

**HUDSONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**3886 Van Buren Street**  
**August 28, 2023**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Chanski, Davis, DeWitt, Hall, Hooper, Sneden

**Administrators Present:** Armstrong, Briggs, Fast, Fabiano, Thomas, VanderJagt

President Hooper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Davis, supported by Sneden to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: All

Motion Carried

**Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of People Present**

President Hooper opened up the floor to the audience. The following individual addressed the board:

Mindy VandenHeuvel

**Arbor Circle**

Special Services Director Thomas presented on an opportunity to add a clinician from Arbor Circle through a one-year grant. Arbor Circle is the sub-recipient and has chosen HPS to partner with but board approval is one of the conditions of the grant. If approved this could allow the current position to expand to the middle schools with high school support given by the grant position. This is intended to improve the mental health of our students and increase suicide prevention. This recommendation will be brought to the board at a future meeting.

**Community Education Highlights**

Community Education Director Fabiano presented on the programming provided by community education in the Hudsonville Community and beyond. Some of the most popular new course additions have been adult pickleball, Broadway Bootcamp, adult/youth tennis, Challenge Island STEM, 5/6 volleyball, and splash ball. Fabiano reported a 58.6% participation increase from 2013 to 2022. There were 4,367 participants in 2022. Fabiano has implemented a new software program that is working well and allows the high school to take credit card payments. The department has also received a grant from the Hudsonville Education Foundation and plans to use the funds to begin a scholarship program.

**Park Elementary Playground and Equipment**

Assistant Superintendent Briggs presented that although initial bids did not meet our specifications, OAK was able to negotiate with the low bidder to get the equipment we want for \$284,104. This recommendation will be brought to the board for approval at the September 14 meeting.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Sneden, supported by DeWitt, to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Stephanie Fast, Public Relations Manager