

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

Regular Meeting

March 16, 2021

The regular virtual meeting of the Fort Ann Central School Board of Education was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. James Seeley, Ed. D., President, opened the meeting at 6:32 pm.

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

Absent: None

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Shelley Gregorio, Clerk of the Board, Mr. Alexander Bodensieck, Mrs. Michelle Discenza, Mrs. Lori Johnson, Ms. Kristin Casey, Mrs. Kori Colvin, Mr. Jason Humiston, Ms. Caitlin McIntyre, Mr. Eric Eisenschmidt, Mr. Adam Winchell, and Mr. Michael Goot.

Mr. Alexander Bodensieck provided updates to the 2021-2022 budget.

PRELIMINARY ACTION:

Motion by Cathy Graham, second Pamela White, approval given to the March 16, 2021 agenda.
Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by James Allen, second Alison West, approval given to the minutes of the February 9, 2021 Regular Board of Education meeting.
Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

BUSINESS OPERATIONS:

Motion by Pamela White, second Diana Sustar, approval given to the Warrants of Bills for February 2021:

#A-16 General Fund \$447,722.49

#C-7 School Lunch Fund \$15,944.38

#F-8 Special Aid Fund \$1,841.90

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Alison West, second Cathy Graham, approval given to budget transfer General #A-9, Reference #33 in the amount of \$11,000.00 and General #A-9, Reference #35 in the amount of \$32,723.30

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic/Assessment Comm.-Next meeting TBD

Athletic Comm. – Next meeting TBD

Finance Comm. – Met March 9, 2021; discussed CSEA negotiations, Administrative contracts, Head Maintenance position, and savings to the 2021-22 budget through attrition.

Policy Comm. – New Policy #3421 Title IX and Sex Discrimination, New Policy #5633 Gender neutral single-occupancy Bathrooms, and Revised Policy #3420 Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment in the District

Facilities Comm. –Met February 23, 2021; discussed condition of building, \$100,000 project, and possible new project.

Arts Comm. – Next meeting TBD

Wellness Comm. –Next meeting TBD

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

PRESENTATIONS: None

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS/COMMUNICATIONS:

Superintendent update:

Mr. Froats shared student achievements: Ms. Elizabeth Larli, Teen Excellence Award winner, and Ms. Olivia Herring, Gold Award (Girl Scouts of the USA).

Mr. Froats stated he recently learned we expect to receive more funding that anticipated, which could lower the amount of fund balance used in the 2021-2022 budget, Superintendents are advocating for positive updates to the health insurance “pool”, and to reduce the 6’ distancing requirement in school districts.

Mr. James Seeley, Ed. D., commended Superintendent Froats for seven tremendous years of leadership, applauds his efforts, his work, and the tremendous administrative team put together under his leadership at Fort Ann Central.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Organizational/Administrative:

Motion by Alison West, second James Allen, approval given to BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE FORT ANN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT that the following proposition be presented to the voters at the annual meeting of such voters to be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021:

SHALL the Board of Education of the Fort Ann Central School District be authorized to: (1) acquire school buses at an estimated maximum cost of approximately \$190,500; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds, notes and/or installment purchase contracts of the

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District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$190,500, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Clerk is hereby directed to include notice of such proposition in the notice of the annual meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Pamela White, second Cathy Graham, approval given to Pandemic Operations Plan:

WHEREAS, the District has prepared the required Pandemic Operations Plan; and

WHEREAS, the District presented the Plan to all of the official representatives of the recognized collective Bargaining units in the District, and has considered all recommendations received from such representatives; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the Pandemic Operations Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby adopts the District Pandemic Operations Plan, and authorizes the Plan to be posted in conspicuous locations in District buildings and is to be made accessible on the District's website; and it is further RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to make appropriate modifications to the Plan, as necessary, with notification to the official representatives of the collective bargaining units in the District.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Pamela White, second James Allen, approval given to first reading of Policy #3421 Title IX and Sex Discrimination.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Cathy Graham, second Alison West, approval given to first reading of Policy #5633 Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Pamela White, second Cathy Graham, approval given to adopt revised Policy #3420 Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment in the District

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by James Allen, second Alison West, approval given to the 2021-2022 Fort Ann Central School District calendar.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Personnel:

Motion by Alison West, second James Allen, approval given to appoint the following Fall 2 Season (Soccer & Golf), March 7-May 1, 2021) coaches. All coaches are appointed pending completion of required training/s, final student participation numbers, and MOA dated September 23, 2020 between the District and the Fort Ann Teachers Association. These Fall 2 Season coaching appointments supersede any previous appointments made for the regular fall season sports.

- Rich McCabe, varsity boys soccer, 39 years, A6 \$5,183.00
- Dave Morse, varsity boys soccer asst., 9 years, D5 \$1,834.00

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- Jim Caprood, modified boys soccer, 16 years, C6, \$3,117.00
- Matt Barnes, modified boys soccer volunteer
- Jason Humiston, varsity girls soccer, 21 years, A6, \$5,183.00
- Reggie Wright, varsity girls soccer asst., 3 years, D2, \$1,595.00
- Lesley Conway, mod girls soccer, 21 years, C6, \$3,110.00
- Matt Mondella, varsity golf, 9 years, B5, \$3,668.00
- Caitlin McIntyre, modified golf, 3 years, C2, \$2,392.00

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Disc: Question was raised regarding the number of games and length of the Fall 2 season.

Motion by Alison West, second Pamela White, approval given appoint the following extra-curricular advisors for the 2020-2021 year:

- Jaclyn DiBiase as National Junior Honor Society advisor at year 8 F4 \$439.
- Leslie Gould as National Art Honor Society Advisor at year 4 F2 \$399.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Alison West, second Diana Sustar, approval given to accept resignation of Michael Gould for the purpose of retirement effective October 16, 2020.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Pamela White, second James Allen, approval given to appoint Michael Gould as active retiree bus driver effective October 20, 2020.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Pamela White, second Cathy Graham, approval given to accept letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from Kevin Froats effective January 3, 2022, with regret.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD:

Mr. Eric Eisenschmidt questioned the decision of not allowing spectators at soccer games conducted at the Golden Goal during the Fall 2 Season. Mr. Froats advised it is a league decision. There will be a Senior Game at Golden Goal at which each player will be allowed two spectators. The district is also working on live streaming of games. Should FACS fields become available for play, the spectator situation would be different.

Mr. Adam Winchell read his letter to the Board of Education in his capacity as a soccer player and Team Captain. He shares that seniors want their parents at the games as they have provided support and encouragement throughout their soccer career at FACS. Many board members thank Adam for the courage to represent his team in a professional manner. Some encouraged him to share his teams' feelings with others with decision-making authority during this COVID-19 Pandemic.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Alison West, second Diana Sustar, approval given to adjourn to executive session at 7:27 pm for the purpose of CSE/CPSE recommendation review, the employment history of a particular person/s and pending or current litigation.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Diana Sustar, second Cathy Graham, approval given to return to public session at 8:43 pm.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

NEW BUSINESS – Continued:

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

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Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 1, 2021 BOCES Virtual Annual Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

April 20, 2021 Budget Presentation @ 6:30 PM followed by Board of Education meeting

April 27, 2020 Special Meeting BOCES Budget Vote & Election of Board Members 7:30am

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Diana Sustar, second, Paul Greene, approval given to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Gregorio