

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

Regular Meeting

September 15, 2020

The Regular meeting of the Fort Ann Central School Board of Education was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 in the Library. Dr. 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
Dr. Diana Sustar, 6:38pm
Mrs. Alison West
Mrs. Pamela White
Mr. Kevin Froats, Superintendent

Board of Education Facilities Tour was postponed to a further date due to COVID-19.

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Shelley Gregorio; Clerk of the Board, Mr. Alex Bodensieck, Mrs. Jennifer Ortiz, Mrs. Tara Cody, Mrs. Kori Colvin, and Mrs. Suzanne Cody. Attending virtually; Mrs. Michelle Discenza, Mrs. Lori Johnson, Mr. Justin Hoskins, and Mr. Craig Masten.

PRELIMINARY ACTION:

Motion by Cathy Graham, second Paul Greene, approval given to the September 15, 2020 agenda.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Pamela White, second Alison West, approval given to minutes of the August 18, 2020 Regular Board of Education meeting.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by James Allen, second Cathy Graham, approval given to minutes of the September 1, 2020 Special Board of Education Meeting.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

BUSINESS OPERATIONS:

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

A-3 General Fund in the amount of \$329,654.23

F-2 Special Aid Fund in the amount of \$20,654.68

H-2 Capital Fund in the amount of \$3,182.00

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Pamela White, second James Allen, approval given to the August 2020 budget transfer/s Gen. #A-2 Ref. #23 in the amount of \$5,622.48 and Ref. #24 in the amount of \$147,781.26.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic/Assessment Comm.-Next meeting TBD

Dr. Diana Sustar arrived

Athletic Comm. –Virtual meeting held September 14, 2020; discussed fall sports, suggest we run only varsity sports due to pandemic and district financial challenges. Mr. Froats addressed the Board of Education regarding fall sports as well as the issues the District is facing. The Board decided to participate in fall sports and their decision was shared with Mr. Dan Ward, President of the Adirondack League.

Finance Comm. – Virtual meeting held September 10, 2020; discussed 20% withholding of state funding and possible steps that may be taken due to withholding of funding, COVID-19 spending is at approximately \$25,000.00.

Policy Comm. – Second reading of Policy #5676 Privacy and Security for Student Data and Teacher and Principal Data on this agenda.

Facilities Comm. Next meeting TBD, Mr. Froats advised the Board that Ambient has discovered asbestos in old tiles in the soil under the gymnasium. Due to District finances, this project has been pushed back for a bit. Due to the funding status of NYS, it would be possible that we would not receive the allowed reimbursement for the capital project, which has an approximate cost of just over \$300,000.00.

Arts Comm. – Next meeting TBD

Wellness Comm. –Next meeting TBD

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Mrs. Tara Cody asked if the COVID spectator rule for soccer allows two parents per athlete, she also questions the lack of music, band, and extra-curricular activities while allowing athletics.

Mrs. Kori Colvin commented that Fort Ann students have been competing in FAYL activities.

PRESENTATIONS: None

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS/COMMUNICATIONS:

The Board of Education agreed with Mr. Froats that we can distribute fundraiser activities at the District for an elementary student with a severe illness.

Mr. Froats thanked the entire FACS staff for an excellent opening during a very trying time.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Organizational/Administrative:

Motion by Paul Greene, second Pamela White, approval given to the second reading of Policy #5676 Privacy and Security for Student Data and Teacher and Principal Data.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Personnel:

Motion by Cathy Graham, second James Allen, approval given to accept the resignation of Michelle David as teacher aide effective September 1, 2020.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Pamela White, second Paul Greene, approval given to accept resignation of Thomas Brophy as cleaner effective September 13, 2020.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by James Allen, second Cathy Graham, approval given to rescind the appointment of Matt Mondella as varsity golf coach for the 2020-2021 year.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Paul Greene, second Cathy Graham, approval given to rescind the appointment of Caitlin McIntyre as modified golf coach for the 2020-2021 year.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by James Allen, second Alison West, approval given to amend salary for Michael Oleynek to reflect Step 1 BA+30 at annual salary of \$40,683.80.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Pamela White, second Paul Greene, approval given to adjourn to executive session at 7:28 p.m. for the purpose of CSE/CPSE recommendation review, employment history of a particular person, and pending litigation.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Diana Sustar, second Alison West, approval given to return to public session at 8:08 p.m.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

NEW BUSINESS/PERSONNEL – Continued:

Motion by Paul Greene, second Alison West, approval given to amend appointments of paid fall soccer coaches as listed to be volunteer coaches for the 2020-2021 year: Dave Morse, Jim Caprood, Matt Barnes, Reggie Wright, and Lesley Conway.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Pamela White, second Paul Greene, approval given to appoint Lesley Conway as varsity golf coach at B1 \$2,871.00 for the 2020-2021 year.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

NEW BUSINESS/ ADMINISTRATIVE – Continued:

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

092040494, 982420131, 982420214, 092040663, 982420055, 982420213, 092040574, 092040591, 982420240, 982420239, 982420215

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 17, 2020 Joint AASBA/SCSBA, Join meeting remote or in person

October 20, 2020 BOE Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Cathy Graham, second Diana Sustar, approval given to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Gregorio
District Clerk