

Fannett-Metal School District
Willow Hill, Pennsylvania 17271

The Fannett-Metal School Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 7:01 p.m. in the High School Library. Members present were Bonnie Cornelious, President; Jason Goshorn, Vice-President, Shelly Boggs, Stacy Coffman, Amanda Guyer, Chad McClure, Tina McGee and Sue Rosenberry. Cathy Adams was the only member absent. Also present were Dr. Tara Will, Superintendent; Daniel Simpson, Business Manager; Todd Best, Middle/High School Principal; Stephanie Shoemaker, Elementary Principal; Elliott Sulcove, Solicitor and Sandra Bloom, Board Secretary. The visitors' present were Betty Barrick, April McMullen, Tina Neil, Ryan Henderson, Greg Best.

OPENING BUSINESS

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting opened with the School Board Members and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Positive Comments

Stephanie Shoemaker said 120 parents attended the Parent Teacher Conference on November 8, 2024.

Todd Best said there was only one set of parents that wasn't able to make the Parent Teacher Conference at the middle/high school level out of all that signed up.

Jason Goshorn said the youth soccer Halloween event at Hamonds Grove was well attended.

Shelly Boggs said there is a lot of positive input in the community for the music being held at the high school on Saturday, November 16, 2024.

Tara Will said the nurse aide, Laura Jones, is in a program to get her school nurse degree and has taken an active role in the students.

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Chad McClure and seconded by Jason Goshorn to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2024, Board Meeting. Voice vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Sue Rosenberry and seconded by Jason Goshorn to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2024, Work Session. Voice vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Financial Reports

Moved by Jason Goshorn and seconded by Sue Rosenberry to approve the Treasurer's Report, payment of invoices from October 4, 2024, through November 7, 2024, Cafeteria Account Report and Activities Report as presented. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment – (3-minute limit per person – 21-minute total public comment)

Betty Barrick spoke to the Board on bus discipline and student behavior. Mrs. Barrick is concerned with the safety of the students and their behavior on the bus. She uses a whistle when the noise gets too loud but that doesn't work anymore. She has done verbal reminders to writeups and to date has turned in 27 writeups (6 middle/high school and 21 elementary). On September 12, 2024, Shawn Weaver got on her bus and spoke to the students. On

September 13, 2024, Sandy Bloom did the same and on September 14, 2024, Stephanie Shoemaker called all of bus 7 elementary students to the large group room and gave a verbal warning. She has been told to do writeups, but nothing is being done. She appreciates the principals and all they do but something needs done whether it's reevaluating the policy for sterner consequences. Mrs. Barrick has had parents call other districts and was told some have redone their discipline policy.

April McMullen also spoke on bus behavior and discipline backing up Mrs. Barrick. She has driven for 18 years, and behavior is getting worse. Kids used to be afraid of the camera and principals talking to them but now they don't seem to care.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Greg Best, Athletic Director, gave an update on sports. Currently there will be no Jr. High Boys Basketball team because he only had one 7th grader, and 1 8th grader interested. Currently there are 12 at the varsity level and six of them are seniors. Mr. Best is concerned about next year. We need to come up with a plan, whether it's co-oping with another district, shortened Jr. Varsity/Varsity schedule. Other schools are already scheduling for next year but are afraid to schedule with us in case we don't have teams. Mr. Best has 20 elementary boys playing basketball so it could be a three year stint before our numbers are good. The girls' basketball numbers are good so far.

DISCUSSION:

There was no discussion.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building and Grounds Committee Report -- Dr. Will scheduled a walk through on November 26, 2024, after the Policy and Personnel meeting.

Finance Committee Report -- No report.

Policy and Personnel Committee Report -- Sue Rosenberry said they interviewed a candidate at their last meeting, reviewed policies and discussed the Superintendent's evaluation and goals.

Transportation Committee Report -- Jason Goshorn said Sandy Bloom rode all the buses, confirming bus routes and mileage and we added a van to transport a preschool student to Chambersburg one day a week which we anticipate will be more as the child gets older.

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OLD BUSINESS

Remove from Table

Moved by Sue Rosenberry and seconded by Jason Goshorn to remove from the table the security contract with G-Force for school security. Voice vote -- all ayes. Motion carried.

