

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

**Regular Meeting**

**January 21, 2020**

The Regular meeting of the Fort Ann Central School Board of Education was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 in the Library. Shelley Gregorio, District Clerk, opened the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Mr. James Allen  
Mrs. Cathy Graham  
Mr. Paul Greene  
Dr. Diana Sustar  
Mrs. Alison West  
Mr. Kevin Froats, Superintendent

**ABSENT:** Dr. James Seeley, Mrs. Pamela White

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mrs. Shelley Gregorio; Clerk of the Board, Mr. Alex Bodensieck, Mr. Justin Hoskins, Mrs. Michelle Discenza, Mrs. Lori Johnson, Ms. Kristen Casey, Ms. Caitlin McIntyre, Mrs. Kori Colvin, Mrs. Leslie Gould, and Mrs. Diane Quick.

**PRELIMINARY ACTION:**

Motion by Cathy Graham, second Alison West, approval given to appoint James Allen as Chair Pro-tem.

Motion carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Alison West, second Cathy Graham, approval given to the January 21, 2020 agenda.

Motion carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Paul Greene, second Alison West, approval given to minutes of the December 17, 2019 Regular Board of Education meeting.

Motion carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstention 0

**BUSINESS OPERATIONS:**

Motion by Cathy Graham, second Alison West, approval given to Warrants of Bills for December 2019:

#A-13 General Fund in the amount of \$510,902.79

#C-7 School Lunch Fund in the amount of \$16,054.06

#H-7 Capital Fund in the amount of \$137,177.66

Motion carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Cathy Graham, second Paul Greene, approval given to budget transfer General #A-6 Ref #9, in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Motion carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstention 0

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Academic/Assessment Comm.**-Next meeting TBD

**Athletic Comm.** – Next meeting March 16, 2020

**Finance Comm.** – Met January 16, 2020; discussed cash flow, state aid increase due to high transportation costs, use of remaining capital project balance, and medical leaves.

**Policy Comm.** – No policies on this agenda

**Facilities Comm.** – Mr. Froats provided updates regarding capital project balance to be spent; LED lighting in Auditorium, safety film on windows, inside door locks, district office plumbing and carpet.

**Arts Comm.** – Next meeting May 12, 2020 @ 2:45 pm

**Wellness Comm.** –Next meeting April 28, 2020 @ 2:45 pm

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Mrs. Leslie Gould presented on the Arts program providing updates on various class projects as well as many groups and projects in which she and our students are involved.

Mrs. Diane Quick provided NYS Assessment results presentation.

**DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS/COMMUNICATIONS:**

Superintendent Update:

Mr. Froats provided the Board with highlights of topics discussed at the Rural Schools Association meeting held at Warrensburg Elementary School on January 14, 2020; small group health insurance, decrease in rural population, lack of internet, and funding ratios. Mr. Froats also invited the Board of Education to attend a meeting to be held January 30, 2020 at WSWHE BOCES to discuss graduation measures.

Mr. Froats shared a copy of a letter from a Hudson Falls community member in which Mr. Jason Humiston’s coaching style of impressionable young men was applauded.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Organizational/Administrative:**

Motion by Paul Greene, second Alison West, approval given to the Corrective Action Plan in response to The Report of Examination by Jenkins, Beecher & Bethel, LLP for the 2018-2019 year.

Motion carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Cathy Graham, second Diana Sustar, approval given to participation in the Cooperative Purchasing Program coordinated by WSWHE BOCES for the 2020-2021 year.

Motion carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Cathy Graham, second Paul Greene, approval given to merger of Fort Ann CSD golf team with Hartford CSD golf team for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Alison West, second Diana Sustar, approval given to contract agreement with Corinth CSD for health services provided to three Fort Ann students attending private school in the Corinth CSD in the amount of \$871.98 for the 2019-2020 year.

Motion carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstention 0

**Personnel:**

Motion by Cathy Graham, second Diana Sustar, approval given to accept resignation from Michelle Maynard as probationary custodian effective December 20, 2019.

Motion carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Paul Greene, second Cathy Graham, approval given to appoint Kimberly Potter as per diem bus driver effective January 7, 2020 at the board approved rate with no other salary or benefits.

Motion carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Alison West, second Cathy Graham, approval given to appoint Peter Saville as Volunteer Trap Club Advisor/Coach for the 2019-2020 year.

Motion carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Cathy Graham, second Diana Sustar, approval given to FMLA for employee #2241 effective January 2, 2020 using available sick, personal, and vacation days with any remaining days unpaid.

Motion carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Paul Greene, second Alison West, approval given to one day unpaid suspension of employee #2006.

Motion carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Paul Greene, second Cathy Graham, approval given to one day unpaid suspension of employee #1836.

Motion carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstention 0

**PUBLIC TO BE HEARD:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Diana Sustar, second Alison West, approval given to adjourn to executive session at 7:33 p.m. for the purpose of CSE/CPSE recommendation review, the employment history of a particular person, and pending legal issues.

Motion carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Diana Sustar, second Alison West, approval given to return to public session at 8:15 p.m.

Motion carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstention 0

**NEW BUSINESS – Continued:**

Motion by Paul Greene, second Diana Sustar, approval given to accept CSE/CPSE recommendations on students listed:

#092040378 #092040574 #000001244 #982420064 #982420156 #982420117  
#982420197 #092040641 #092040663 #982420200 #000001193

Motion carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstention 0

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

February 11, 2020 BOE Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. with Budget Presentation at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Diana Sustar, second Paul Greene, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Motion carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Gregorio  
District Clerk