

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

Regular Meeting

October 20, 2020

The virtual regular meeting of the Fort Ann Central School Board of Education was held on Tuesday, October 20, 2020. Mrs. Pamela White, Vice 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
 Mrs. Alison West
 Mrs. Pamela White
 Mr. Kevin Froats, Superintendent

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Shelley Gregorio; Clerk of the Board, Mr. Alexander Bodensieck, Mr. Justin Hoskins, Mrs. Michelle Discenza, Mrs. Lori Johnson, Ms. Kristin Casey, Mr. Jason Humiston, Mrs. Kori Colvin, Mrs. Kathleen Chakalis, Ms. Caitlin McIntyre, and Mr. Steve Bethel.

PRELIMINARY ACTION:

Motion by Alison West, second Diana Sustar, approval given to the October 20, 2020 agenda.
Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by James Allen, second James Seeley, approval given to minutes of the September 15, 2020 Regular Board of Education meeting.
Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

BUSINESS OPERATIONS:

School Tax Collector's report included in packets.

Motion by James Seeley, second Diana Sustar, approval given to the Warrants of Bills for September 2020:

A-5 General Fund in the amount of \$445,824.48

C-2 School Lunch Fund in the amount of \$1,040.50

F-3 Special Aid Fund in the amount of \$15,958.19

#H-3 Capital Fund in the amount of \$29,703.60

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by James Allen, second Alison West, approval given to budget transfer A-1 Ref. #27 in the amount of \$29,534.70.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Steve Bethel presented 2019-2020 Annual Audit result; Mr. Bethel commended Mr. Bodensieck on doing a great job for the District. Budget spent was very close to predicted expenses. The District will deal with the 4% violation of overfunded reserves with a 5-year plan being submitted. Many Districts are facing the same audit results with overfunded reserves due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and closure of school and school activities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic/Assessment Comm. – Next meeting TBD

Athletic Comm. –Next meeting TBD

Finance Comm. – Met virtually October 14, 2020; discussed audit report, tracking of COVID expenses, researching possibility of volunteer group (Boy Scouts) building a hiking type trail on property purchased from Cook family, possible RFP for the building conditions survey in 2021.

Policy Comm. – Policy #5676 (amendment), New policies #3520, #6570, and #7150

Facilities Comm. – Next meeting TBD

Arts Comm. – Next meeting TBD

Wellness Comm. –Next meeting TBD

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS/COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Froats, as requested by the Adirondack League, discussed with the BoE their thoughts on winter sports (basketball & wrestling); start date of 11/30/20 or 1/4/21, number of spectators per athlete, weekend games, levels of play offered, wearing of masks, etc. Mrs. Cathy Graham while understanding the importance of sports in students' lives, expressed concern for other areas in which students are currently not able to participate. Mr. Hoskins shared that some of these concerns are currently being addressed.

Mr. Froats discussed the new Juneteenth holiday which is to be celebrated beginning June 19, 2021 will have an impact on regents exams.

Mr. Froats also discussed administrative work is ongoing in regards to formulation of District Goals for the 2020-2021 year.

Mr. Justin Hoskins provided an update on the status of educational programs in the MS/HS; currently hybrid groups 1 and 2, students attending and virtual. Going well for some students, but not all. Mr. Hoskins and Mrs. Spooner are working to bring a group of 15-20 students that are having on-line learning or attendance difficulties into the classroom every day. He reports that our students want to be in school and overall attitudes are positive.

Mrs. Michelle Discenza provided an update on the status of educational programs in the Elementary; elementary is doing well. There are currently 25 students in virtual learning with chronic absences in about 5 of the 25 students. The students are very resilient while teacher stress level is high. All specials are pushed in, and the library has just re-opened. Half-day kindergarten was a great choice. Mrs. Discenza feels every completed day is a victory!

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Organizational/Administrative:

Motion by James Seeley, second Cathy Graham, approval given to accept independent audit as submitted by Jenkins, Beecher, & Bethel, LLP for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Paul Greene, second James Allen, approval given to amendment of Policy #5676 Privacy and Security for Student Data and Teacher and Principal Data.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Cathy Graham, second Paul Greene, approval given to first reading of new policies: #3520 Extraordinary Circumstances, #6570 Remote Working, and #7150 Remote Learning

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by James Allen, second Paul Greene, approval given to contract renewal with Standard Medical Testing Services for medical testing services provided to the Fort Ann CSD effective January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by James Seeley, second Paul Greene, to Be it RESOLVED, By the Board of Education of the Fort Ann Central School District that *Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records* (LGS-1), issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum retention periods for local government records, is hereby adopted for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article 57-A:

(a) Only those records will be disposed of that are described in *Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records* (LGS-1), after they have met minimum retention periods described therein;

(b) Only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal, or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum periods.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Cathy Graham, second Paul Greene, Motion to approve Resolution to Be it RESOLVED: COOPERATIVE BIDDING-Disposal of Universal Waste School Years 2020-2021 through 2023,

WHEREAS, The Cooperative Bidding (Purchasing) Service is a plan of a number of public school districts in the BOCES Albany- Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga area in New York, to

bid jointly equipment, supplies and contractual items, and specifically Disposal of Universal Waste, and

WHEREAS, The School District named below is desirous of participating with other districts in the BOCES Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga area in the joint bidding of the items mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

WHEREAS, This resolution shall not preclude the School District named below from separately bidding equipment, supplies and contractual items in those instances where only a single School District is seeking to make a purchase, and

WHEREAS, the School District named below may at its option notify the Capital Region BOCES that it elects not to participate in a particular bid, 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:

Motion by Diana Sustar, second Paul Greene, approval given to leave without pay for Wayne Braunsdorf as bus driver effective October 2 through November 27, 2020.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Cathy Graham, second Diana Sustar, approval given to accept resignation from Jeffrey Dessaint as per diem bus driver effective September 23, 2020.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Diana Sustar, second James Allen, approval given to contract agreement dated October 20, 2020, between the Fort Ann Central School District and Lyn Derway, Interim Business Manager, effective November 9, 2020 to January 5, 2021.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Paul Greene, second James Seeley, approval given to 2 MOA's dated September 23, 2020 between the Fort Ann Central School District and the Fort Ann Teacher Association.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD:

Mrs. Kori Colvin requested of the Board the opportunity for elementary students to begin having lunch in the cafeteria so they may socialize with their peers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Paul Greene, second Diana Sustar, approval given to adjourn to executive session at 7:28 p.m. 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 Cathy Graham, second Diana Sustar, approval given to return to public session at 8:45 p.m.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

NEW BUSINESS – Continued:

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

982420174, 092040099, 092040736, 982420140, 982420051, 092040508, 000001219, 092040663, 982420200, 092040381, 092040652, 000001250, 982420198, 982420249, 982420250, 092040731, 092040591, 092040461, 982420174, 092040381

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 5 & 6 Elementary Parent Teacher Conf.-virtual

November 17, 2020 BOE Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Diana Sustar, second Cathy Graham, approval given to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 pm.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Gregorio
District Clerk