

JOINT MEETING BETWEEN THE COMMON COUNCIL  
FOR THE CITY OF FISHERS AND THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF  
HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN SCHOOL CORPORATION

Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2024

**\*Livestreaming is available via the Hamilton Southeastern School Corporation's page: <https://www.hseschools.org/board/live-board-meetings>**

President Dr Juanita Albright called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Ben Orr, Suzanne Thomas, Tiffany Pasco, Dawn Lang, Sarah Donsbach, Sarah Parks-Reese, Mayor Schott Fadness, Cecilia Coble, Selina Stoller, Brad DeReamer, Todd Zimmerman, Tiffanie Ditlevson, Pete Peterson, John Weingardt, John Delucia, Bill Stuart, City Clerk Jennifer Kehl, Superintendent Patrick Mapes and Chris Greisl. Others present were Elliott Hultgren, Matt Kegley, Danielle Feters Thompson, Ryan Taylor, Brian Murphy, Larry Lannan, Jordin Alexander, Jake Reardon-McSoley, Chief Ed Gebhart, Chief Steve Orusa, Melissa Deckert, Lindsey Bennett, Mike Johnson, Eric Steiner, Megan Baumgartner, Monica Heltz, Tracy Gaynor, Mitch List, Jim Hallett, and Megan Barber.

**A. Superintendent Patrick Mapes gave a few opening comments.**

**B. Community Based Learning**

- Marissa Deckert, Director of Parks and Recreation discussed partnerships with HSE and Conner Prairie.
- Nature First began in 2014 for 1<sup>st</sup> grade students.
- Conner Prairie was added in 2018 with 4<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Farm 2 Table for 2nd grade students and Make 5 for with grade students was added in 2021.
- Local Government for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students was added in 2023.
- The total of student who have participate annually is 7400 students.
- Mayor Scott Fadness stated that restrooms will be added to the AgriPark by this fall.

**C. Innovation Grants Update**

- Jordin Alexander, Chief of Staff discussed the \$500,000 innovation grant. The grants are allocated toward professional development and initiatives to jump start and enhance innovation in the classroom for HSE teachers. Teachers and educators within HSE Schools may apply for grants to support innovative learning projects in the classroom. Several former HSE teachers are on the committee for the grant process. Justin with HSE assists in the process. 11 applications were submitted this year.
- Mayor Fadness stated these grants are transformative funding and doesn't compete with the HSE Foundation grants, just compliments them.

**D. SRO's in Schools**

- Chief Ed Gebhart, Chief of Fishers Police Department stated there are currently 11 SRO in the schools, 40 participants in the Police Cadet Academy for ages 14-18, and are in the 20<sup>th</sup> Academy for the Teen Academy.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Teen Academy was in 2004.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Cadet Academy was added in 2009.
- They have provided an Active Shooter Video and Mass Casualty Multiagency Response Training.
- The police department have hired 2 individuals from the Cadet Academy.

**E. Public Health in Schools**

- Monica Heltz, Director of Public Health stated they have provided Health Education to around 10,000 students from kindergarten, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade.
- Staff Training Support
- School Health Liaison and Support for Student Health
- Support for Student Led Public Health
- They offer Club Grants. These are small Grants to Support Student-Led Efforts Related to Community Service Actions (Max \$500/Calendar Year).
- The Health Department provides training for the use of Narcan. The medication is available at the Health Department.

**F. HSE Land Maintenance**

- Eric Steiner, Assistant Director of DPW stated the services provided for the 23 school properties uses 32 DPW staff.
- Services Provided:
  - Mowing of all lawn areas
  - Turf Fertilization Treatments (2x/year)
  - Maintain Varsity and JV Sports Fields
  - Irrigation Start Up and Winterization Services
  - Pruning
  - Sidewalk Edging
  - Limbing Up of Trees
  - Pick up Trash
  - Snow Removal Services of Parking Lots
  - Partner with HSE Facility Maintenance on all other services required for outdoor maintenance.

