

**FORT ANN CENTRAL SCHOOL
Board of Education
Fort Ann, New York**

Regular Meeting

September 18, 2018

The Regular meeting of the Fort Ann Central School Board of Education was held on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 in the Library. Mr. James Seeley, President, opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL Dr. James Seeley, President
PRESENT: Mr. James Allen
 Mrs. Cathy Graham
 Mr. Paul Greene @ 6:40 pm
 Dr. Diana Sustar
 Mrs. Alison West
 Mrs. Pamela White
 Mr. Kevin Froats, Superintendent

Board of Education Facilities Tour was conducted at 6:00 p.m., prior to the Board Meeting.

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Shelley Gregorio; Clerk of the Board, Mr. Alexander Bodensieck, Mrs. Michelle Discenza, Mrs. Lori Johnson, Ms. Nichole Huskie, Mrs. Janee Prevost, Ms. Lauren Ruddy, Mrs. Kathleen Chakalis, Mrs. Tara Wilson-Monroe, Mrs. Tara Cody, Mrs. Phyllis Cleveland, Ms. Caitlin McIntyre, and Ms. Maria Laurenzo.

PRELIMINARY ACTION:

Upon motion by James Allen, seconded by Allison West, approval was given to the September 18, 2018 agenda.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion by Cathy Graham, seconded by Pamela White, approval was given to minutes of the August 28, 2018 Regular Board of Education meeting.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

BUSINESS OPERATIONS:

Upon motion by Cathy Graham, seconded by James Allen, approval was given to the Warrants of Bills for August 2018:

- # 5 General Fund in the amount of \$380,868.68
- # 6 Special Aid Fund in the amount of \$25,392.12
- # 8 School Lunch Fund in the amount of \$2,233.80
- # 9 Capital Fund in the amount of \$1,229.50

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion by Pamela White, seconded by Allison West, approval was given to the budget transfer for July 2018: Gen. #1, Ref. #1 and #2 in the amount of \$130,182.20.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion made by Alison West, seconded by James Allen, approval was given to the budget transfer for August 2018: Gen #2, Ref. #3 and #4 in the amount of \$170,828.61.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic/Assessment Comm.-Next meeting TBD

Athletic Comm. –Met September 11, 2018; discussed fall start-up, fields kept up well, long term planning for more use of home fields, academic eligibility, golf merger, wrestling merger, League purchase of new scheduling software, coach hiring procedure, some changes underway with Clay Target League, possibility of required Athletic Trainers, Fall Sectionals assemblies for both girls and boys, baseball backstop concerns.

Finance Comm. – Met September 12, 2018; discussed movement of funds to a new bank where we are receiving a higher interest rate. District still advertising for a Bus Driver/Mechanic Helper to cover FMLA.

Mr. Paul Greene arrived @ 6:40 pm

Policy Comm. – 3 Policies on this agenda; #7221 Participation in Graduation Ceremonies & Activities, #7222 Diploma or Credential Options for Students with Disabilities, and #5660 School Food Service Program (Lunch & Breakfast).

Facilities Comm. – Met September 6, 2018; discussed Capital Project: move classrooms, Makers Space priority, Clerk of the Works to be hired, bidders will be in building September 28, 2018, phasing of work, hope to begin December 2018, security upgrades of hi-def cameras and Armor 1 bullet resistant film for windows, re-location of buses and summer recreation program over summer break, and Ambient will be checking asbestos concerns.

Arts Comm. – Next meeting October 23, 2018

Wellness Comm. –Next meeting October 11, 2018 @ 2:45 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

PRESENTATIONS:

MS and HS teachers shared “Color Wars” power point presentation and information; Ms. Nichole Huskie, Mrs. Janee Prevost, Mrs. Tara Wilson-Monroe, Mrs. Kathleen Chakalis, and Ms. Lauren Ruddy.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS/COMMUNICATIONS:

Mrs. Michelle Discenza provided Elementary Building highlights; Meet & Greet was held on Superintendent’s Conference day this year and showed a dramatic increase in parent/guardian attendance with 83% of parents attending versus 36% last year. Many new clubs starting up this year, Birthday Books, new EnVision math program, and YMCA research is still in progress with the YMCA now holding our contract for review.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Organizational/Administrative:

Upon motion by James Allen, seconded by Alison West, approval was given to the Response and Corrective Action Letter in response to State Comptroller’s Audit.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion by Cathy Graham, seconded by Paul Greene, approval was given to the first reading of new policy #7221 Participation in Graduation Ceremonies and Activities.
Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion by Paul Greene, seconded by Pamela White, approval was given to the amendments of policies #7222 Diploma or Credential Options for Students with Disabilities and #5660 School Food Service Program (Lunch and Breakfast).
Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion made by Pamela White, seconded by Alison West, approval was given to the following resolution:

WHEREAS, A number of public school districts in the Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties area (Capital Region BOCES) and the Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex Counties area (WSWHE BOCES) require Water Sampling and Testing services, and

