

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

**Regular Meeting**

**August 18, 2020**

The virtual regular meeting of the Fort Ann Central School Board of Education was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020. Dr. James Seeley, President, opened the meeting at 6:32 pm.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mrs. Shelley Gregorio, Clerk of the Board, Mr. Alex Bodensieck, Mrs. Michelle Discenza, Mr. Justin Hoskins, and Mrs. Lori Johnson. Many staff members and community members attended this virtual meeting.

**PRELIMINARY ACTION:**

Motion by Pamela White, second Cathy Graham, approval given to the August 18, 2020 agenda.  
Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Alison West, second Paul Greene, approval given to the minutes of the July 1, 2020 Organization/Regular Board of Education meeting.  
Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Virtual Presentation of our Re-opening Plan to the Public was conducted at this meeting.

**BUSINESS OPERATIONS:**

Student Accounts Final Report 2019-2020 year included in BoE packets.

Motion by Pamela White, second Cathy Graham, approval given to the Warrants of Bills for June 2020:

#A-24 General Fund in the amount of \$574,737.60  
#C-14 School Lunch Fund in the amount of \$65.11  
#F-14 Special Aid Fund in the amount of \$18,060.10  
#H-14 Capital Fund in the amount of \$144,237.68  
Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Cathy Graham, second James Allen, approval given to June 2020 Budget Transfer Gen. #A-10, Ref. #18 \$796.05, Ref. #19 \$8,000.00, Ref. #20 \$272,350.42, Ref. #21 \$773.82.  
Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

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Motion by Paul Greene, second James Allen, approval given to Warrants of Bills for July 2020:

#A-1 General Fund in the amount of \$251,055.16

#C-1 School Lunch Fund in the amount of \$30,157.45

#F-1 Special Aid Fund in the amount of \$8,255.14

#H-1 Capital Fund in the amount of \$2,481.00

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

There are no budget transfers for the month of July 2020.

Motion by James Allen, second Pamela White, approval given to Be it resolved on August 18, 2020 that the school taxes totaling \$5,226,988 will be collected, from the period September 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020 excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. A two percent (2%) penalty will be assessed to tax payments received on or after October 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020. The amount of fund balance in the custody of the School District at the beginning of the 2020-2021 fiscal year to be applied in determining the amount of school tax levy is estimated to be \$600,000. Except as authorized by law, such unexpended surplus funds have been applied in determining the amount of the school tax levy.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**Athletic Comm.** –Next meeting TBD

**Finance Comm.** – Met August 11, 2020; discussed COVID, we did receive \$75,000.00 from the CARES ACT, drop of interest rates, bus bond was a low interest rate, surplus minivan was sold.

**Policy Comm.** – Annual review Policy #5220 Investments, Policy #5410 Purchasing, #5411 Procurement of Goods & Services, #5412 Alternative Formats for Instructional Materials. First reading of Policy #5676 Privacy and Security for Student Data and Teacher and Principal Data.

**Facilities Comm.** – Next meeting TBD

**Arts Comm.** – Next meeting TBD

**Wellness Comm.** –Next meeting TBD

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**PRESENTATIONS:** None

**DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS/COMMUNICATIONS:** The website and Facebook is being updated regularly, we are also using e-mails to communicate with staff. Mr. Froats advises all to refer to these areas.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Organizational/Administrative:

Motion by Paul Greene, second Cathy Graham, approval given to annual review of Policy #5220 District Investments, Policy # 5410 Purchasing: Competitive Bidding & Offering, Policy # 5411, Procurement of Goods & Services, and Policy # 5412 Alternative Formats for Instructional Materials.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Pamela White, second Alison West, approval given to first reading of Policy #5676: Privacy and Security for Student Data and Teacher and Principal Data.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by James Allen, second Cathy Graham, approval given to adopt the 2020-2021 District Level Safety Plan. (Public Hearing held July 1, 2020)