Security Contract

Moved by Jason Goshorn and seconded by Sue Rosenberry to enter into a contract with G-Force for school security in the amount of:

2024-2025	\$73,600.00	1472 hours contracted
2025-2026	\$75,808.00	1472 hours contracted
2026-2027	\$78,271.76	1472 hours contracted

Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel

Course Pre-Approval

Moved by Sue Rosenberry and seconded by Amanda Guyer to approve the following course requests:

Amy Ridler	Social and Global Perspectives of Teacher Leadership
Ashley August	ESL Acquisition: Theory, Models and Principles
Ashley August	Diagnosis and Assessment in Reading

Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Coaches

Moved by Chad McClure and seconded by Sue Roseberry to appoint the following coaches for the 2024-2025 school year (*Bona Fide Volunteer):

Cole Daniel*	Jr. High Girls Basketball Head Coach	Step 5	\$2,650
Keri Daniel	Volunteer Jr. High Girls Basketball Coach		

Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Tax Collector Compensation

Moved by Sue Rosenberry and seconded by Stacy Coffman to set the real estate tax collectors' salaries as follows as well as pay up to \$500 per year toward the tax collection software:

	<u>7/1/2026</u>	<u>7/1/2027</u>	<u>7/1/2028</u>	<u>7/1/2029</u>
Fannett Township	\$12,344	\$12,645	\$12,946	\$13,247
Metal Township	\$12,344	\$12,645	\$12,946	\$13,247
Toboyne Township	\$1,072	\$1,098	\$1,124	\$1,151

Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Curriculum

Field Trip Requests

Moved by Chad McClure and seconded by Jason Goshorn to approve the following field trip request:

Anatomy & Physiology Class – Penn State Mont Alto – November 18, 2024 – School Van

FM Ag Club – PA Farm Show – January 7, 2025 – Paid by FM Ag Club

Kindergarten – East Broad Top Railroad, Rockhill, PA – May 23, 2025 – Paid by PTO

First Grade – Zoo America, Hershey, PA – May 27, 2025 – Paid by PTO

2nd Grade – Lake Tobias, Halifax, PA – May 27, 2025 – Paid by PTO

3rd Grade – Lincoln Caverns, Huntingdon, PA – May 28, 2025 – Paid by PTO

4th Grade – Old Bedford Village, Bedford, PA – May 29, 2025 – Paid by PTO

5th Grade – Beyond the Battlefield Museum, Gettysburg, PA – May 28, 2025 – Paid by PTO

Voice vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Program of Studies

Moved by Chad McClure and seconded by Tina McGee to amend the Program of Studies to change the graduation requirements from 4 credits of math to 4 credits of Math (3 credits if completed two semesters of FCCTC). Voice vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds

No action needed.

Policy

Policies

Moved by Sue Rosenberry and seconded by Amanda Guyer to approve the first reading of the following policies:

- Policy 146.1 Trauma-Informed Approach
- Policy 218 Student Discipline
- Policy 218.1 Weapons
- Policy 218.2 Terroristic Threats
- Policy 801 Public Records
- Policy 803 School Calendar
- Policy 805 Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Policy 805.1 Relationships With Law Enforcement Agencies
- Policy 806 Child Abuse
- Policy 904 Public Attendance at School Events
- Policy 909 Municipal Government Relations

Voice vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Budget and Finance

FCATB 2025 Operating Budget

Moved by Sue Rosenberry and seconded by Chad McClure to approve the 2025 Franklin County Area Tax Bureau's General Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,794,864. The projected cost of collections for 2025 remains below the authorized rate of 2.2%. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

FCATB Representative and Alternate

Moved by Sue Rosenberry and seconded by Chad McClure to nominate Daniel Simpson as the District Representative and Cathy Adams as the Alternate to the Franklin County Area Tax Board for the 2025 calendar year. Voice vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Dates To Remember

November 26, 2024 – Work Session – 6:30 p.m.
November 27, 2024 – Early Dismissal
November 28, 2024 – December 3, 2024 – Thanksgiving Break
December 3, 2024 – Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

REPORTS

Learning Center/LIU Report – No report.

Franklin County Career and Technology Center Joint Operating Committee Report – No report.

Safety Committee Report – Stephanie Shoemaker said November fire drills are complete.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Todd Best said the Varsity Club is hosting a Pancakes and Pajamas event this Thursday, November 14, 2024. A Fannett-Metal Alumni, Hunter Angle, Sparc Labs, helped Mrs. Gordon with some unique lab opportunities and the Path Valley Lions Club awarded Molly Daniel and Wesley Holthaus for their Peace Poster submission.

Mrs. Stephanie Shoemaker said the elementary students were recognized for their achievements from the first marking period. Students on the honor roll and completing all homework assignments received NO HOMEWORK coupon. Those students earning 90% or better citizenship grade for the first marking period played BINGO for prizes. Teachers are in the process of reviewing science curriculum materials and resources to align to the new standards with implementation in the fall of 2025 and will bring their selections to the Board for approval.

Dr. Tara Will said we have one candidate for the biology position and a date was set for an interview, and there is one candidate for the art position, however, she won't graduate until the spring.

Jason Goshorn called for a meeting of the Transportation Committee to discuss the bus driver issues. He feels we need to stick to our policy and what's in the handbook. Stephanie Shoemaker feels they are following policy but have to take the students age into consideration as well as if they have an IEP. Bonnie Cornelious suggested having a meeting with all involved (drivers, contractor, principals and superintendent). Jason Goshorn called for a meeting of the Transportation Committee on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. before Reorganization.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Sue Rosenberry and seconded by Jason Goshorn to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Voice vote
– all ayes. Motion carried.



