lee, to adopt the agenda as presented.

AYE: Yokel NAY: None Motion carried.
Covert
Furgal
Meisner
DeLoatch
Abstain: Ahmed

7. BUSINESS AFFAIRS: Item 7.1 was approved under the Consent Agenda.

8. CORRESPONDENCE: None

9. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

9.1 Presentation: FFEA Mini Grant - Jennifer Krieter

9.2 Presentation: FFEA Mini Grant-Katie Van Gorder
9.3 Presentation: FFEA Mini Grant-Patricia Hill
9.4 Resignations:

- Marcus Cribbs, Student Support Paraprofessional - CI, Chatterton Middle School, effective March 6, 2025
- Monica Jerks, Transportation/Classroom Paraprofessional, Schofield and Bus Garage, effective March 18, 2025
- Erin Cain, Special Education Supervisor, effective April 4, 2025
- Hollie Stange, Superintendent, effective April 4, 2025

Terminations:

- Niaterra Grant, Head Cook, Westview Elementary School, effective March 17, 2025

Staff Changes:

- Marry Petritis, Paraprofessional, Schofield Early Childhood Center, from Temporary to Regular employment effective March 3, 2025
- Erin Cain, Interim Director of Student Services to Special Education Supervisor, effective March 17, 2025
- Kimberly Dukes, Server / A la carte at Fitzgerald High School to Head Cook - Elementary, Westview Elementary, effective April 7, 2025

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

NEW HIRES:

10.1 Kenneth Andrews, Health and Physical Education Teacher, Westview Elementary and Schofield Early Childhood Center, effective March 3, 2025

Motion by Meisner, seconded by DeLoatch, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

10.2 Regina Miller, Soccer Varsity Girls Coach, Fitzgerald High School, effective March 10, 2025

Motion by Meisner, seconded by DeLoatch, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

10.3 Bennie Szczepkowski, Softball Varsity Coach, Fitzgerald High School, effective March 10, 2025

Motion by Meisner, seconded by DeLoatch, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

10.4 William Boddy, Tennis Varsity Girls Coach, Fitzgerald High School, effective March 10, 2025

Motion by Meisner, seconded by DeLoatch, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

10.5 Devin Weiland, Softball Assistant Varsity Coach, Fitzgerald High School, effective March 10, 2025

Motion by Meisner, seconded by DeLoatch, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

10.6 Paul Cervantes, Baseball Assistant Varsity Coach, Fitzgerald High School, effective March 10, 2025

Motion by Meisner, seconded by DeLoatch, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

10.7 Asia Jones, Softball Junior Varsity Coach, Fitzgerald High School, effective March 10, 2025

Motion by Meisner, seconded by DeLoatch, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

10.8 Monica Jerks, Transportation/Classroom Paraprofessional, Schofield and Bus Garage, March 17, 2025

Motion by Meisner, seconded by DeLoatch, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

10.9 Janae Fuller, Paraprofessional, Schofield Early Childhood Center, effective March 17, 2025

Motion by Ahmed, seconded by DeLoatch, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

10.10 Greg Brown, Track Varsity Boys Coach, Fitzgerald High School, effective March 17, 2025

Motion by Meisner, seconded by DeLoatch, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

10.11 Willie Simon, Track Varsity Assistant Girls/Boys Coach, Fitzgerald High School, effective March 17, 2025

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Ahmed, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

10.12 Dore Lunsford-Nitzh, Special Education Co-Teacher, Chatterton Middle School, effective March 17, 2025, through Procare

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Ahmed, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

10.13 Derek Atlas, Science Teacher, Chatterton Middle School, effective March 31, 2025

Motion by Meisner, seconded by DeLoatch, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

10.14 Stephanie Ary, Server/Cashier, Westview Elementary School, effective March 31, 2025

Motion by Meisner, seconded by DeLoatch, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

10.15 Guliford Pender, Baseball Coach, Chatterton Middle School, effective April 7, 2025

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Ahmed, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

10.16 Greenlee Anglin, Softball Coach, Chatterton Middle School, effective April 7, 2025

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Ahmed, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

10.17 Carolyn Wilson, Special Education Supervisor - Secondary, effective April 14, 2025

Motion by Meisner, seconded by DeLoatch, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

10.18 Kelly Weingust, ESCE Teacher, requested unpaid leave of absence from April 15-29, 2025

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Ahmed, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Approval of Teacher Appreciation Week Resolution

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Lee, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

12.2 Approval of Resolution to Approve 5-Year Renewal of Southwest Macomb Technical Education Consortium (SMTEC), Renewal

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Ahmed, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

12.3 Approval of a Sinking Fund Project: Westview Elementary School Elevator Upgrades project

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Lee, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

12.4 Approval of Resolution Approving Action to Call Election

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Ahmed, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

12.5 Approval of Resolution Approving Replacement Building and Site Sinking Fund Tax Proposal

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Ahmed, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

12.6 Approval of the Fitzgerald Public Schools Interim Superintendent Contract for Laurie Fournier

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Lee, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

Items 12.7 and 12.50 were approved under the Consent Agenda.

13. BOARD ITEMS

13.1 Local Citizens Items - Per Board Bylaws: Per Board Bylaws: Persons wishing to address the Board of Education must identify themselves by name and address and indicate their desire to be heard at the outset of the Board meeting or when otherwise requested to do so by the President of the Board of Education. Each person wishing to address the Board will be permitted a reasonable time, not to exceed three (3) minutes except in unusual circumstances, in which to be heard; the amount of time allotted to be within the discretion of the President of the Board of Education. Adoption Date: June 23, 1977; Amended: 3/17/83, 10/17/85, 03/05/87, 04/21/94, 05/05/05 and 10/15/09.

One audience member addressed the Board.

13.2 Closed Session.

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Lee, to go into Closed Session for Written attorney opinion.

Roll Call:	Meisner–Yes	Lee–Yes
	Covert–Yes	Furgal–Yes
	Ahmed–Yes	Deloatch–Yes
	Yokel–Yes	

Motion carried.

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:29 p.m.
The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:56 p.m.

13.3 Motion to approve minutes of closed session as read in closed session.

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Lee, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Meisner, seconded by DeLoatch, to adjourn the meeting.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Randel Meisner, Board Secretary

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 12, 2025