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Pamela White, second Alison West, approval given to adopt the 2020-2021 Building Level Safety Plan. This plan contains sensitive and confidential information. This document shall not be discussed in open forum.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Alison West, second Diana Sustar, approval given to contract renewal with Children's Neuropsychological Services, PLLC for services provided to Fort Ann student for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Cathy Graham, second Pamela White, approval given to contract renewal with Cecile Valastro for speech/language services provided to Fort Ann student for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Alison West, second Diana Sustar, approval given to contract renewal with SpecEd Solutions for Medicaid reimbursement services for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Alison West, second Diana Sustar, approval given to approve contract renewal with Standard Medical Testing Services for medical testing services provided to the Fort Ann CSD effective January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Cathy Graham, second Alison West approval given to appoint John Crandell and Danielle Huff as parent members for the CPSE and CSE committees for the 2020-2021 year.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

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Motion by Paul Greene, second Pamela White, approval given to disposal of bus #66, VIN#2DHN44E59R702773.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Alison West, second James Allen, approval given to transportation contract with Cindy Hoag for student transport services during the 2020-2021 year.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Paul Greene, second Cathy Graham, approval given to transportation contract with Rachael Goodge for student transport services during the 2020-2021 year.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Pamela White, second Alison West, approval given to special education services to homeschool students #092040592 and #982420213 for the 2020-2021 year.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

### **Personnel:**

Motion by Cathy Graham, second Diana Sustar, approval given to accept resignation of Kinsey Bobel as teacher assistant effective July 20, 2020.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Pamela White, second Cathy Graham, approval given to accept resignation of Patti Baptie as cleaner effective July 24, 2020.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Cathy Graham, second Diana Sustar, approval given to accept resignation of Lisa Pearl as school nurse effective August 17, 2020.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Alison West, second Diana Sustar, approval given to accept resignation of David Morse as physical education/health teacher effective August 20, 2020.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Diana Sustar, second Paul Greene, approval given to accept resignation of Pamela Ross as per diem bus monitor effective August 17, 2020.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Diana Sustar, second James Allen, approval given to appoint Michael Gould as probationary bus driver effective September 8, 2020 at annual salary of \$14,370.54 and benefits per the CSEA agreement.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Alison West, second Paul Greene, approval given to appointment of level II mentors at stipend of \$100.00 for the 2020-2021 school year; Patricia Sue Morrison, Nancy Ingalsbe, and Sheila Morris

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

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Motion by Alison West, second Diana Sustar, approval given to appoint the following teacher leaders at stipend of \$2,000.00 and no other salary or benefits for the 2020-2021 school year; Lynn Andrejkovics, Sheila Morris, Heather Wood, Nichole Huskie, Tara Wilson-Monroe, and Janee Prevost.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Cathy Graham, second Alison West to BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Fort Ann Central School District ("District"), upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve of the District's employment of Theresa Blanchard as a per diem occupational therapist, for the 2020-2021 school year, effective September 1, 2020 and terminating no later than June 30, 2021. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Fort Ann Central School District hereby ratifies and approves the Employment Agreement by and between the District and Theresa Blanchard, covering the period of September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, authorizes the Superintendent to execute the Employment Agreement, and authorizes the payment of monies as provided in the Employment Agreement.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Paul Greene, second Diana Sustar, approval given to appoint Ruthanne Brady as .6 Reading teacher to be effective for the 2020-2021 school year at grant-funded salary of \$28,000.00 with no other salary or benefits.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

**PUBLIC TO BE HEARD:** None

### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Pamela White, second James Allen, approval given to adjourn to executive session at 7:37 pm for the purpose of CSE/CPSE recommendation review, the employment history of a particular person/s and pending legal matters.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Diana Sustar, second Cathy Graham, approval given to return to public session at 8:29 p.m.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

### NEW BUSINESS – Continued:

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

#982420195, #092040461, #092040592, #982420135, #083220002, #982420140, #982420205, #982420168, #092040454, #092040612, #982420091, #982420211, #982420156, #982420090, #982420213, #982420140, #982420195, #982420193, #092040663, #092040591, #982420206, #092040591

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

September 15, 2020 BoE meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Pamela White, second Cathy Graham, approval given to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Gregorio  
District Clerk