Sandra D. Bloom
Board Secretary

Fannett-Metal School District
Willow Hill, Pennsylvania 17271
Tuesday, November 26, 2024
Work Session Minutes

The Fannett-Metal School Board held their work session on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 6:35 p.m. in the High School Library. Members present were Bonnie Cornelious, President; Cathy Adams, Shelly Boggs, Stacy Coffman (6:42 p.m.), Chad McClure, Tina McGee and Sue Rosenberry. Jason Goshorn and Amanda Guyer were the only members absent. Also present were Daniel Simpson, Business Manager; Todd Best, Middle/High School Principal; Stephanie Shoemaker and Sandra Bloom, Board Secretary. There were no visitors present.

OPENING BUSINESS

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting opened with the School Board Members and audience standing and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Positive Comment

Bonnie Cornelious complimented the Board on being able to meet and discuss issues even though they don't always agree but they get along.

Sue Rosenberry added to that comment by saying they are always respectful of one another.

Cathy Adams gave a shout out to a bus driver – she saw a man get on a bus and when she asked the driver if everything was ok the driver said yes, the father wasn't there to get his child off the bus so the child stayed on and when the child was dropped off they told the father not to worry and if it ever happened again he could always pick the child up where they park the bus. Cathy was impressed with the driver.

Shelly Boggs said she heard positive things about Girls on the Run.

Stephanie Shoemaker said the kids had a great time. There were 14 girls participating and their families attended the trip, and everyone had a good time.

Tina McGee said the elementary boys' basketball team won their tip off game.

The Board reviewed the agenda.

REORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order by the President
2. Pledge of Allegiance

NEW BUSINESS

1. Personnel

A. Appointment of TIUCIT Representatives

Approval is sought to appoint Daniel Simpson, Business Manager as Representative and Tara Will, Superintendent as Alternate, to act on behalf of the district on matters related to the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit Capital Insurance Trust (TIUCIT) consortium.

B. Athletic Director

Approval is sought to appoint Greg Best as Athletic Director for the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend of \$5,600.

C. School Solicitor

Approval is sought to reappoint Elliott B. Sulcove of Black and Davison Law Group as School Solicitor for 2025 at a rate of \$150.00 per hour for substantive work, billed based on tenth of an hour increment and \$70.00 per hour for travel time to and from the district.

D. Course Request

Approval is sought for the following course request:

Amy Ridler	Theories and Best Practices of Curriculum and Instruction
Amy Ridler	Critical Thinking and Innovative Skills
Ronda Stepler	Assessment and Evaluation of Online Teaching and Learning
Ronda Stepler	Issues and Trends in Digital Learning

E. Permission to Hire

- a. The Administration requests permission to hire James Hogue as Director of Special Education and Student Support Services at an annual salary of \$70,000 (prorated for the 2024-2025 school year).

Policy and Personnel had an interview for the Secondary Biology/Environmental Science position and requested this be added to December's agenda.

2. Curriculum

A. Field Trip Request

Approval is sought for the following field trip request:

Power Source – Lancaster Sight-N-Sound – March 14, 2025 – paid by Power Source

3. Building and Grounds

A. Building Use Request

Path Valley Baseball requests the use of the high school lobby on January 22 and 27, 2025 from 6:00 – 8:00 and February 1, 2025, from 10:00 – 12:00 for baseball signups.

4. Policy

A. Policies

Approval is sought for the first reading of the following policies:

Policy 103	Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Students
Policy 103.1	Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities
Policy 104	Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Staff
Policy 105	Curriculum
Policy 234	Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students
Policy 247	Hazing
Policy 249	Bullying/Cyberbullying
Policy 252	Dating Violence
Policy 317.1	Educator Misconduct
Policy 336	Personal Necessity Leave
Policy 339	Uncompensated Leave
Policy 436	Personal Necessity Leave
Policy 439	Uncompensated Leave
Policy 536	Personal Necessity Leave
Policy 539	Uncompensated Leave
Policy 807	Opening Exercises/Flag Displays
Policy 819	Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response
Policy 824	Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries

5. Budget and Finance

A. Accelerated Budget Opt Out Resolution

Approval is sought to adopt a resolution certifying that the district will not increase taxes above the Act 1 index for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Dates To Remember

November 27, 2024 – Early Dismissal
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December 3, 2024 – Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
December 23, 2024 – January 2, 2025 – Christmas Break
January 3, 2025 – Teacher In-Service

REPORTS

1. Learning Center/LIU Report – No report.
2. Franklin County Career and Technology Center Joint Operating Committee Report – Daniel Simpson said he received information regarding the FCCTC roof upgrade. They are looking to borrow \$4,000,000. The Fannett-Metal School District's portion would be approximately \$163,000 which equates to \$11,000 over a 15 year period.
3. Safety Committee Report – No report.

Daniel Simpson gave a presentation on the 2023-2024 Audit Report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



Sandra D. Bloom
Board Secretary