

**Fowlerville Community Schools
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
BOARD MINUTES
06/29/2026**

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Amy Sova, Board President, at 7:00p.m. in the Fowlerville Junior High School Auditorium.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Members Present: Mrs. Susan Charron, Mrs. Danielle DeVries, Mrs. Diana Dombrowski, Mr. Robert Hinton, Mrs. Lindsey Redinger and Mrs. Amy Sova

Members Absent: None

Approval of Minutes from the June 1, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

Motion by John Belcher, supported by Robert Hinton to approve the consent agenda, including the Superintendent's Personnel Report and the Board Meeting Minutes from June 1, 2026.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

2025-2026 Fowlerville High School Annual Athletics Report – Mr. Jeff Finney

Board Committee Reports

06/01/2026 Personnel Committee Report – Mrs. Susan Charron

06/01/2026 Executive Committee Report – Mrs. Amy Sova

Motion by Lindsey Redinger, supported by John Belcher to approve emergency authority for the Superintendent, or designee, to procure, contract for, purchase, and install backflow prevention assemblies and related water system work necessary to address the District's cross-connection compliance obligations involving the Village of Fowlerville water system, as presented.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

06/15/2026 Policy Committee Report – Mrs. Amy Sova

06/26/2026 Finance Committee Report – Mr. John Belcher

Motion by John Belcher, supported by Diana Dombrowski to accept the donation from the Fowlerville Athletic Boosters.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

Motion by John Belcher, supported by Lindsey Redinger to approve the purchase of stop arm cameras.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

Motion by John Belcher, supported by Susan Charron to approve the E.T. Mackenzie mutual waiver and release.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

Motion by John Belcher, supported by Diana Dombrowski to approve the addendum to the Letter of Intent with Auch Construction for pre-bond services.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

06/29/2026 Curriculum Committee Report – Mr. Robert Hinton

Assistant Superintendent's Report – Mrs. Adva Ringle

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Matt Stuard

1 Member of the public spoke.

Public Hearing and Budget Action

Presentation – Proposed 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budgets

Mr. McKay presented the proposed 2026-2027 fiscal year budgets.

Public Hearing on the Proposed 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budgets

The Board President, Mrs. Amy Sova, opened the public hearing on the proposed 2026-2027 fiscal year budgets at 8:03 p.m.

The Board President invites public comment limited to the proposed 2026-2027 fiscal year budgets, subject to the Board's public participation rules.

9 members of the public spoke.

Adoption of 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget Resolutions

Motion by John Belcher, supported by Diana Dombrowski to adopt the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget Resolutions, including the following:

1. General Fund Budget;
2. Food Service Fund Budget;
3. Community Services Fund Budget; and
4. Special Revenue Fund Budget.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

2026-2027 Staffing Plan and Position Reductions

Motion by John Belcher, supported by Diana Dombrowski to approve the administration's recommended 2026-2027 staffing plan.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

The Board President, Mrs. Amy Sova closed the public hearing at 8:30p.m. and returned to the regular meeting agenda.

Fiscal Year Organizational Meeting Date

Motion by John Belcher, supported by Susan Charron to approve Monday, July 27, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fowlerville Junior High School Auditorium as the Board Organizational Meeting date.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

The motion passed

Fowlerville High School Varsity Head Football Coach

Motion by John Belcher, supported by Danielle DeVries to approve the hiring of Mr. Zack Douglass as the FHS Varsity Head Football Coach.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

Second and Final Reading – Board Policies

Motion by John Belcher, supported by Susan Charron to approve the second and final reading of the following policies

- Policy 0100 – Definitions
- Policy 5460 – Graduation Requirements
- Policy 2370.01 – Online or Blended Learning
- Policy 2417 – Comprehensive School Health Education
- Policy 2418 – Sex Education
- Policy 8120.09 – Volunteers
- Policy 7540.03 – Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
- Policy 7540.04 – Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
- Policy 7540.09 – Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Policy 5517.01 – Bullying and Other Aggressive Behavior Toward Students
- Policy 8402 – Emergency Operations Plan
- Policy 5336 – Care of Students with Diabetes
- Policy 8655 – Specialized Transportation for Students with IEPs
- Policy 1410 – Staff Ethics
- Policy 3120.09 – Volunteers (Rescind)
- Policy 4120.09 – Volunteers (Rescind)
- Policy 6320 – Purchasing
- Policy 6325 – Procurement – Federal Grants and Funds

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

Second and Final Reading – 9th Grade Math Lab Course

Motion by John Belcher, supported by Lindsey Redinger to approve the second and final reading of the 9th Grade Math Lab Course.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

Second and Final Reading – 9th Grade ELA Lab Course

Motion by John Belcher, supported by Diana Dombrowski to approve the second and final reading of the 9th Grade ELA Lab Course.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

Second and Final Reading – High School Unified Sports Course

Motion by John Belcher, supported by Diana Danielle DeVries to approve the second and final reading of the High School Unified Sports Course.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

The motion passed

Introduction of Other Matters by Members of the Board:

Mr. Belcher spoke about the importance of being proactive in addressing the District's structural and financial challenges. He acknowledged the significant amount of time and consideration that went into the difficult decision to reduce teaching positions and encouraged community members to attend the Board's monthly committee meetings to stay informed and engaged.

Mrs. Dombrowski expressed her appreciation for the members of the community who attended the meeting and spoke in support of the District's teachers.

Mrs. Redinger discussed the importance of pursuing grant opportunities and emphasized the need to restore the District's financial stability. She noted that if the District's financial condition does not improve, there is a possibility that the State of Michigan could intervene and oversee the District's finances, making it essential to address these challenges proactively.

Introduction of Other Matters by the Superintendent:

Mr. Stuard acknowledged the dedication and value of the District's staff and stated that the decision to reduce employee positions was extremely difficult. He explained that declining student enrollment over the past two decades, along with the resulting financial impact, had left the administration with limited options. Based on the information currently available, the administration believes the staff reductions are necessary at this time, particularly given the absence of a State budget and projected fall enrollment.

Information:

An Organizational School Board Meeting will be held on Monday, July 27, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fowlerville Junior High School Auditorium.

The full 2026-2027 Board and Committee meeting calendar will be brought to the Board for approval at the July 27, 2026 Organizational Meeting.

Closed Session – Security Planning / Emergency Operations Plan Review

Motion by John Belcher, supported by Diana Dombrowski to enter into closed session to consider and review confidential Emergency Operations Plan materials.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Belcher-Aye
Mrs. Charron-Aye
Mrs. DeVries-Aye
Mrs. Dombrowski-Aye
Mr. Hinton-Aye
Mrs. Redinger-Aye
Mrs. Sova-Aye

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

Motion by John Belcher, supported by Diana Dombrowski to reconvene the Board of Education Regular Meeting.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

Motion by Danille DeVries , supported by Diana Dombrowski to approve the closed session minutes.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

Motion by John Belcher, supported by Danielle DeVries to adopt the District Emergency Operations Plan document as reviewed during closed session.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

Adjournment

Motion by Susan Charron, supported by Danielle DeVries to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

The motion passed.



Susan Charron, Secretary
Fowlerville Board of Education

7/27/26

Date