

Fannett-Metal School District
Willow Hill, Pennsylvania 17271
Tuesday, September 8, 2026
Board Minutes

The Fannett-Metal School Board held their September monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2026. Meeting began at 6:03 p.m. in the high school library. Members present were Jason Goshorn, President; Sue Rosenberry, Vice-President; Shelly Boggs, Lauren McCartney, and Cathy Adams. Members absent were Jordan Hurrell and Chad McClure. Tina McGee and Tanya Parson arrived at 6:10 p.m. Also present were Dr. Tara Will, Superintendent; Daniel Simpson, Business Manager; Stephanie Shoemaker, Elementary Principal; and Tina Neil, Board Secretary. Visitors present were Ruth Mitchell and Pat Brady.

OPENING BUSINESS

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Jason Goshorn said before the meeting began that Under Personnel Letter E small b: permission to advertise and interview for an elementary principal would be pulled from agenda and put on next month.

Positive Comments

-Jason Goshorn mentioned it is good to see soccer in full swing.

-Cathy Adams was approached by a parent who said it was very nice to get a letter of affirmation from the art teacher regarding her student.

-Lauren McCartney said the U10 team won their soccer game at Southern Huntingdon.

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Lauren McCartney and seconded by Cathy Adams to approve the minutes of August 11, 2026, Board Meeting. Voice Vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Sue Rosenberry and seconded by Jordan Hurrell to approve the minutes of September 1, 2026, Work Session. Voice Vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Financial Reports

Moved by Lauren McCartney and seconded by Sue Roenberry to approve the following financial reports:

Treasurer's Report – roll call vote– all ayes. Motion carried.

Invoices – roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Cafeteria Account – roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Activity Account – roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried. (Tina McGee and Tanya Parson arrived at 6:10)

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

Pat Brady completed the form for public request for address to simply introduce herself since she has been a visitor at the past several board meetings. She gave a brief biography of her career with the Commonwealth and is planning retirement and plans to continue to come to board meetings and thanked the board for their service.

Administrative Reports

-Dr. Will reported for Mr. Best - Fall sports season is underway and Prom has been set for May 1st. The district has been conducting visual check ins with CATS students either in person or through TEAMS (5) The district is having the LIVE LIKE LEVI Foundation present on 9/29 and encourage everyone to attend. CPR training is being organized for juniors.

-Mrs. Shoemaker said the elementary is off to a great start and 19 students are currently enrolled. Mystery Science curriculum is going well. Registration is now open for Literacy Under the Lights which will be held on September 15. She also said the Officer Blair has been doing a very good job monitoring school safety and security.

-Dr. Will reported that virtual speech sessions began last week. Administrative and support staff have been monitoring the sessions in each building while a more permanent solution is explored. We are also continuing to seek quotes from outside providers to determine whether any offer competitive rates and an in-person service delivery model.

She also stated that the Special Education Plan and the Comprehensive Plan have both been posted to the district website. Thank you again to Sue for bringing this to my attention.

Today, three different school secretaries in the same district received a call from someone claiming to be a deputy sheriff stating that he urgently needed to speak with a teacher. He identified teachers in each of the school buildings by name, and the district assumes the caller obtained this information from school websites. Once the call was transferred to the teacher, the "deputy sheriff" stated that the teacher failed to respond to a jury summons. To rectify the situation, the "deputy sheriff" stated that the teacher must secure funds, stay on the phone, and meet the individual at a disclosed location to deliver the money. Unfortunately, there were a couple of folks who were ready to respond to this individual. Because of this situation, the district has communicated with staff that if a deputy sheriff or any member or law enforcement calls a school to speak to a staff member, the secretary must call the SRO first.

DISCUSSION

-Lauren McCartney wanted clarification on the number of students on the Pre-K wait list. Mrs. Shoemaker said 2 students. She asked if there is a reason there was a wait list started before the threshold was hit. Will we increase the class to 20? Dr. Will believes the class size is good at 19 with the current staffing we have in place.

-Sue Rosenberry asked for clarification about the wait list and when it began. The wait list began after registration. Tina McGee said she doesn't care for a wait list. Dr. Will said she did not anticipate people enrolling later after the class was at the 19 mark. Jason Goshorn said we could flex the schedule. Elliott Sulcove said that if district went to 21 class capacity, two teachers would be needed. Shelly Boggs asked when the AR was written and Dr. Will said last week admin met to establish the Pre K AR.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

-Building and Grounds Report – met last week and Dan Simpson gave a facility update.

-Finance Committee Report -None

-Policy and Personnel Committee Report -will meet next month

-Transportation Committee Report – No Report

OLD BUSINESS

No action needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel

Moved by Lauren McCartney and seconded by Shelly Boggs to approve the resignation of Terry Bard from his position of Director of Special Education and Student Services effective date of August 21, 2026, with a hold of sixty days.

