

Sabillasville Environmental School

Board of Directors Meeting

April 13, 2026 6:00 PM

Members in attendance: Shelby Green, Justine Roger, Emily Darling, Alisha Yocum, Denny Willard, Jan Boden

Remote: Jeff Finch, Barb Doney

- I. Approval of the agenda as submitted was moved by E Darling and seconded by S Green.
- II. Alisha called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. There was no public comment.
- III. Approval for the March Minutes was moved by J Finch, and seconded by J Boden. Approval passed unanimously.
- IV. Financials(J. Finch)
 - A. In the PNC account we have a current balance of \$216,273.00, more than enough to cover our obligations: In February we operated at a loss of \$4,409 and year to date \$53,997.00. Jeff is not concerned due to the conservative nature of our budget and we are moving outside of the winter months so we should be able to operate at a surplus to make up the difference. J. Roger moved to approve the financial report, D. Willard Seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- V. Principals Report (B Doney)
 - A. Upcoming Events: Planning a Kindergarten signing night. MCAP is beginning Thursday. End of year events are being adjusted
 - B. Student enrollment is down to 196 students as we lost a 6th grader. Still looking to be short next year in 8th grade.
 - C. School Improvement: Visit planned on Tuesday with FCPS Math department for both elementary and middle school.
- VI. Brick Wall Repairs/ Fundraiser (J. Rogers)
 - A. Brick Wall Repair J. Rogers- Working with a local mason with his quote, and modified the rebuild to make it cheaper and more efficient, this will also provide materials for the other areas. Total quote comes to \$16,480. Cost per brick should be roughly \$9.50/ brick. The board agreed to launch the fundraiser on our square account, and would sell the bricks for \$50/piece. This will help fundraise for the remaining cost of the project.
- VII. Facilities (A. Yocum)
 - A. Blacktop- Driveway has been cold patched.
 - B. Greenhouse- Has been recovered, and are looking at the next steps for automation. The team had a zoom call with the OSU representative in their confidence in our team but they offered for them to come and assist in the install. That would cost us a one night hotel fee and rental car to drive back and forth. The OSU team is putting together a schedule of their availability to assist us in making that happen. Alisha moved to cover the cost of their trip to make sure we get it installed correctly. Jan seconded and the board passed unanimously.
 - C. Potomac Edison- We can pick and choose what we would like to replace. Alisha is going back and asking for an updated quote on the projects that would save the most, and/or be functional.

- D. Storage- FCPS came back and noted that sea containers are no longer considered mobile and would require zoning and permitting and a site plan. Discussion was had about switching to a shed instead.
 - E. Mulch- \$4,195.00 quote for mulch. 20 yards for the playground and 8 yards for the 3 front flower beds.
 - F. Mulch for the wildflower garden. Shelby offered some free chips for the project over a period of time.
- VIII. Grants-
 - A. Gladhill- Grant will be disbursed through FCPS and will cover the majority of the cost, and looking into other options to get the rest of the cost for the remaining teachers to get certified in ag literacy.
 - B. MD Alliance Grant- We had our closeout meeting, we have one final report and inventory listing.
 - C. There is a \$1,000 grant that works with the Farm Bureau, Shelby is looking into application options.
- IX. MSDE Charter Funding Regulations (A. Yocum) Alisha gave an update on the legislation. The facilities funding bill passed the house and the senate at \$200/student for SY2028. Funding regulations are still being worked on.
- X. Lottery Update (A. Yocum) All open seats have been confirmed.
- XI. Review of Annual report to FCPS Board (A.Yocum)
 - A. Went well, they had some questions about test scores but were not disappointed.
- XII. Hunter's Safety Pilot Program in Conjunction with DNR (A. Yocum)
 - A. DNR would like to use the facility to offer an instructional course for hunting safety. There was no objection from FCPS. S Green moved to move forward in this process and was seconded by E Darling, Board approved unanimously.
- XIII. Restaurant Nights (E. Darling) Emily looked into local to the school restaurants, as well as local to some of our students in the Frederick area. She will proceed with getting one on the books before the school year is out.
- XIV. PTO updates (K. Wolf)-
 - A. Kara asked Emily to report that all is well.
 - B. Mountain Fest 50th Anniversary- Planning to give away two \$500 scholarships to any student looking to further their education in an agricultural field. Application is due May 1st.
 - C. The next meeting will be Monday May 4th at 6pm.
- XV. Motion to Adjourn was made by D. Willard , Seconded by J. Roger. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 and moved to the closed session.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelby Green