

**Frankenmuth School District  
Regular Monthly Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 13, 2025  
6:00 PM  
E.F. Rittmueller Middle School  
965 E. Genesee St.  
Media Center**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Brandon Muller called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance and silent meditation followed.

**Persons in Attendance:**

Board Members Present: Baumgartner, Bierlein, Maurer, McClellan, Muller, Woodke

Board Members Absent: Hubbard

Administrators/Directors: Clark, Fry, Germain, Hegenauer, Vislosky

**Oath of Office with New Board Members**

A ceremonial oath was administered to the newly-elected Board members.

**Approval of Agenda**

Hearing no objection, President Muller approved the agenda as printed.

**CELEBRATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

- EFR Students of the Month
- January is School Board Appreciation Month

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

None.

**Organization of the 2025 Board of Education**

Moved by Christie Bierlein and supported by Zak McClellan to nominate Brandon Muller to serve as President, Lisa Hubbard to serve as Vice-President, Micah Baumgartner to serve as Secretary, and Zak McClellan to serve as Treasurer. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Christie Bierlein and supported by Lisa Woodke to designate Wendy Yagiela to post notices of all meetings and to designate PNC Bank, Frankenmuth Credit Union, Horizon, JP

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Morgan Chase Bank, Huntington National Bank and Michigan Liquid Asset Fund (MILAF+) as depositories for the Frankenmuth School District. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Micah Baumgartner and supported by Christie Bierlein to designate the currently-authorized individuals to continue to serve as District signatories, to make the following designations: The Board President and Angela Germain will have authority to sign checks, Grant Hegenauer, Angela Germain and Benjamin Schuler will have authority to sign contracts and agreements, Angela Germain will have authority to sign purchase orders, Jill Bierlein, Angela Germain and Benjamin Schuler will serve as Electronic Transfer Officers, Angela Germain and Benjamin Schuler will assume the responsibilities of the Treasurer, and the authorized users of District credit/debit cards will be those individuals listed on the spreadsheet provided to the Board entitled "District Credit Card Information." Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Christie Bierlein and supported by Lisa Woodke to designate Jill Bierlein, Grant Hegenauer and Brandon Muller as Frankenmuth School District's authorized users of the safety deposit box located at PNC, to appoint Brandon Muller to serve as Lead Negotiator and Zak McClellan to serve as Assistant Negotiator on the District collective bargaining team, to appoint Lisa Hubbard to serve as MASB Delegate and Lisa Woodke to serve as MASB Alternate, and to appoint Lisa Hubbard to serve as SCSBA Delegate and Legislative Committee Representative and Lisa Woodke to serve as SCSBA Alternate and Legislative Committee Alternate. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Zak McClellan and supported by Micah Baumgartner to appoint Christie Bierlein to serve as Parks and Recreation Representative, to appoint Lisa Hubbard to serve as District-Wide School Improvement Representative, to approve a new three-year contract with Gardner, Provenzano, Thomas, & Luplow, P.C. to serve as the District's auditor under their provided fixed hourly rates, and to approve Thrun Law Firm to continue to serve as the District's attorneys for school law matters. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Lisa Woodke and supported by Zak McClellan to appoint Christie Bierlein to serve as a Frankenmuth School District Foundation Board Representative, to designate that Frankenmuth Board of Education meetings be conducted on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 PM in the E.F. Rittmueller Middle School Media Center, with the exception of the August meeting, which will be conducted on the third Monday of the month, to continue to charge no fee to individuals requesting notice of Board meetings, and to designate that compensation for Board members be in the form of a Family Sports Pass to continue encouragement of participation by Board members in District events. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Christie Bierlein and supported by Micah Baumgartner to appoint Lisa Roethlisberger and Marty Mattlin to each serve an additional three-year term on the Wickson District Library Board, through June 30, 2028, and to appoint Zak McClellan to serve as our Sister City Representative. Motion passed unanimously.

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### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Lisa Woodke and supported by Zak McClellan that the Consent Agenda be approved as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

The Consent Agenda contained the following items:

- Minutes from Regular Meeting on December 9, 2024
- Minutes from Closed Session on December 9, 2024

### **REPORTS**

#### **Calendar**

The calendar of upcoming District events was shared and discussed.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

- Grant Hegenauer discussed the ASU+GSV Summit 2025 and the \$10,000 scholarship awarded to four FSD staff members to attend.
- Grant commended the athletes and organizers of the second annual wrestling at the BPAC.
- Grant Hegenauer reminded the Board of the Superintendent of the Michigan Department of Education, Dr. Rice, site visit to EFR and invited the Board to attend.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Financial Matters**

Angela Germain presented the Financial Report and bills payable and commented on a few of the expenditures. Moved by Lisa Woodke and supported by Zak McClellan to approve the submission of the bills as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips**

After discussion, it was moved by Christie Bierlein and supported by Micah Baumgartner to approve planning and fundraising for overnight travel on the annual 8th Grade Washington DC trip from October 14, 2025, through October 18, 2025. Travel will be during the day to and from Washington DC by bus. Supplemental Board approval will be sought in the event the tentative plans materially change prior to the trip. Motion passed unanimously.

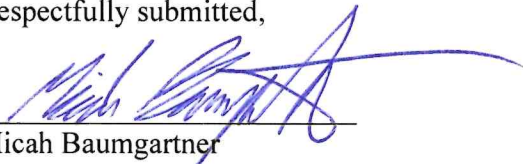
### **AROUND THE TABLE**

Board members discussed event and activity highlights of the District and commented on their personal involvement in the school, community and Board development.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, it was moved by Lisa Woodke and supported by Zak McClellan that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Micah Baumgartner  
Secretary

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