

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

**Regular Meeting**

**April 20, 2021**

The Regular virtual meeting of the Fort Ann Central School Board of Education was held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. James Seeley, Ed. D., President, opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

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

Absent: Mr. Paul Greene

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mrs. Shelley Gregorio, Clerk of the Board, Mr. Alexander Bodensieck, Mrs. Michelle Discenza, Mr. Justin Hoskins, Mrs. Lori Johnson, Ms. Caitlin McIntyre, Ms. Kristen Casey, Mrs. Nancy Ingalsbe, Mrs. Tara Cody, Mrs. Kori Colvin, and Mr. Michael Goot.

**BUDGET DISCUSSION:**

Alexander Bodensieck and Superintendent Froats discussed the 2021-2022 budget, sharing minor updates and modifications that have taken place over the past month due to additional Federal and State funding, with the budget moving in a positive direction. We have received notification of increases in Foundation Aid in the amount of \$127,000 and funding from The Cares Act of \$1.2 million over the next 3 years. The budget for 2021-2022 has a 0% increase from last year's budget.

**PRELIMINARY ACTION:**

Motion by Pamela White, second Alison West, approval given to the April 20, 2021 agenda.  
Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by James Allen, second Cathy Graham, approval given to the minutes of the March 16, 2021 Regular Board of Education meeting.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

**BUSINESS OPERATIONS:**

Quarterly student accounts report included in packet.

Motion by Pamela White, second Cathy Graham, approval given to the Warrants of Bills for March 2021:

# A-18 General Fund \$386,095.19

# C-8 School Lunch Fund \$14,015.94

# F-9 Special Aid Fund \$19,479.00

# H-8 Capital Fund \$76,446.08-

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

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Motion by James Allen, second Alison West, approval given to budget transfer General #A-12 Ref. #38 for \$17,699.79.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

**Athletic Comm.** – Next meeting TBD

**Finance Comm.** – Met virtually April 12, 2021 @ 3:00 pm. discussed; spring sports, printing services, 21-22 budget, and funding.

**Policy Comm.** – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Policy #3421 Title IX and Sex Discrimination, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Policy # 5633 Gender Neutral Single Occupancy Bathrooms, and only reading of revised Policy # 7551 Sexual Harassment of Students.

**Facilities Comm.** – Mr. Froats shared the building conditions survey is due by 12/31/2021 and to the state by March 2022. The District is reaching out to other organizations to assist with the process. The Facilities Committee will meet with representatives of these firms to determine the best fit.

**Arts Comm.** – Next meeting TBD

**Wellness Comm.** –Next meeting TBD

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**PRESENTATIONS:** None

### **DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS/COMMUNICATIONS:**

The Board agreed to set the date for the July reorganization meeting to be July 1, 2021.

Mr. Froats advised the District will not be changing our current status in regards to the new 3' distancing as it will create other obstacles with transportation, lunches, snacks, and cohorts in the MS/HS.

Mr. Hoskins shared the NHS and NJHS is coming up soon, with many new students being inducted into NHS. Prom is scheduled for 32 attendees with the Grand March conducted in the front of the building and festivities at *The Barn* with all doors open, creating an outside event. Social distancing will be adhered to and food will be served directly to each student. Graduation is scheduled for June 25, 2021 outside as well. Maximum guests is 200 and we will be under that number of attendees.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Organizational/Administrative:**

Motion by Cathy Graham, second James Allen, approval given to the budget submitted by the Board of Education of the Fort Ann Central School District, Washington County, New York for the school year 2021-2022 be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the budget in the total amount of \$12,345,678.00 and levy the necessary tax therefore.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

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Motion by Pamela White, second Diana Sustar, approval given to the 2021-2022 Property Tax Report Card appropriating \$734,067.00 of fund balance and a 2.32% increase in the proposed levy.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Alison West, second Pamela White, approval given to elect three (3) members of the Board of Education each to three (3) year terms commencing on July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2024, to fill seats currently held by Pamela White, James Allen, and Diana Sustar.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by James Allen, second Alison West, approval given to final reading of Policy #3421 Title IX and Sex Discrimination, and Policy #5633 Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Pamela White, second Cathy Graham, approval given to revised Policy #7551 Sexual Harassment of Students.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Alison West, second James Allen, approval given to appoint election workers for the May 18, 2021 Budget Vote & Election: Joelle Loso; Chief Inspector, Lynn Larli; Chief Alternate Inspector, Diane Langlois, Kori Colvin, Emily Stranahan, Katelyn White, Dawn Whitney, Ruth Esperti, Janee Prevost, and Joseph Gregorio.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Pamela White, second James Allen, approval given to district wide use of snow days on May 28, 2021 and June 18, 2021.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

### **Personnel:**

Motion by James Allen, second Alison West, approval given to accept resignation for the purpose of retirement from Nancy Ingalsbe effective June 30, 2021, with regret.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Alison West, second Diana Sustar, approval given to appoint Jason Humiston as Trap Club Advisor for the 2020-2021 season at Year 4 F2 \$399.00.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by James Allen, second Alison West, approval given to appoint the following Spring season coaches (baseball & softball, April 25 – June 16, 2021). 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.

- Walter West, Varsity Baseball, Year 4, Step A2, \$3,987.00
- John Winch, Varsity Baseball Asst., Year 4, Step D2, \$1,595.00

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- Raymond West, Modified Baseball, Year 2, Step C1, \$2,153.00
- Tara Cody, Varsity Softball, Year 4, Step A2, \$3,987.00
- Jason Humiston, Modified Softball, Year 21, Step C6, \$3,110.00

Motion carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstention 1, Mrs. Cathy Graham

Motion by Cathy Graham, second Diana Sustar, approval given to unpaid Medical Leave for employee #1600 effective April 12, 2021 to June 4, 2021.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, 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 7:26pm for the purpose of CSE/CPSE recommendation review, the employment history of a particular person/s, and pending litigation.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Diana Sustar, second James Allen, approval given to return to regular session at 8:23pm.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Diana Sustar, second Cathy Graham, approval given to the CSE/CPSE recommendations indicated below:

#000001246, #092040718, #092040071, #982420121, #092040160, #982420198, #092040333, #092040381, #092040142, #092040461, #092040432, #982420064, #092040586, #092040585, #982420051, #092040592, #091740000, #982420256, #982420259, #092040018, #092040675, #092040610, #091750000, #982420135, #982420121, #982420068, #982420119, #982420254, #982420127, #982420213, #982420197, #092040627, #091750013, #092040508, #092040604, #092040334, #092040301, #982420212, #092040494, #000001219, #092040663.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

April 20, 2021 – Drawing of names for order on ballot at 9:00 am

April 27, 2021 – Special Virtual BoE Meeting for BOCES Budget Vote & Election @ 7:30 am.

May 5, 2021 – Annual Budget Hearing @ 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium and virtual

May 18, 2021 – Budget Vote 12:00 – 8:00 p.m. Public Hearing Policy #7110 Comprehensive Student Attendance Policy at 6:30 pm immediately followed by BOE Meeting.

May 6, 2021 AASBA Virtual Community Service Award @ 6:00 pm

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Diana Sustar, second Pamela White, approval given to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Gregorio