Roll Call – all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Lauren McCartney and seconded by Tanya Parson to approve the resignation of Michael Middaugh from his position as Junior High Baseball Coach effective immediately.

Roll Call – all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Sue Rosenberry and seconded by Cathy Adams to approve the retirement of Stephanie Shoemaker from her position of Elementary Principal effective June 30, 2027, with last day of work being December 18, 2026, after which will utilize accumulated leave through retirement date. After discussion there was a motion to table the above motion pending clarification on the leave. Elliott Sulcove stated sick leave has to be used for sick leave. Moved by Lauren McCartney and seconded by Sue Rosenberry to table the motion to approve the retirement of Stephanie Shoemaker from her position of Elementary Principal effective June 30, 2027, with last day of work being December 18, 2026, after which will utilize accumulated leave through retirement date. Roll Call – all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Lauren McCartney and seconded by Cathy Adams to approve the transfer Mrs. Jessica Eichenseher from her part-time position in the cafeteria to part-time elementary aide effective August 17, 2026. Roll Call – all ayes. Motion carried.

Permission to Hire

Moved by Lauren McCartney and seconded by Tanya Parson to approve the hire of Madison Bucholz as a substitute custodian at an hourly rate of \$12.75. Roll Call – all ayes. Motion carried.

Permission to Advertise and Interview

Moved by Lauren McCartney and seconded by Sue Rosenberry to advertise and interview for a Coordinator of Special Education and Student Services.

Roll Call – all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Lauren McCartney and seconded by Tina McGee to approve permission to advertise and interview for Junior High Baseball Coach.

Roll Call – all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Lauren McCartney and seconded by Sue Rosenberry to approve permission to advertise and interview for a part-time cafeteria worker.

Roll Call – all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Sue Rosenberry and seconded by Cathy Adams to approve permission to advertise and interview for a part-time high school classroom aide.

Roll Call – all ayes. Motion carried.

Mentor

Moved by Lauren McCartney and seconded by Cathy Aadam to approve the following mentor at a stipend of \$250 for the 2026-2027 school year: Holly Rotz for Sierra Curry

Roll Call – all ayes. Motion carried.

Course Requests

Moved by Sue Rosenberry and seconded by Lauren McCartney to approve the following course requests:

Kelley Zimmerman Selecting Texts for Literacy Instruction - Begins November 16, 2026

Kelley Zimmerman Digital Media for Literacy Instruction - Begins October 5, 2026

Nathaniel Byers Effective Practice for Every Learner –Begins October 15, 2026

Nathaniel Byers Curriculum and Instruction: 6-12 Choral Music – Begins October 1, 2026

Joshua Boos Legacies of History: Topics in US-World -Begins October 5, 2026

Roll Call – all ayes. Motion carried.

Curriculum

Field Trip Request

Moved by Tina McGee and seconded by Tanya Parson to approve the following field trip request:

MS/HS Life Skills Class Peckin' Thyme Farm Fridays during the 2026-2027 school year 8:30am – 11:00 am utilizing the school van.

MS/HS Life Skills Class Aprontree Thursdays during the 2026-2027 school year 12:30 pm-2:00 pm utilizing the school van.

MS/HS Life Skills Class Local Stores/Restaurants in Chambersburg Area during the school year utilizing the school van.

Varsity Boys and Junior High Soccer Team – Penn State, State College -Men's Soccer Game – October 2, 2026 – transportation paid by group.

Roll Call – all ayes. Motion carried.

Bible Release Time

Moved by Cathy Adams and seconded by Tina McGee to approve Child Evangelism Fellowship of Franklin-Fulton Counties permission for elementary students to be released for Good News Club/Bible Release Program every Thursday starting Thursday, October 8, 2026, and ending Thursday, April 22, 2027.
Roll Call – all ayes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds

No Action Needed.

Policy

Moved by Sue Rosenberry and seconded by Cathy Adams to approve the second reading of the Policy 904 Public Attendance At School Events.
Roll Call – all ayes. Motion carried.

Budget and Finance

School Physician

Moved by Tina McGee and seconded by Sue Rosenberry to approve Wellspan Family Practice, Keefer Drive, Mercersburg, PA to provide physical exams for students in kindergarten/1st grade (school entry), 6th grade, and 11th grade as required by the state, provide consult scoliosis exam for those students referred for second screening due to abnormal results for students in 6th and 7th grades for the 2025-2026 school year for a base rate of \$500/year and a rate of \$15.00 per physical (same cost as last year).
Roll Call – all ayes. Motion carried.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 6 Work Session 6:30 p.m.

October 13 Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Lauren McCartney and seconded by Tina McGee to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JH', is written over a horizontal line.

, Board Secretary