WHEREAS, The School District named below is desirous of participating with other districts in cooperatively bidding the services mentioned above, as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

WHEREAS, The School District named below is a current client (subscriber) of the Health-Safety-Risk Management service offered by Capital Region BOCES, and

WHEREAS, The School District named below wishes to appoint the Capital Region BOCES to advertise for, bid, accept, tabulate bids and award bids on their behalf; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Board of Education of the School District listed below hereby appoints the Capital Region BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Daily Gazette Newspaper as the legal publication for all related Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below authorizes the Capital Region BOCES to represent it in all matters leading up to and including the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities and services, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Board of Education of the School District listed below agrees to (1) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts; (2) abide by the Award of the BOCES Board; (3) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Personnel:

Upon motion by James Allen, seconded by Pamela White, approval was given to amend salary for Maria Lorenzo to reflect Step 6 BA+30, new annual salary to be \$44,460.00 effective September 1, 2018.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

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Upon motion by Alison West, seconded by Paul Greene, approval was given to appoint Holly Green to a probationary position as teacher aide effective September 1, 2018 at annual salary of \$13,942.42 (pending CSEA contract negotiations) and all benefits per the CSEA agreement.
Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion by Pamela White, seconded by Cathy Graham, approval was given to accept resignation from Christine Smith-Courcelle as per diem bus monitor effective September 4, 2018.
Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion by Alison West, seconded by James Allen, approval was given to rescind appointment of Nichole Huskie as Elementary Student Council Advisor for the 2018-2019 year.
Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion by Alison West, seconded by Paul Greene, approval was given to appoint Lauren Ruddy as Elementary Student Council Advisor for the 2018-2019 year at F1 stipend of \$359.00 and no additional salary or benefits.
Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion by Cathy Graham, seconded by Pamela White, approval was given to rescind appointment of Etta Baurle as HS Student Council Advisor and Key Club Advisor for the 2018-2019 year.
Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion by Alison West, seconded by James Allen, approval was given to appoint Michael Allen as HS Student Council Advisor for the 2018-2019 year at F1 stipend of \$359.00 and no additional salary or benefits.
Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion made by James Allen, seconded by Cathy Graham, approval was given to appoint Nichole Huskie as Level 1 mentor for the 2018-2019 year at stipend of \$500.00 with no other salary or benefits.
Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion made by Alison West, seconded by James Allen, approval was given to appoint Matthew Mondella as Level 1 mentor for the 2018-2019 year at stipend of \$500.00 with no other salary or benefits.
Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion made by Pamela White, seconded by Alison West, approval was given to appoint Lisa DeWitt as probationary bus driver effective September 4, 2018 at annual salary of \$12,961.40 (pending CSEA negotiations) and benefits per the CSEA agreement.
Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

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Upon motion made by Paul Greene, seconded by Pamela White, approval was given to appoint Alison Mulcahy as per diem bus monitor effective September 10, 2018 at the board approved rate with no other salary or benefits.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion made by Cathy Graham, seconded by Pamela White, approval was given to approve mentor stipend to Sherrie Moses, Director for Student Support Services at Queensbury Union Free School District, for the 2018-2019 year, in the amount of \$1,250.00 with no other salary or benefits.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion made by Paul Greene, seconded by James Allen, approval was given to appoint Stephen Stark to a per diem position as cleaner effective September 19, 2018 at the board approved rate with no other salary or benefits.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion made by Alison West, seconded by James Allen, approval was given to appoint the following winter coaches:

- Kevin Nassivera, Boys Varsity Basketball 16 years A6 \$5,183.00
- Les Goodman, Boys Varsity Basketball Assistant, 11 years D6 \$2,073.00
- Jason Fifield, Boys JV Basketball, 2 years B1 \$2,871.00
- Jason Humiston, Boys Modified Basketball 17 years, C6 \$3,110.00
- Logan Watson, Girls Varsity Basketball, 7 years A4 \$4,386.00
- Clint Currier, Girls Varsity Basketball Assistant, 5 years D3-Unpaid per request.
- Lesley Conway, Girls Modified Basketball, 15 years, C6 \$3,110.00

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon motion by Paul Greene, seconded by Alison West, approval was given to adjourn to executive session at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of CSE/CPSE recommendation review, pending litigation and the employment history of a particular person/s.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion by James Allen, seconded by Paul Greene, approval was given to return to public session at 8:16 p.m.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

NEW BUSINESS/ ADMINISTRATIVE – Continued:

Upon motion by Paul Greene, seconded by Pamela White, approval was given to accept CSE/CPSE recommendations on student/s listed:

#092040432 #092040660

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 4, 2018 AASBA @ Queensbury Hotel; 5:45 Social, 6:00 Buffet Dinner

October 16, 2018 BOE Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Diana Sustar, seconded by Pamela White, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Gregorio
District Clerk