**G. Academy Overview**

- Mayor Scott Fadness spoke on the academy's the city provided.
- Mayor's Youth Academy
- Public Health Teen Academy
- Police Teen Academy
- Fire Spring Break Academy

Fire Chief Steve Orusa came forward and stated this is the first time offering this academy. It will be for 3 days. The children are selected from students in the district that are on the free lunch or reduced lunch program and are

selected by HSE teachers. This year 27 students were chosen from Fishers Elementary and New Britton Elementary.

- Each day the students will be provided with breakfast, a snack, and hot lunch. When they graduate on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day they will be provided with a sack of groceries.
- Police Cadet Academy
- Any student in the HSE school district may participate.

**H. Event Center**

- Mitch List the manager of the facility and Jim Hallett the owner of Indy Fuel and Fishers Freight spoke about the activities and events happening at the event center.
- There will be 58 home games between the Indy Fuel, Fishers Freight, and Indy Ignite.
- They will also offer the facility for Graduation, Mudsock Boy's & Girl's Basketball Games as well as Additional Opportunities.
- Concessions will be run by ASM Management. They will offer local not for profits the opportunity to help in concessions.
- Ben Orr asked if they would consider hosting some of the schools' performing arts and band competitions. Robotics was also asked about. Mitch List said they would consider it.
- The facility seats about 7500 depending on the event.
- Jim Hallett stated he and his family became proud US Citizens in 2003.
- He offered the Indy Fuel Mascot and players to come to visit classrooms. They also offer intern programs.
- Fishers Freight games will begin in May of 2025.

**I. Closing Comments**

- Mayor Scott Fadness is open to additional opportunities to collaborate with the school district.
- Members of the city council introduced themselves to the school board.
- Dr. Juanita Albright Adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

**Slide Presentation from tonight's meeting is attached [HERE](#).**

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer L. Kehl

Fishers City Clerk

# **HSE SCHOOLS + CITY OF FISHERS JOINT BOARD MEETING**

**3/14/2024**

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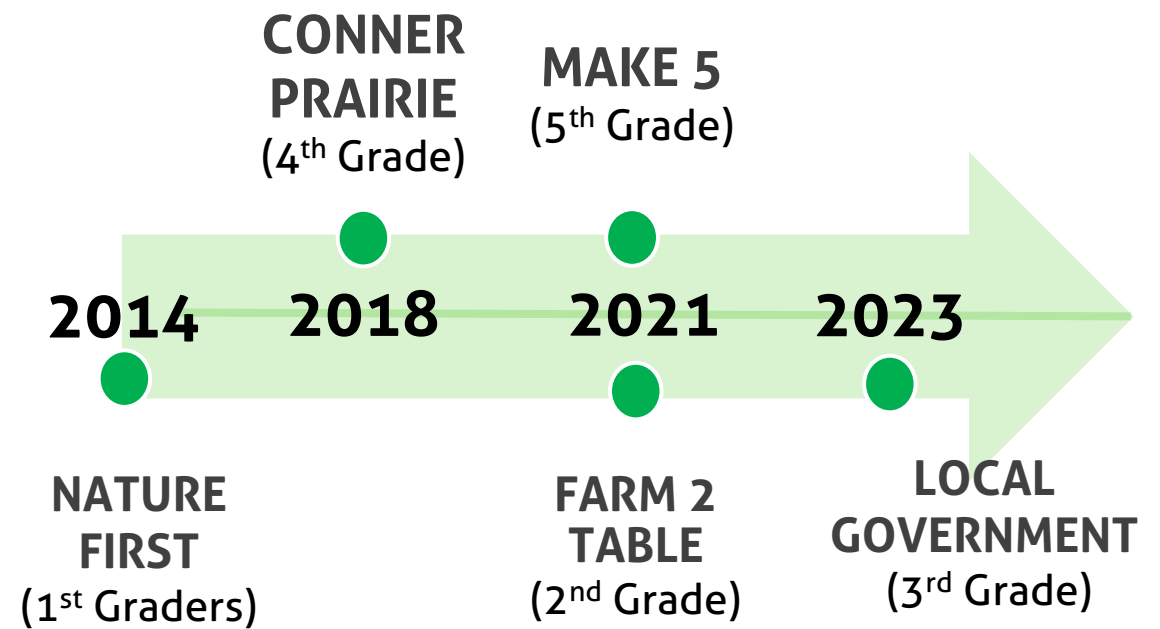




# COMMUNITY BASED LEARNING

**Marissa Deckert,**  
Director of Parks & Recreation

## TIMELINE



**7,400** STUDENTS ANNUALLY

**17,900** VISITS ANNUALLY

**5** DEDICTED FISHERS  
PARKS STAFF



# COMMUNITY BASED LEARNING

## PROGRAM SUCCESSES:

### 🌿 Nature First (1<sup>st</sup> Grade):

- 2024 Partnership with RWNP Stewardship Program
- 14 Professionally Produced Nature First Videos to Support Curriculum in Class
- 3 Dedicated Fishers Parks Staff

### 🌿 Farm 2 Table @ AgriPark (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade):

- 2 HSEF Grants (Greenhouse & Hydroponics Grant)
- Duke Energy Grant (Hydroponics system)
- Brooks School Elementary received Grant (Additional Greenhouse)
- New Britton Elementary City/HSE partnership (Chicken Coops)

### 🌿 Make 5 @ Maker Playground (5<sup>th</sup> Grade):

- 2 HSEF Grants (Glow Forge Laser Cutter & STEM Robotic Arms)
- 10 Dedicated COF Volunteers (Support Hands-On Learning)
- 3200 Woodworking Projects Completed
- Introduced Power Tools and Drill Press to Woodworking







# EDUCATOR INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM

- \$500K allocated toward professional development and initiatives to jump start and enhance innovation in the classroom for HSE teachers
- Teachers and educators within HSE Schools may apply for grants to support innovative learning projects in the classroom

# \$500K

**Allocated in 2024 Budget**



**2024**

**11**

CURRENT SROs

**40**

POLICE CADET ACADEMY  
PARTICIPANTS

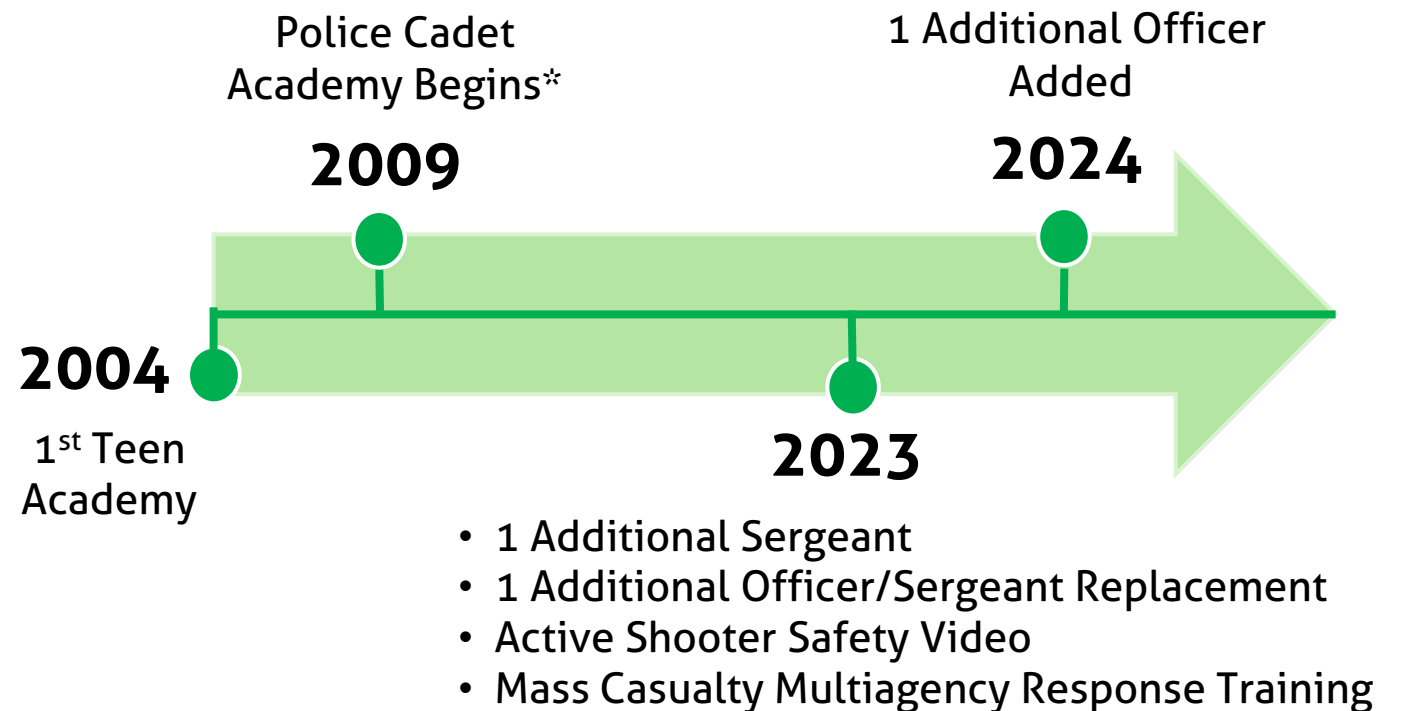
**20<sup>th</sup>**

TEEN ACADEMY  
SESSION

# FISHERS PD PARTNERSHIP WITH HSE SCHOOLS

**Ed Gebhart**, Chief of Police

SCHOOL SAFETY, MENTAL HEALTH, CRIME PREVENTION



\*We have hired two cadets out of the program



# SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

**Ed Gebhart**, Chief of Police

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SUPPORTING SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS IN  
OUR COMMUNITY'S SCHOOLS

## Current SROs

- Officer Matt Ruhnow
- Office Kyle Johns
- Officer Kevin Sutton
- Officer Dave Pyle
- Officer Alicia Ahnert
- Officer Shaun Williams
- Officer Adam Shanks
- Officer Matt Madden
- Sgt. Pierre Berry
- Sgt. Christopher Owens
- Lt. Andy Burks

HSE + CITY OF FISHERS JOINT BOARD MEETING 2024





# Fishers Health Department

Monica Heltz, Director of Public Health

## COLLABORATION WITH HSE SCHOOLS

- Health Education in Classrooms
- Staff Training Support
- School Health Liaison and Support for Student Health
- Support for Student Led Public Health

## CLUB GRANTS

1. Small Grants to Support Student-Led Efforts Related to Community Service Actions (Max \$500/Calendar Year)
2. Rolling Applications
3. Finalizing Criteria & Application Process



# GROUNDS MAINTENANCE PARTNERSHIP

Eric Steiner, Assistant Director of Public Works

## SERVICES PROVIDED:

- Mowing of all lawn areas
- Turf Fertilization Treatments (2x/year)
- Maintain Varsity and JV Sports Fields
- Irrigation Start Up and Winterization Services
- Pruning
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DPW STAFF

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SCHOOL PROPERTIES +  
ADMIN & BUS BARN



# CITY OF FISHERS STUDENT ACADEMIES

Mayor Fadness

## Active Academies:

- Mayor's Youth Academy
- Public Health Teen Academy
- Police Teen Academy
- Fire Spring Break Academy
- Police Cadet Academy





# FISHERS EVENT CENTER

Mitch List & Jim Hallett

## A VENUE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

### Professional Sports

- Indy Fuel
- Fishers Freight
- Indy Ignite

### A Community Amenity

- Graduation
- Mudsock Boy's & Girl's Basketball Games
- Additional Opportunities







# CLOSING DISCUSSION

## MAYOR FADNESS

- Opportunities for additional collaboration?





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